

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

Election Integrity and Fairness

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Inter-state coordination to avoid double registration		Yes				
Laws prohibiting deceptive election practices designed to confuse would-be voters		Yes				
Mandatory poll worker training standards	Yes					
Non-partisan, un-elected chief election official(s)					Yes	
Photo ID required at polls					Yes	
Prohibit election officials from campaign work					Yes	X
Quick and full disclosure of campaign contributions	Yes					
Standardized statewide recount procedure	Yes					
State review of local decisions and performance after elections	Yes					
Statewide voting equipment	Yes					
Transparency in voting roll purges	Yes					
Uniform ballot design	Yes					
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.

Electoral Reform

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

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.

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				X
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		

Comments

Voter Participation Comments

- All felons vote in Vermont.
- No indication that polling hours are insufficient. We have very few lines at our polling places that require waits of 15 min. or more.
- No indication that this is needed.

Election Integrity and Fairness

- In Vermont these elections are run and votes counted by bi-partisan teams. This provides a check against fraud, and rarely causes problems. ***This got cut off***

Electoral Reform

- With a few exceptions.
- In a limited way

National Electoral Reforms

- How? Need more information.