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The right to vote is precious but being forced to exercise that right is not - part of the right to vote is the right to abstain.

As we live in a democracy (and not a dictatorship) the most democratic thing would be to vote on whether voting should be compulsory or not.  
Both sides can put their reasons forward for consideration by the electorate and then we can all make an informed decision.

submitted by Daniel William Raynel