



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

Amendment Outline Draft

Part IV: Voting Process

1. Voting day will be a holiday for all elections – primaries, general elections, and special elections (see Part 1, 1)
2. If necessary, voters will be able to register at the polls with ID options. To qualify to vote, voters must: 1) show proof of personal identity, 2) show proof of U.S. citizenship, 3) show proof of local residence (homeless persons can indicate general ‘residence’ in a given locale via food kitchens, helping agencies, services willing to vouch for/write letter on letterhead with agency info, etc/other?). Any person unable to provide proof of these 3 requirements will be allowed to sign an affidavit testifying adherence to these 3 requirements to prevent undue hardship to register and vote. (see also: Part II**)
3. Open primaries will not be utilized in the new system, therefore those accommodations and related issues will be removed from our process. The terms “primary/primaries” will now indicate a series of public and publicly funded rounds and run-off elections. Parties will, like everyone else, follow these new rules.* [Is this a part of the “Voting Process”? Should party affiliation still be part of the data of our voter registration? Discuss!! (See: Part 1 – 13)]



4. All votes will be cast on paper ballots, scanned and/or data imaged with the voter's vote, each numbered, then recorded in spreadsheets at each poll, with vote tallies per poll, including an embedded e-link to the printed data spreadsheet for use in later audit counts, as desired/needed. This will be publicly available providing public access/availability once finished and polls in all 50 states are closed – (Discuss*)
5. Voting machines (voting hardware) shall meet certain criteria and be uniform across the nation* (Various off-the-shelf (OTS) models, for great savings to the public, shall be utilized.)
6. General Public License version 3 Open Source software shall be utilized with the hardware described above.* (Laser printing? – Discuss.)
7. Votes will be counted electronically with OTS hand scanners at polling places (after ballot images have been scanned) for an electronic/machine tally. Starting immediately after a batch of ___#___ ballots are scan-tallied, running simultaneously, onsite manual counts of these ballots follow. (Decide what 'is/will be' the count of record and the ballot of record).
8. These rules greatly reduce security and chain of custody concerns.
9. Polling places are sized to accommodate requirement of hand counts; second shift poll workers will be required to begin hand counts, a third shift may be called in.
10. Both scanned and hand counts will be citizen-observed, conducted by trained poll-worker citizen count teams of multi-party/no-party representatives.
11. Both scanned and manual counts will be continuously observed, videotaped and livestreamed, but livestream recordings will be released/aired only after all polls are closed and all voting has ended.



12. Hand count will be done in such a way as to be an audit of itself during the manual count process.

13. Hand count will not only audit itself, but also audit the machine on-site e-count, which also audits the manual-counts.

14. Multi-layered count-tally reporting and protocol will be established to ensure security of count tally data and delayed announcements of results until all polls have closed and voting has ended.

15. Criteria and protocol for after-election night audits: Information will be available to all desiring it via e or paper printout of spreadsheet data at the Secretary of State's office (requirements to obtain??) All citizen witnesses and poll workers will know the results, know the e-access, where to get additional paper printouts if not through e-access. (Consider security of all this on hard drives/sticks/paper printouts..??) The human, citizen witnesses of the tallying process will be signatories to the spreadsheet printout data, witnessed and audited at the poll site in 3 ways* by cross auditing: machine tally, manual count performed with own audit, and hand and machine counts auditing the other, all filmed, all witnessed, with all present signed as to veracity of the process, count and totals.