



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 V: Polls – Other Means of Casting Ballots

1. Consider all means of casting ballots other than at a polling place on Election Day, including:
 - a. Vote by Mail – difficult for security and anonymity. Security protocol and Discussion
 - b. Early voting
 - also difficult for marked-ballot security, but may be considered to be conducted at certain, secure locations* (where?), following security protocol* (what protocol?) for 2 weeks prior to regular election days* (utilizing machine-marked ballots, as in Part IV, secure marked, un-counted? - with secure ballot storage –where? Difficult for security – Discussion, physically casting ballots early, also casting early by mail?)
 - c. Absentee Voting, same concerns as in 1 a. and 1 b. - Discuss
 - d. Citizens Abroad
 - same problems - Discuss solutions
 - e. Military — voting will be conducted on military bases overseas or when at home, off base, funneled into nearby civilian polls, off-base with time-off and transportation provided to the military and their families to vote at these sites.
2. Polling Places:
 - a. States, counties, and precincts will provide a sufficient number of polling places to reasonably accommodate the number of voters they serve and provide adequate and well-trained election workers; they will be held accountable if the number of polling places is shown to be inadequate* [causing excessively long lines (wait lines no longer than 1 hour to 1 hour and 20 minutes or so*), resulting in voter suppression, or inadequate numbers or training of workers].



- b. Central polling locations will also be provided* (as a supplemental concept, not to replace smaller, appropriately located polls, so as not to discourage voting.)

- 3. Exit polls will be conducted by election workers, with specific protocol, as verifiable check and balance.
 - a. Exit polls will be performed in select locations* (or all locations? Why? Consider if necessary and how best to perform them securely, accurately).

- 4. How will ballots considered in this section be handled, stored, and when/how counted?