Legislative News: 50 States in 20 Minutes



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- Provides non-partisan research & analysis
- Links legislators with each other and experts
- □ Speaks on behalf of legislatures in D.C.

Partisan Tales



HB 1800/SB 6002, HB 2297/SB 6021, HB 2595/SB 6353, HB 1513

Washington





A.B. 2014 -Automatic voter registration

New Jersey





Ballot measures drive policy sometimes

Missouri

STATEWIDE BALLOT MEASURES DATABASE

6/20/2018

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NCSL's Statewide Ballot Measures Database includes all statewide ballot measures in the 50 states and the District of Columbia, starting over a century ago. New measures are added as they are certified and identified by NCSL staff. Results are updated soon after election night; each entry is then updated with "pass" or "fail."

You can search legislation for each year from the late 1800s through 2017 by state, topic, keyword, year, status or primary sponsor. Topics include: Abortion, Agriculture, Animal Rights/Hunting & Fishing, Arts & Culture, Banking &

Financial Services, Bond Measures, Budgets, Business & Commerce, Civil & Constitutional Law, Criminal Justice, Drug/Alcohol/Tobacco Policy, Economic Development, Education: Higher Ed, Education: PreK-12, Elections, Elections-Initiative Process, Energy & Electric Utilities, Environmental Protection, Ethics/Lobbying/Campaign Finance, Federal Government, Gambling & Lotteries, Health, Human Services, Insurance, Judiciary, Juvenile Justice, Labor & Employment, Land Use/Property Rights, Legislatures, Local Government, Military & Veterans Affairs, Natural Resources, Redistricting, State Government, State-Tribal Relations, Tax & Revenue, Telecom & Info Technology, Term Limits, and Transportation.

This database is provided for informational purposes only. For details on ballot measures, please contact the appropriate state's election officials.

For more information about the database, contact NCSL's elections team via email or at 303-364-7700.

STATES

Clear

TOPICS

Clear

Political Choices





H.B. 5421-Became 12th state (172 electoral votes)

Connecticut

National Popular **Sote!**



S.B. 15 – Will fill senate vacancies by appointment

Alabama



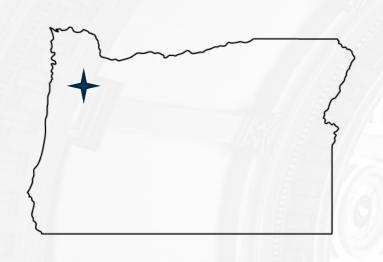




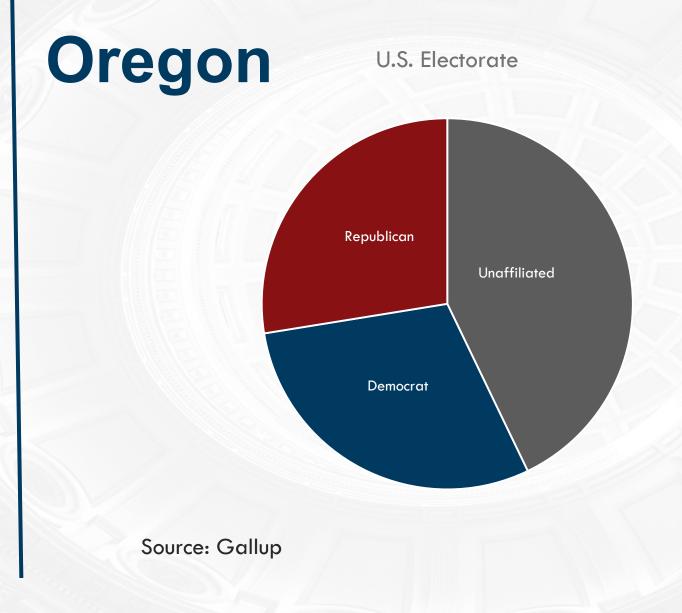
S.B. 290 & H.B. 5012 -Tightened recount options

Michigan





S.B. 1510 -Unaffiliated voters and electronic ballot requests







H.B. 390 – Can change affiliation on primary day (and more)

New Hampshire







S.B. 656 Eased ballot
access for
independents

North Carolina



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H.B. 381- filing deadlines for local elections

Kentucky





H.B. 4977 -Lt. Gov. will run on ticket with Governor

South Carolina





S.B. 76 –
Prohibits vote
trading across
state lines

Colorado



No Session At All





Deployed new electronic poll books, voting equipment

Nevada



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Exploring equipment for voters with disabilities

Montana





Studying voting security, voting at nursing facilities, and role of electors

Texas

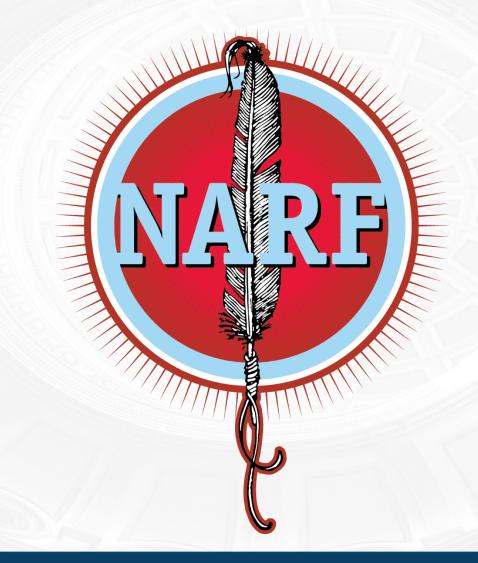
Interim Charge for the Senate Select Committee on Election Security:

"In light of recent election irregularities in Texas, review voting security protocols as well as the responsibilities and duties of members of the Electoral College. Specifically, examine the use of electronic voting machines and paper ballots, voting fraud and disenfranchisement occurring inside nursing homes and assisted living facilities, outside interference and manipulation of elections, and the voting requirements of presidential electors..."



Voter ID law and Native Americans

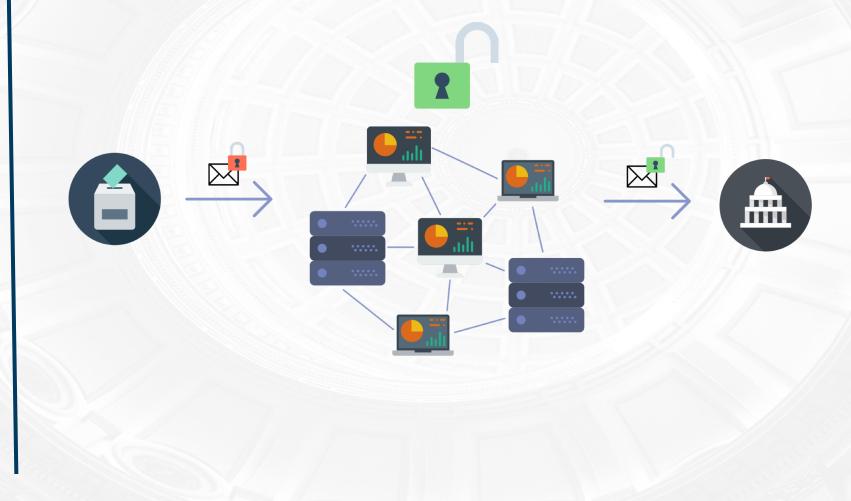
North Dakota



Technology

Block chain voting for some military voters

West Virginia





Election Policy
Work Group
Convenes

Alaska



Security





S.B. 56 -Kansas Cybersecurity Act

Kansas



S. B. 190 (failed)

International electionobservers

Maryland



H.B. 40 – Electioneering and more

Wyoming





Implementation of risk-limiting audits

Rhode Island



Replacing Equipment (and Funding)



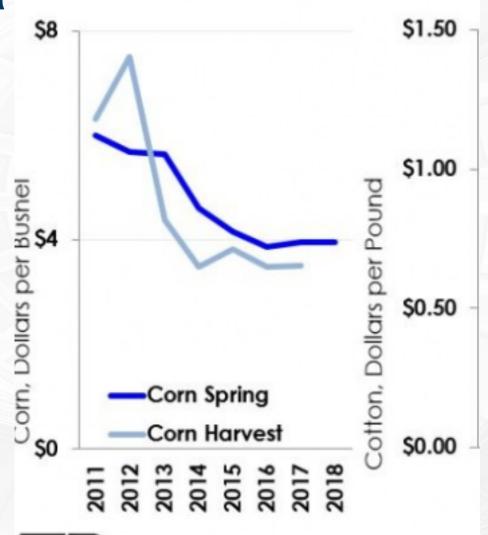
S.B. 377 Reimbursement
for security in
storage facilities

Indiana



L.B. 1065 -Electronic poll books

Nebraska





Almost got new voting equipment

Georgia



Poll Workers



S.B. 2907A Poll workers
can now work
split shifts

New York





A.B. 85 - Public officials can serve as poll workers

Wisconsin





H.B. 937 Increased pay
for election
judges to \$100

Mississippi



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S.B. 1130 Gives raises for local election personnel

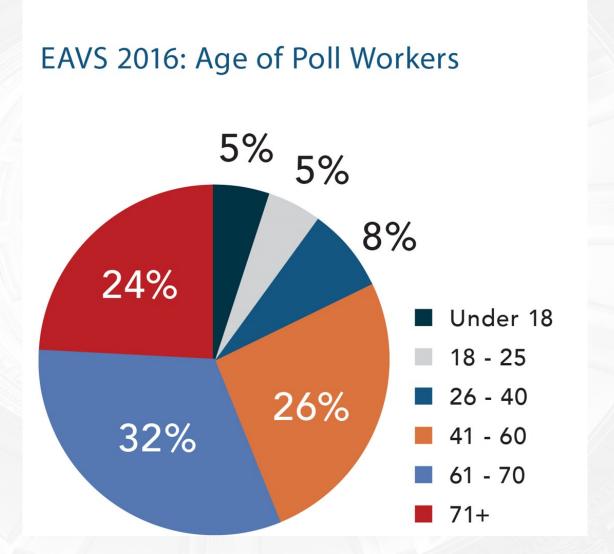
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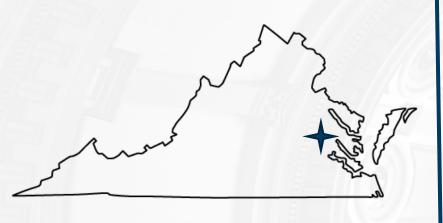
S.B. 1228 -Drops age for poll workers from 17 to 16

Idaho





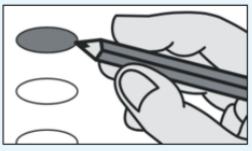
How, When, & Where We Vote



S.B. 150 -Redesigned ballot booklets

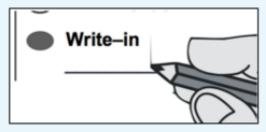
Virginia

Making selections



To vote for a candidate, fill in the oval next to the name.

To vote on an issue, fill in the oval next to YES or NO.



To write in a qualified candidate who is not already on the ballot, fill in the oval and write the name of the person on the line.

If you want to change a vote or if you have made a mistake, ask an election worker for another ballot.

If you make marks on the ballot besides filling in the oval, your votes may not be counted.

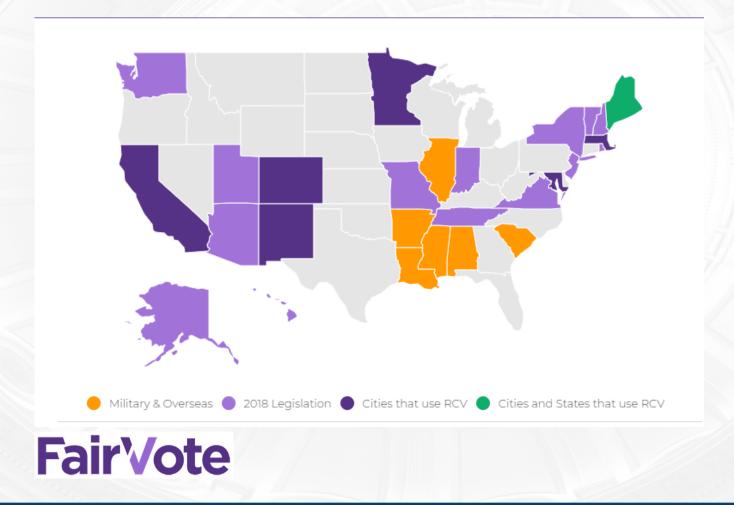
Source: Civic Design Field Guides



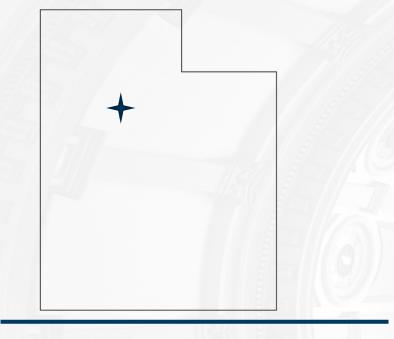


Ranked choice voting implemented successfully

Maine



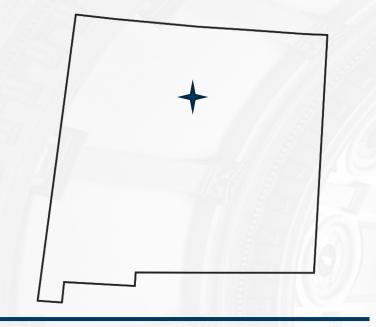




H.B. 35 - A pilot for RCV in nonpartisan local races

Utah





H.B. 98 -Consolidating election dates

New Mexico

2018 NOVEMBER									
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24			
25	26	27	28	29	30				



H.B. 2604 -Consolidates election dates

Arizona

2018 NOVEMBER									
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H.B. 1401 –
All-mail voting
(waiting for
gov's signature)

Hawaii

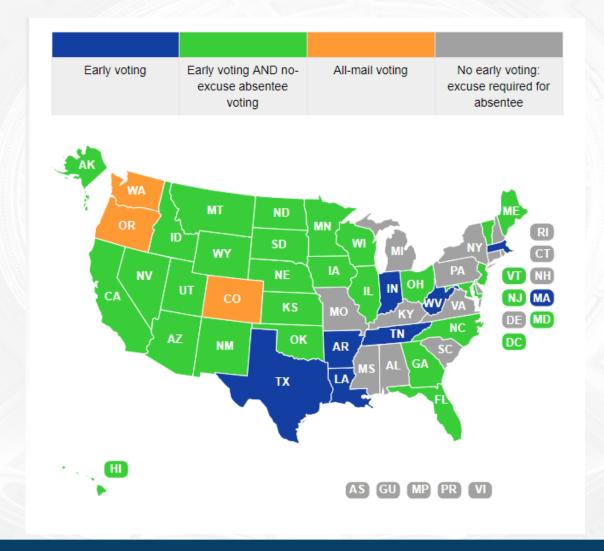






H.B. 47- Eased restrictions on absentee voting

Delaware





H.B. 1344 -Schools will be closed to kids on Election Days

Tennessee





H.B. 265 - Felons regained voting rights after 5 clean years

Louisiana

FELON VOTING RIGHTS

4/30/2017



Please Note: The following information is provided for background information only. NCSL is unable to assist in or offer advice on the restoration of voting rights. We recommend that anyone interested in obtaining specific information on how to regain voting rights contact election officials in the jurisdiction where the person wishes to register and vote. To find contact information for your local

election official click here.

Restoration of Voting Rights for Felons

It has been common practice in the United States to make felons ineligible to vote, in some cases permanently. Over the last few decades, the general trend has been toward reinstating the right to vote at some point, although this is a state-by-state policy choice. (See Recent State Action below for a chronology.)

Currently, state approaches to felon disenfranchisement vary tremendously. NCSL has divided states into four categories, as detailed in Table 1 below.

In all cases, "automatic restoration" does not mean that voter registration is automatic. Typically prison officials automatically inform election officials that an individual's rights have been restored. The person is then responsible for re-registering through normal processes. Some states, California is one example, require that voter registration information be provided to formerly incarcerated people.

In summary:

- In Maine and Vermont, felons never lose their right to vote, even while they are incarcerated.
- In 14 states and the District of Columbia, felons lose their voting rights only while incarcerated, and receive automatic restoration upon release.

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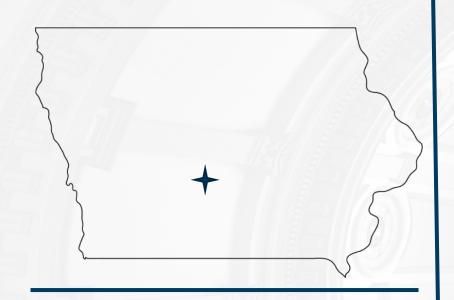
Details on Policies for Restoration of Rights

Recent State Action

Additional Resources

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Rolled out voter
ID (w\affidavits
during transition)

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"Participation and integrity are not mutually exclusive" (Secretary Pate, R)

The new law creates "tedious, unnecessary barriers" (Deidre Dejear, D candidate for Secretary of State)

From the Courts

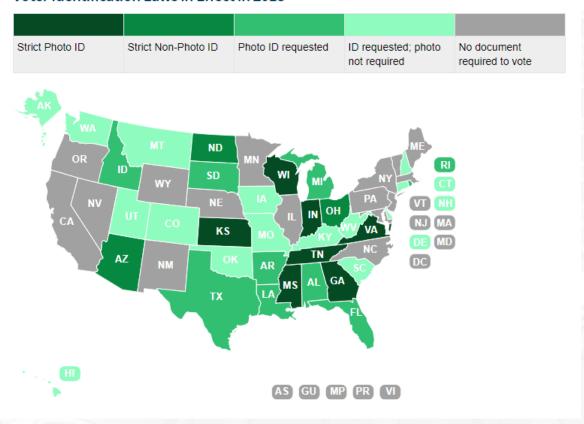




Voter ID struck down by state court (again)

Arkansas

Voter Identification Laws in Effect in 2018





Buckeye list maintenance approved by the Supreme Court

Ohio





Electioneering law deemed too broad by Supreme Court

Minnesota



Registration



A.B.1407 Pre-registration
added to AVM

California



Voter Lists



H.B. 85 Joined ERIC (25th
jurisdiction)

Florida







S.B. 2273 & S.B. 2651 (waiting for gov's signature)

Illinois





South Dakota v.
Wayfair - permits
sales tax
collection from
online vendors

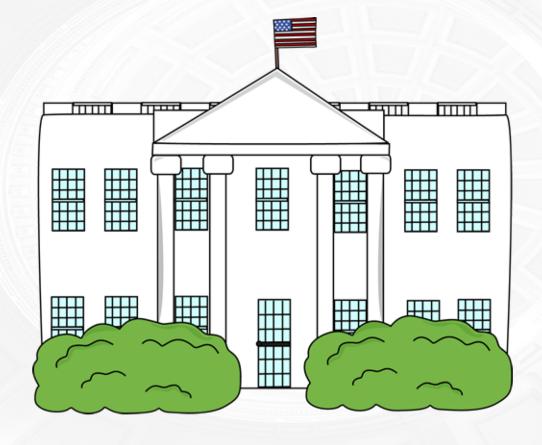
South Dakota





H.B. 624 –
Prohibits
providing voter
lists to foreign
gov'ts & feds

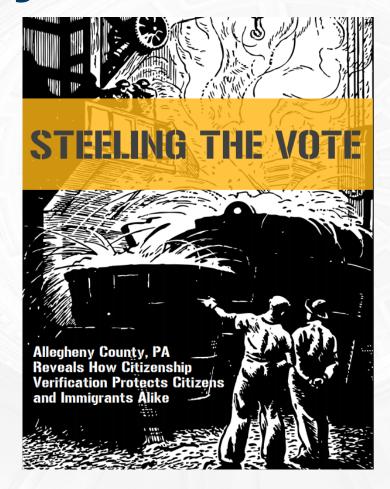
Vermont





Said to have many noncitizens on voter rolls

Pennsylvania



And Then There Was One



Automatic Voter Registration HB 4834 waiting for gov's signature

Massachusetts

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++••• MIT ELECTION DATA
•••• + SCIENCE LAB
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NCSL Elections Resources

- •The Canvass newsletter
- NCSL webpages
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