

**Legislators in various states ignore the will of the people because they can.**

The Ohio Senate is poised to pass SB1—transfer the powers and functions of the State Board of Education to the Governor, even though the transfer is a blatant violation of the 1953 amendment that established the State Board. Why? Because they can. The nature of legislative districts in Ohio empowers one party to thwart the will of the people if it chooses to do so.

In Utah the House of Representatives passed a voucher bill in spite of vouchers being rejected two to one in a statewide vote in 2007. Florida has one of the most expansive voucher programs in the nation in the shadow of a statewide vote against vouchers. In fact, vouchers have never been approved by citizens of any state in a statewide vote.

State officials in Ohio need a refresher course on the Ohio Constitution. Article I, section 2 begins with the statements, “all political power is inherent in the people. Government is instituted for their equal protection and benefit ...”