

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	yes					
Automatic restoration of voting rights for ex-felons	yes					
Automatic voter registration ¹						X
Continuation of National Voter Registration Act	N/A	yes	N/A			
Early voting in person	yes					
Election Day registration	no					X
Facilitate student voter registration at colleges ²		yes				X
Full access to polling places for people with disabilities		yes				X
Full implementation of Help America Vote Act under current deadline	N/A	yes	N/A			
High school early registration programs ³	no					
Longer polling hours	yes					X
More polling places/ voting stations at current locations	N/A					X
No excuse absentee voting	yes					X
Voter guides sent in mail	yes					

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

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Inter-state coordination to avoid double registration	by 06					X
Laws prohibiting deceptive election practices designed to confuse would-be voters		yes				
Mandatory poll worker training standards	N/A					
Non-partisan, un-elected chief election official(s)	no					
Photo ID required at polls		yes				X
Prohibit election officials from campaign work	no					
Quick and full disclosure of campaign contributions		yes				X
Standardized statewide recount procedure	yes					
State review of local decisions and performance after elections	yes					
Statewide voting equipment	yes					
Transparency in voting roll purges	by 06					
Uniform ballot design	no					
Uniform standards for counting provisional ballots ⁴	yes					
Voter-verified paper ballot	yes					
Voter identification cards	yes					

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					yes	
Conduct city elections on the same day throughout state				?		
Election Day holiday	N/A					
Instant runoff voting					yes	
Internet Voting					yes	
Mail-in balloting	yes					
Non-partisan elections		yes				
Non-partisan redistricting					yes	
Programs to have more students be poll workers	N/A					
Programs to allow legal permanent residents to serve as poll workers / interpreters	N/A					
Proportional voting systems for legislative elections	?					
Public financing of elections		yes				X
Requiring citizens to be available as poll workers	N/A					
Term limits for state reps.					yes	
"Top two" primary system ⁵					yes	X
Voting centers ⁶	N/A					

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	yes			
Direct election of President			yes	
Establishing a right to vote in the U.S. Constitution	yes			
Lower voting age to 16 or 17	yes			
Reauthorization of the Voting Rights Act of 1965	yes			
Uniform poll-closing times in presidential elections	yes			

National election reform comments:

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Dear Mr. Griffin,

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the FairVote survey. Secretary of State Bill Bradbury asked that I elaborate on his behalf.

First, Oregon votes entirely by mail, so polling place and poll worker questions are inapplicable to Oregon. Ballots are mailed two weeks before election day, and may be returned by mail or in person, so long as they are received by any county elections office by 8 pm on election day.

Further Comments are as follows, in order:

Voter Participation

- I'm not sure that I understand the concept of automatic voter registration.
- Oregon used to have election day voter registration, it was overturned by the legislature, and a bill to reinstate it died in the legislature this (2005) session.
- The Secretary of State works closely with the Oregon Student Association to promote student voter registration.
- After 2006, we will provide two electronic voting machines to each county, one at the county office and one mobile, for disabled access. All county elections offices are also ADA compliant.

Election Integrity and Fairness

- After January 2006, our new centralized voter registration system will prevent double registration within the state.
- Although HAVA requires photo ID to register to vote, state law does not. Because we vote by mail, there is no polling place at which to show ID, and voters identities are verified by their signature.



- There is a bill this session to improve online access to campaign finance information, we expect some version of it to pass.

Electoral Reform

- The City of Portland recently passed a public financing initiative similar to the Arizona system for city elections.
- Although there is some public interest in a top two primary system, such system was recently overturned in Federal Court.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,



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