TAKE BACK ELECTIONS DRAFT LANGUAGE June 2017 - ADDITIONS/REVISIONS

Election Reform

Leveling the Playing Field:
Sweeping Comprehensive Election Reform
Together, these reforms are designed to ensure fair, transparent, secure, verifiable voting and elections.

This language is intended to be enacted via uniform amendments to the constitutions of all 50 states, as well as by an amendment to our federal constitution

<u>**Amendment Outline Draft**</u>

Part III: Ballot Uniformity

This part needs us to understand if ballots will be printed in one or more ways. This will need consideration regarding uniformity and unmarked ballot security. There are numerous parts to this discussion hinging on this factor.

1.   Ballots will be uniform, using standardized templates on official standardized, durable, watermarked paper, supplied by each county recorder's office* to the polls or print shops (or other official offices? SoS offices, etc…Discuss office(s) responsible, discuss office security - there is NO current uniformity – we must establish uniformity.)

2.   Consider security of unmarked ballots, their printing and secure use/storage process. Consider this ballot security with Poll-Voting as well as Vote-By-Mail, or any other non-Poll-Voting methods (these other vote methods discussed in Part V) for ballot printing, with the needed end-to-end security, secure chain of ballot custody is significantly enhanced by secure 'voting machine-marked', printable marked ballots using Open Source General Public License version 3 for the ballots and ballot templates as well, loading each locales ballot questions to that template design for use at their poll or other secure voting method/arrangement. (We feel voting machine technology security can ONLY be sure if secure when the software code can be looked at, coupled with real-time hand-count procedures for redundant verification and data available to the public via data scanned spread sheets, imaging or some version of this.)

3. Conversely to uniform design, on watermarked, uniform, durable paper with standardized template design for ballot voter questions/choices, printed on demand at the time of voter use, with voter-assisted machine-marking, union print shops will have multi-party/no-party, strict citizen oversight for the entire printing and storage into secured storage process for these pre-printed ballot batches. Ballots individually printed onsite at poll locations, machine-marked, on demand by voter interface and voter verified 'marked as intended' before voter casting, onsite at poll locations are far more secure and less costly.

4. Trackable numbers on ballot design with tear-off receipts (DISCUSS*)

5. Secure transport and storage of unmarked, pre-printed ballots with oversight and continuous filming is costly and must be considered. (DISCUSS*)

6. Few provisional ballots will be needed with TBE reforms. Provisional ballots will have uniform mark indicating Provisional either by on-demand voter directed machine print or in small print shop batches to be securely stored, as well, with other pre-printed ballots.