

For the People Act (H.R. 1/S. 1)

Election Administration Reforms

Modernizing Voter Registration

- Online voter registration (Title I, Subtitle A, Part 1)
- Automatic voter registration (Title I, Subtitle A, Part 2)
- Same-day registration (Title I, Subtitle A, Part 3)
- Pre-registration of minors (Title I, Subtitle A, Part 10)
- Purge protections (Title I, Subtitle A, Part 4, Title II, Subtitle F)

Automatic Voter Registration

19 states + D.C.

Key features:

- Available at **broad array of government offices**:
 - DMVs, social service agencies, educational agencies, federal agencies
- Notice and **opportunity to opt out** provided before registration
- No paper forms; data transmitted **electronically**
- Strong **security and privacy protections**, and protections against innocent mistakes
- One-time **“look back”** to register those eligible citizens already on applicable lists

Key benefits:

- **Increased registration and turnout.** Convenience.
- **Increased security and accuracy** of the rolls. **Reduced costs.**

Other Voter Registration Reforms

Online registration: (40 states + D.C.)

- Application can be completed, submitted and received by election officials electronically
- Voters can review and update registration online
- Available to voters without DMV signatures

Same-day registration: (21 states + D.C.)

- Available during early voting and on Election Day

Pre-registration: (23 states + D.C.)

- Citizens can pre-register at 16 and 17. Registration will be made active at 18.

Purge protections:

- Prohibits purges based on unreliable evidence (including failure to vote)
- Requires notice and opportunity to contest removal

Expanding Voting Options

- Early voting (Title I, Subtitle H)
- Voting by mail (Title I, Subtitle I)
- Polling place access (Title I, Subtitle N)
- Provisional ballots (Title I, Subtitle G)

Early Voting

- 43 states + D.C.
- Key elements:
 - 2 weeks, including weekends
 - 10 hours per day, including early mornings or evenings
 - Sites must be accessible by public transportation and to rural voters

Voting By Mail

- No excuse required (33 states 2019; 45 2020)
- Removes barriers to casting mail ballot
 - No notary, witness, documentary ID
- Makes it easier to obtain and cast mail ballot
 - Request by mail, online, or by phone
 - Prepaid postage
 - Secure drop boxes
 - Polling place drop off

Voting By Mail, continued

- Protects groups with particular barriers
 - Voters with disabilities
 - Native American voters
 - Military and overseas voters
- Reduces barriers to ballot counting
 - Notice and opportunity to cure
 - Ballots mailed before but arriving after Election Day
- Prevents counting delays
 - Requires states to begin counting absentee and early votes 2 weeks before Election Day

Access to Polling Places

- Prevent long lines
 - Wait times may not exceed 30 minutes
 - Equitable allocation of election resources
- Prohibit restrictions on curbside voting
- Sworn affidavits for voters without IDs
- Provisional ballots count for all contests for which voter is eligible
- Enhances access for people with disabilities

Election Security

- Replace paperless systems (needed in 6 states)
- Vendor oversight
 - Certification that equipment and services meet security best practices; compliance with EAC standards
 - Report cybersecurity incidents
 - Permit DHS and EAC to conduct independent security testing
- Risk-limiting audits
- Security standards for electronic poll books

Election Administration Funding

- Authorizes funding to the states for:
 - Voter registration modernization provisions, including AVR
 - Mail voting provisions, including absentee ballot tracking program
 - Ensuring access for individuals with disabilities
 - Poll worker recruitment and training
 - Voting system and election infrastructure upgrades
 - Risk-limiting audits
- Permanently authorizes EAC budget

Key Election Administration Reforms to Enhance Voting Rights

- Restoring full protections of the Voting Rights Act
- Restoring voting rights to individuals with past criminal convictions
- Strengthening protections against and remedies for voter intimidation and deceptive practices
- Expanding protections for Native American voting rights
- Strengthen protections against voter disenfranchisement from voter challenges, voter caging, and other tactics

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