

## REGISTER ALL QUALIFIED ELECTORS TO VOTE

**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 5, SPONSORED BY SENATOR DANIEL IVEY-SOTO,** requires the state to “ensure that all qualified electors are registered to vote for each election, except for those who affirmatively choose not to be registered, and that the vote of a qualified elector shall not be excluded from being counted for failure of the state to provide for the qualified elector's voter registration on or before election day.”

Ensuring all qualified electors are registered to vote means using reliable information in state agency databases to register eligible citizens to vote or update their voter registration. When an eligible voter interacts with a state agency like MVD, they will be automatically registered to vote or have their registration updated unless they opt out. Non-eligible individuals will be removed from the registration process. Individuals can opt out while interacting with the agency.

### Strengthen our democracy

Every eligible American – Democrat, Republican, or Independent – has a fundamental right to have their vote counted.

### Secure our voter lists

Our outdated voter registration system has led to 1 in 8 registrations in America being invalid or containing significant errors. Using reliable information to automatically register only eligible citizens, and updating our voter list more frequently will reduce the chance that someone could take advantage of insecurities within our system.

### Save taxpayers money

Although there will be some initial implementation expenses, registering all qualified electors to vote should save taxpayers money over time. The 29 states that tracked cost savings of electronic and online registration have found that the change reduces costs. A recent national survey of voter registration costs estimates a cost of \$3.54 per paper registration vs. \$0.03 for automatic registration.

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