

BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK  
No. 12-21-317

Resolution in Support of Election Day Voter Registration and  
New Jersey Legislative Bills A4548 and S2824

Resolution: Council as a Whole

WHEREAS, there are pending before the New Jersey Legislature two bills, A4548 and S2824, which would establish a system of election day voter registration (EDR) in New Jersey, in place of the current deadline of 21 days before the election<sup>i</sup>; and

WHEREAS, EDR has been proven to increase voter turnout, including among persons of color, while denying EDR rights depresses voter turnout, disproportionately so with regard to persons of color<sup>ii</sup>; and

WHEREAS, the right to vote (which includes the right for eligible persons to register to vote, to cast their ballot, and to have that ballot fairly counted) is recognized in New Jersey as a fundamental constitutional right<sup>iii</sup>; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park is firmly committed to the promotion of the right the right to vote in all its forms; and

WHEREAS, A4548/S2824 would promote those objectives.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Highland Park enthusiastically supports the prompt adoption of A4548/S2824 by the Legislature and Governor; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Highland Park's support for these bills shall be communicated to the legislators of the 18<sup>th</sup> Legislative District 18, to the relevant legislative committees, and to the Governor's office.

ADOPTED: December 21, 2021

ATTEST:

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Jennifer Santiago, Deputy Clerk

I, Jennifer Santiago, Deputy Clerk of the Borough of Highland Park, New Jersey, do hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Borough Council of said Borough on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of December 2021.

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Jennifer Santiago, Deputy Clerk

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTES

Council Member	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Canavera				
Foster				
George				
Hale				
Hersh				
Kim-Chohan				

<sup>i</sup> E.g., [https://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2020/Bills/A5000/4548\\_I1.HTM](https://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2020/Bills/A5000/4548_I1.HTM)

<sup>ii</sup> Patel & McCloud, *People in 20 other states can get democracy in a day. New Jersey, unfortunately, isn't one of them.* (Star-Ledger / N.J. Advance Media, Aug. 5, 2021), available at <https://www.nj.com/opinion/2021/08/people-in-20-other-states-can-get-democracy-in-a-day-new-jersey-unfortunately-isnt-one-of-them-opinion.html>

<sup>iii</sup> *Rutgers University Student Assembly v. Middlesex County Board of Elections*, 438 N.J. Super. 93 (App. Div. 2014).