School board elections frequently now take place on dates different from the general election, with low voter participation. Critical Race Theory activists take advantage of low-turnout elections to vote in friendly school board members. Citizens will have a better chance to elect civics reformers to school boards if the states shift school board election dates to coincide with the general election in November.

Furthermore, school board candidates should be identified by party. Party identification provides a strong information signal to all voters. Non-display of partisan labels is an exercise in information suppression, which necessarily becomes an exercise in democratic suppression.

Model Legislative Text

SECTION A:
The date of a school district’s annual election for members of its board of education shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, simultaneously with the general election.

SECTION B:
For the election of school board members, the names of all filed candidates shall be listed alphabetically with political party designation.

SECTION C:
If any provision of this chapter, or the application of any provision to any person or circumstance, is held to be invalid, the remainder of this chapter and the application of its provisions to any other person or circumstance shall not be affected thereby.