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Passage of the For the People Act through the U.S. House of Representatives was a historic victory for the people-led movement to create an American democracy where every voice is heard and every vote is counted. While work continues to move it through the Senate, many of the common-sense policies in the For the People Act are already in place and working in states across the country. This document shows where many of the For the People Act reforms have been passed and implemented at the state and local level. This document was created in April 2019 and updated in March 2020.

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About Common Cause
Founded in 1970 by John Gardner, the former Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare in the Johnson administration, Common Cause has been a leader in the democracy reform movement for nearly five decades. With 1.2 million members and supporters across the country and state organizations in over 25 states, Common Cause serves as both the people’s lobby and watchdog for government integrity and democratic reform, including reducing the influence of big money in politics, creating common-sense ethical rules, expanding and protecting the right to vote, ensuring secure and accessible elections, protecting a free and open internet, and ending partisan and racial gerrymandering.

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States & Localities That Have Passed or Adopted
Citizen Funded Election Programs

Public financing programs for the state legislature & Governor/Lieutenant Governor
Public financing programs for Governor/Lieutenant Governor only
Public financing programs for other statewide offices
Public financing programs passed at the local level
States That Recently Strengthened Campaign Finance Disclosure Rules
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Voting & Elections

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States That Have Passed or Adopted Automatic Voter Registration
States That Have Passed or Adopted
Same Day / Election Day Voter Registration

- SDR including on Election Day
- SDR only during early voting
States That Have Passed or Adopted Online Voter Registration
States That Have Passed or Adopted Early Voting Options

- Early voting or absentee voting
- All-mail voting with early voting options

Map showing states with early voting options.
State Policies On

Restoration of Felony Voting Rights

- Voting rights restored automatically after release from prison
- Never lose right to vote
- Voting rights restored automatically after release from prison and discharge from parole
- Voting rights restored upon completion of sentence, including prison, parole, and probation
- Permanent disenfranchisement for at least some people, unless government approves restoration
- Permanent disenfranchisement for all people with felony convictions, unless government approves restoration

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States That Have Passed or Adopted

**Paper-Based Voting Systems**

- **Paper-based voting system**:
  - States shaded in blue.

- **Mixed paper-based and paperless**:
  - States shaded in purple.

- **Paperless voting system**:
  - States shaded in orange.

[Map showing the states that have passed or adopted paper-based voting systems]
States That Have Passed or Adopted Redistricting Reform

- Independent citizen commission (partisan balance)
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- Nonpartisan legislative staff or state demographer
- Advisory commission
- Strict constitutional standards
- Politician commission

Map showing the states that have passed or adopted redistricting reform.