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NOTE:

Voter Participation

	Already exists in my state	Support in my state	Support local pilot	Support study	Oppose in my state	See my Comments
Assistance for language minority voters outside of Voting Rights Act mandates	X					
Automatic restoration of voting rights for ex-felons	X					Individual Must register
Automatic voter registration ¹						
Continuation of National Voter Registration Act	N/A		N/A			
Early voting in person	X					No fault absentee
Election Day registration	X					
Facilitate student voter registration at colleges ²		X				
Full access to polling places for people with disabilities		X				
Full implementation of Help America Vote Act under current deadline	X	X				Registration equipment
High school early registration programs ³	X					
Longer polling hours					X	12 to 13 is long enough
More polling places/ voting stations at current locations				X		
No excuse absentee voting	X					
Voter guides sent in mail				X		

¹ This could include a variety of methods for generating clean and complete statewide voter rolls, including using data from the Department of Motor Vehicles, tax records and student lists.

² This could include a variety of measures such as requiring colleges to distribute registration forms to all students, submitting a list of students' current addresses to election administrators for the purpose of address verification or accepting college identification cards as a valid form of identification.

³ Most states currently allow 17-year-olds to register to vote as long as they will be 18 by the next election. This question relates to supporting high school programs to perform these registrations and/or lowering the registration age to allow these programs to reach more students -- with the most ambitious goal being registration of all students before they leave high school.

Voter participation comments:

Election Integrity and Fairness

	Already exists in my state	Support in my state	Support local pilot	Support study	Oppose in my state	See my Comments
Inter-state coordination to avoid double registration				X		
Laws prohibiting deceptive election practices designed to confuse would-be voters		X				
Mandatory poll worker training standards				X		
Non-partisan, un-elected chief election official(s)					X	
Photo ID required at polls	X*					* for election Day registration
Prohibit election officials from campaign work					X	
Quick and full disclosure of campaign contributions	X					
Standardized statewide recount procedure	X					
State review of local decisions and performance after elections				X		
Statewide voting equipment					X	Various Small Counties
Transparency in voting roll purges		X				
Uniform ballot design	X					for each voting system
Uniform standards for counting provisional ballots ⁴	NA					election day registration
Voter-verified paper ballot	X					
Voter identification cards				X		

⁴ Including counting votes in state and national races on ballots cast in incorrect precincts.

Election Integrity and fairness comments:

Electoral Reform

	Already exists in my state	Support in my state	Support local pilot	Support study	Oppose in my state	See my Comments
Changing how your state allocates presidential electors					X	
Conduct city elections on the same day throughout state	X					
Election Day holiday				X		
Instant runoff voting					X	
Internet Voting					X	
Mail-in balloting				X		until proven hack proof
Non-partisan elections						
Non-partisan redistricting					X	already have a Commission
Programs to have more students be poll workers	X					
Programs to allow legal permanent residents to serve as poll workers / interpreters		X				
Proportional voting systems for legislative elections					X	
Public financing of elections						
Requiring citizens to be available as poll workers					X	
Term limits for state reps.					X	
"Top two" primary system ⁵					X	
Voting centers ⁶	X*			X		* Now just Courthouse

⁵ Under the "top two" primary system the two primary candidates receiving the greatest number of votes advance to the general election, regardless of party affiliation. This system was recently adopted for primaries in Washington State.

⁶ These "voting malls" were recently suggested by the Election Center's National Task Force Report and are being adopted by certain counties in Colorado and elsewhere.

Electoral reform comments:

National Electoral Reforms

We realize that the following areas are national in nature. However, most of these federal issues would affect election administration in your state; therefore, we would like to give you the opportunity to comment on them.

	Support	Support study	Oppose	See my Comments
Congressional voting rights for people of the District of Columbia				
Direct election of President			X	
Establishing a right to vote in the U.S. Constitution		X		
Lower voting age to 16 or 17			X	
Reauthorization of the Voting Rights Act of 1965	X			
Uniform poll-closing times in presidential elections		X		

National election reform comments: