The Freedom to Vote Act in the States

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The For the People Act, designated as H.R.1 and S.1 last Congress, was updated to be the Freedom to Vote Act. It represents a once-in-a-generation opportunity to build a truly inclusive democracy by putting more power in the hands of everyday people by strengthening our voting, elections, campaign finance, and ethics laws. This document shows where many of the Freedom to Vote Act reforms have been passed and implemented at the state and local level. This document was created in April 2019 and then updated in February 2021 and again in July 2023.

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- Disclosure
- Overturning Citizens United

Voting & Elections
- Automatic Voter Registration
- Same Day Voter Registration
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- Early Voting and/or No Excuse Absentee Voting
- No Excuse Vote by Mail
- Restoration of Felony Voting Rights
- Paper-Based Voting Systems
- Redistricting Reform

About Common Cause
Founded in 1970 by John Gardner, Common Cause has been a leader in the democracy reform movement for more than five decades. With more 1.5 million supporters across the country and 30 state chapters, Common Cause serves as both the people's lobby and watchdog for government integrity and democracy reform, including reducing the influence of big money in politics, creating common-sense ethical rules, expanding and protecting the freedom to vote, ensuring secure and accessible elections, protecting a free and open internet, and ending partisan and racial gerrymandering. Information included in these maps was based on research from the Brennan Center for Justice, NCSL, Verified Voting, Voting Rights Lab, and others.

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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 program for the state legislature & Governor/Lieutenant Governor, not implemented yet
- 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 Strengthened Disclosure Laws Post-Citizens United

[Map showing states in blue that have strengthened disclosure laws post-Citizens United]
States That Have Asked Congress to Pass A Constitutional Amendment to Overturn Citizens United & Regulate Campaign Finance
States That Have Passed or Adopted Automatic Voter Registration

* North Dakota doesn't have voter registration
States That Have Passed or Adopted
Same Day / Election Day Voter Registration

- *North Dakota doesn't have voter registration*
States That Have Passed or Adopted Online Voter Registration

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States That Have Passed or Adopted
Absentee Voting and Early Voting Options

All-mail voting with early voting options

Early voting or absentee voting options
States That Have Passed or Adopted

No Excuse Vote-by-Mail

All voters receive mail ballots
No excuse mail voting
Excuse required
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 (people on probation may vote)
- Permanent disenfranchisement for at least some people with criminal convictions, unless government approves restoration
- Voting rights restored upon completion of sentence, including prison, parole, and probation

(Colors indicate different policies across states)
States That Have Passed or Adopted

Paper-Based Voting Systems

- Paper-based voting system
- Mixed paper-based and paperless
- All paperless voting system
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