



Position: Favorable
Education, Energy, and the Environment
SB342: Voting Rights Act of 2025 - Counties and Municipalities

To: The Honorable Senator Sydnor

Greetings,

My name is Lailah Williams and I am the Advocacy Intern for Black Girls Vote, a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization committed to engaging, educating, and empowering black women to activate their voice by using their vote. I would like to thank the Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee for the opportunity to share why this issue is important to our organization.

Black Girls Vote has four main pillars: economic development, education, healthcare and of course voting rights. We are committed to democracy and upholding the rights of those in protected classes. It is imperative that we uphold the accessibility of free and fair elections for all those seeking to engage in electing their governing bodies.

For this reason, we urge support for SB342 which would prohibit the imposition or application of a method for electing the governing body of a county or municipality that impairs the ability of members of a protected class to elect candidates of the members' choice. Below you will find more reasons why it is imperative that we support one of our nation's voting rights for all those eligible:

1. In both large and small communities, people who cast their ballots should be able to access polling places that adhere to ADA regulations and solutions for communities that need assistance.¹
2. States and local governments must ensure that their procedures do not interfere with people with disabilities to not have the access to voter registration and physical polling locations.²

Sincerely,

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¹<https://www.ada.gov/resources/protecting-voter-rights/>

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