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Bill Signed by Governor Will Create Additional Barrier to Voting

[Bismarck, ND] – The League of Women Voters of North Dakota is deeply disappointed in the North Dakota Legislature for passing House Bill 1165 and in Governor Armstrong for signing it this week. House Bill 1165 shortens the window for North Dakota voters to submit mail-in ballots.

The new law will disproportionately impact rural voters, Native voters, seniors, voters with disabilities, and any other voter who may need as much time as possible to mail their ballot.

“House Bill 1165 was amended to change our absentee voting deadline without a public hearing,” said Barbara Headrick, LWVND President. “North Dakota voters were never given a chance to make their voices heard on how this will impact them. The lack of transparency by lawmakers is deeply concerning.”

The League of Women Voters of North Dakota is also concerned about mail ballot delivery in the instance of USPS staff shortages, extraordinary weather events, or other issues that may impede the delivery of mail ballots to election officials by Election Day. Eligible North Dakota voters should be able to mail their absentee ballots without fear that their ballots will be tossed out.

The League of Women Voters of North Dakota works hard to encourage eligible North Dakota voters to cast a ballot each election, and this law will create additional barriers, especially for those who already have difficulties casting a ballot.

Read more in LWVND’s veto request letter hand-delivered to the Governor’s Office on April 23, 2025: tinyurl.com/vetohb1165.

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