CONSENT CALENDAR

March 18, 2025

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The Committee on Election Law to which was referred HB 684,

AN ACT preventing the use of student identification cards as a means to obtain a ballot. Having considered the same, report the same with the following resolution: RESOLVED, that it is INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.

Rep. Robert Wherry

FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	**Election Law**
Bill Number:	**HB 684**
Title:	**preventing the use of student identification cards as a means to obtain a ballot.**
Date:	**March 18, 2025**
Consent Calendar:	**CONSENT**
Recommendation:	**INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

STATEMENT OF INTENT

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Vote 18-0.

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