

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	X				X ¹
Automatic restoration of voting rights for ex-felons	X					
Automatic voter registration ¹		X				
Continuation of National Voter Registration Act	N/A	N/A	N/A			
Early voting in person		X				
Election Day registration	X					
Facilitate student voter registration at colleges ²	X	X				X ¹
Full access to polling places for people with disabilities				X		
Full implementation of Help America Vote Act under current deadline	N/A		N/A			X ²
High school early registration programs ³		X				
Longer polling hours		X				
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 ambitious goal being registration of all students before they leave high school.

Voter participation comments:

¹ I support broadening these two items further

² We need to implement HAVA as quickly as we can while ensuring that the steps we're taking do not disenfranchise voters.

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	
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	X ¹
Transparency in voting roll purges	X					
Uniform ballot design	X					
Uniform standards for counting provisional ballots ⁴	N/A	N/A				X ²
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:

¹ I do not believe that one company should have a monopoly on all of the voting equipment used in the state. As long as local election administrators are purchasing equipment that meets the standards laid out by the legislature, they should be able to decide what would work best for their jurisdiction.

² We do not have provisional ballots in Minnesota, because we allow voters to register at the polls.

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			X		X ¹
Non-partisan elections					X	
Non-partisan redistricting		X				
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	X	X				X ²
Requiring citizens to be available as poll workers						
Term limits for state reps.					X	
“Top two” primary system ⁵				X		
Voting centers ⁶				X		

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:

¹Vote by mail is an option for small communities in Minnesota; I would like to study an expansion of its use.

²We have partial public funding in Minnesota; I support replacing our current system with a Clean Elections system.

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	X			
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: