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## Early Voting and No-Excuse Absentee Ballots HJ 161 in 2019

Let's get Connecticut's election process into the 21<sup>st</sup> century - 39 other states have - and create a voting system in sync with today's work/ life schedules.

**80% of Americans favor Early Voting** (2016 Gallup Poll).

"Shall the Constitution of the State be amended to provide a minimum of three days of early voting and to allow all voters to vote by absentee ballot?"

Passing this resolution by a 3/4 majority in both the Senate and the House NOW gives all Connecticut voters the chance to ratify or reject this amendment in 2020. If voters ratify it in 2020, the legislators will then go to work to pass enabling legislation.

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### Why should we have BOTH Early Voting and No-Excuse Absentee Ballots?

- Exercising our right to vote should be as convenient as possible.
- EV provides greater access to voting and increases voter satisfaction.
- EV eases stress and generates shorter lines on Election Day.
- EV allows for election officials to identify and correct registration glitches.
- EV influences candidates to conduct voter mobilization efforts throughout EV period and increase turnout.
- Current Absentee Ballot process is used by about 7% of CT voters, to whom it is very important; others find it cumbersome and confusing.

Let's get our representatives in both the House and the Senate to vote out this resolution so VOTERS can MAKE THEIR DECISION known in 2020!

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