

Voter registration laws in effect in 2017

A breakdown of voter registration and voter ID laws by state

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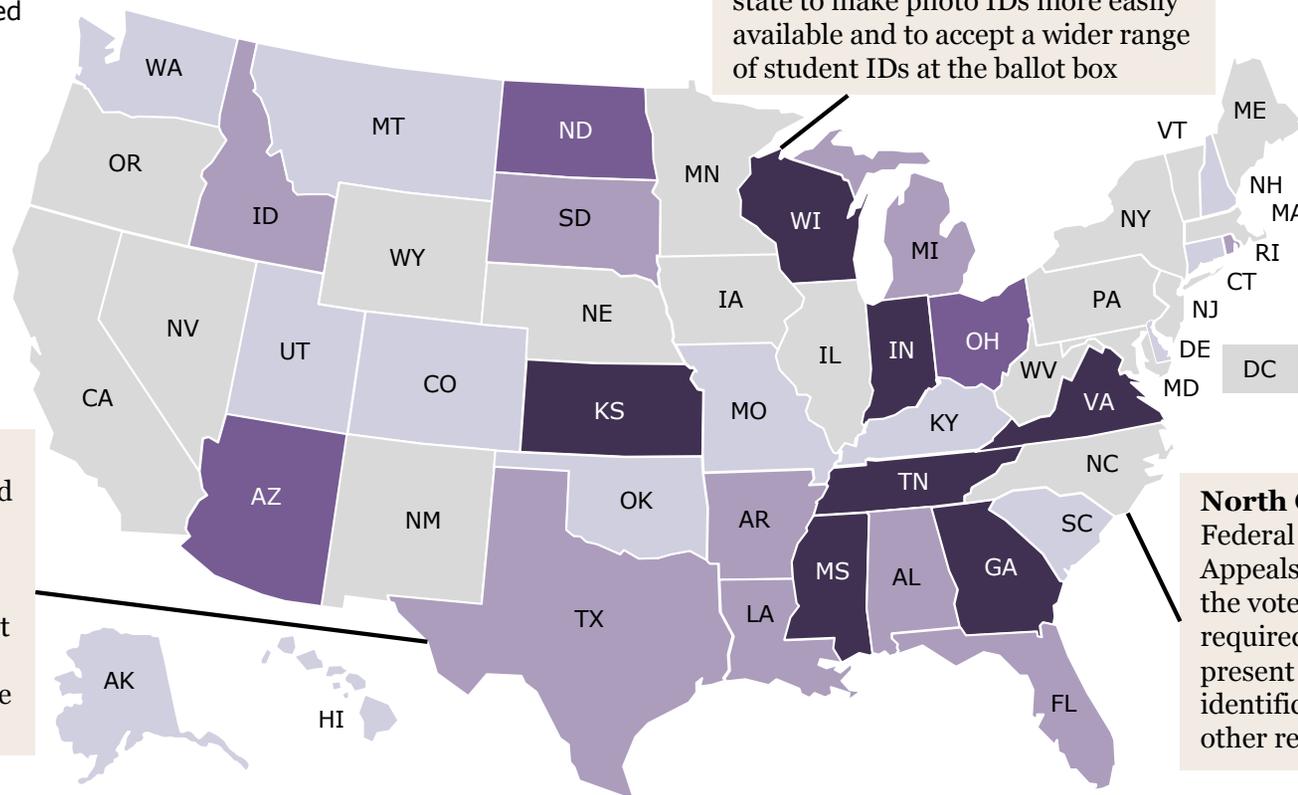
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Seven states require voters to present a photo ID to cast a ballot

Voter identification laws in effect in 2017

- ID requested; photo not required
- Photo ID requested
- Strict non-photo ID
- Strict photo ID
- No document required



Wisconsin
 2011 voter ID law scaled back by Federal District Court Judge James Peterson, who ruled parts of the law unconstitutional. He ordered the state to make photo IDs more easily available and to accept a wider range of student IDs at the ballot box

Texas
 Voter ID law was found in violation of the Voting Rights Act by a court of appeals. Now voters without ID must sign a declaration of citizenship and provide proof of residence

North Carolina
 Federal Court of Appeals struck down the voter ID law that required voters to present photo identification among other restrictions

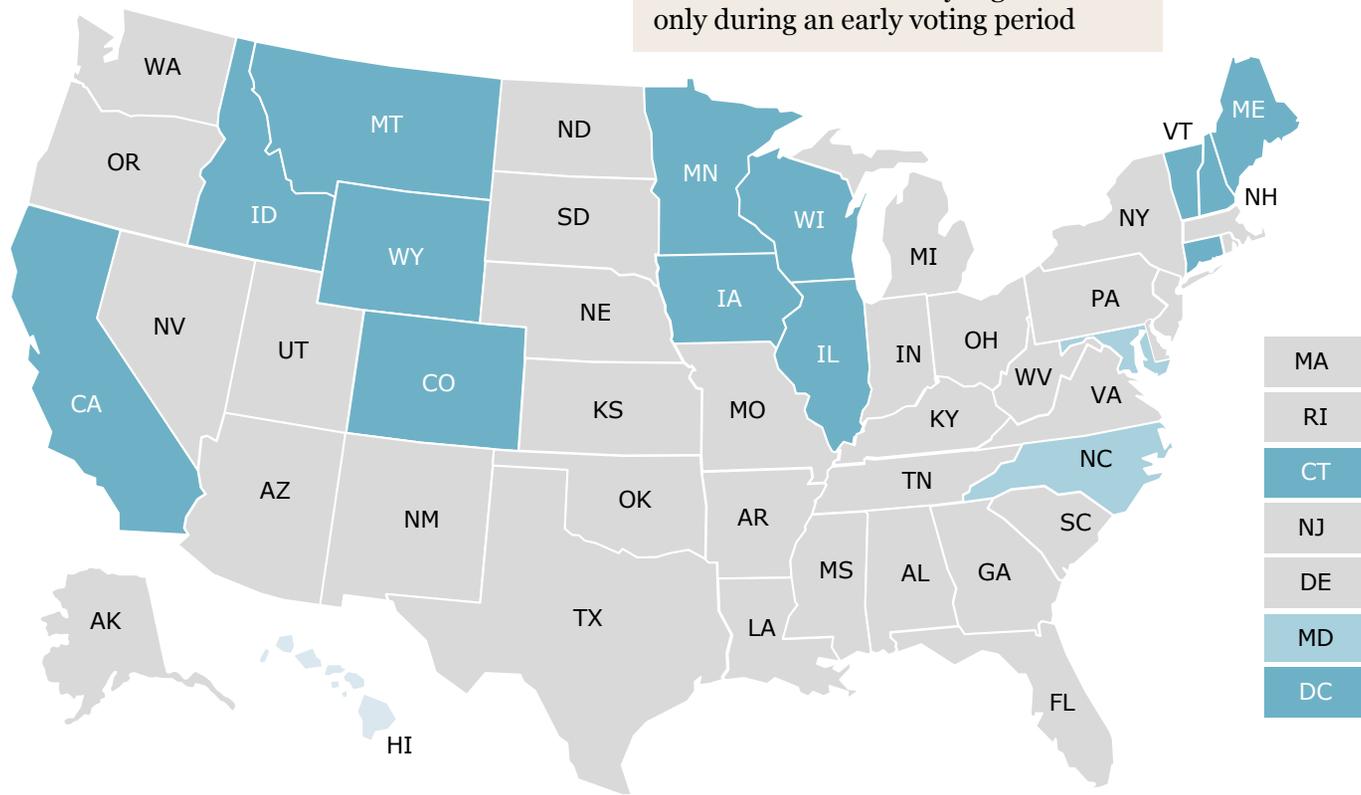
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15 states and DC currently allow same-day registration

Same-day voter registration

- States with Election Day registration
- States with only same-day registration
- Election Day registration enacted in 2018

13 states allow registration on Election Day, while Maryland and North Carolina allow same-day registration only during an early voting period



Sources: "Same Day Voter Registration," National Conference of State Legislatures, July 27, 2017.

Expanding voter registration has increased Democratic registration and mainly occurs in Democratic states

Only two states with Republican governors have implemented automatic voter registration



Illinois

Governor Bruce Rauner signed an automatic voter registration law on August 28, 2017. He vetoed AVR legislation earlier in 2017 over concerns of increased voter fraud



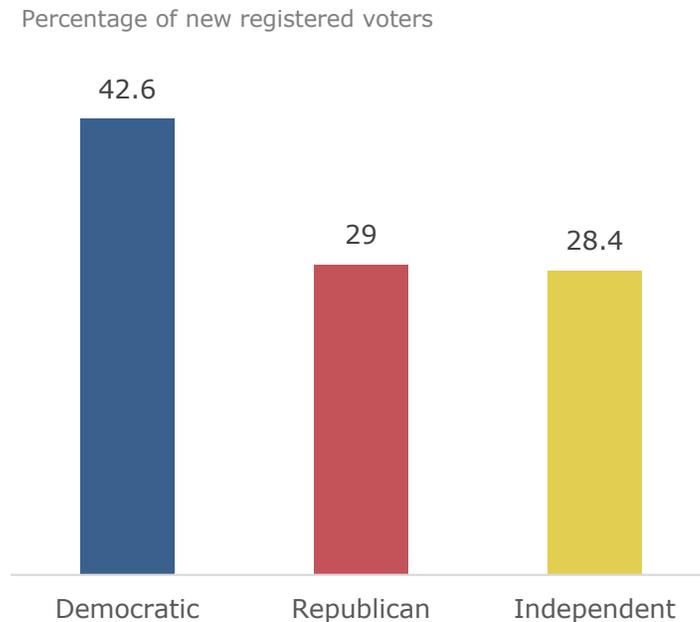
Georgia

Under Republican Governor Nathan Deal, Georgia implemented administrative changes allowing for automatic voter registration in 2016. Georgia currently has 3 AVR bills in the state legislature

Oregon's model program

- Oregon was the first state to pass AVR legislation in March 2015, and this law has become the model for other states implementing AVR
- Their program requires individuals to “opt out” rather than “opt in,” meaning that they will be automatically registered to vote whenever they interact with certain government agencies unless they specifically request to not be registered

All new voters registered in 2016, by party

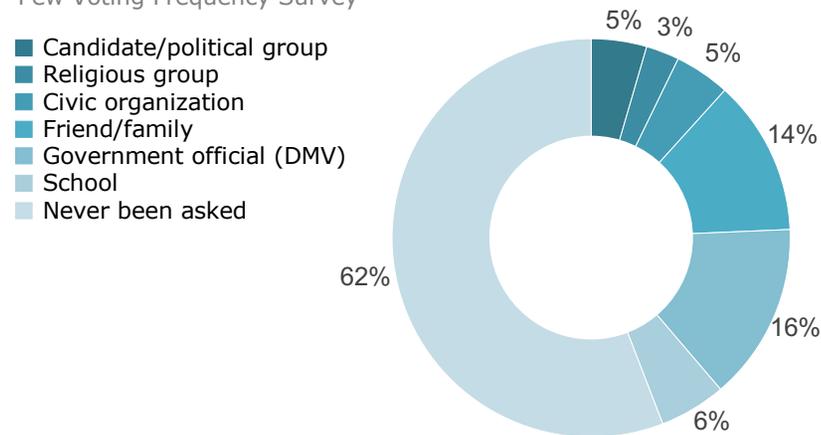


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Of eligible voters who are not registered, 16% were asked to register by government officials

Who asks unregistered voters to register to vote?

Pew Voting Frequency Survey

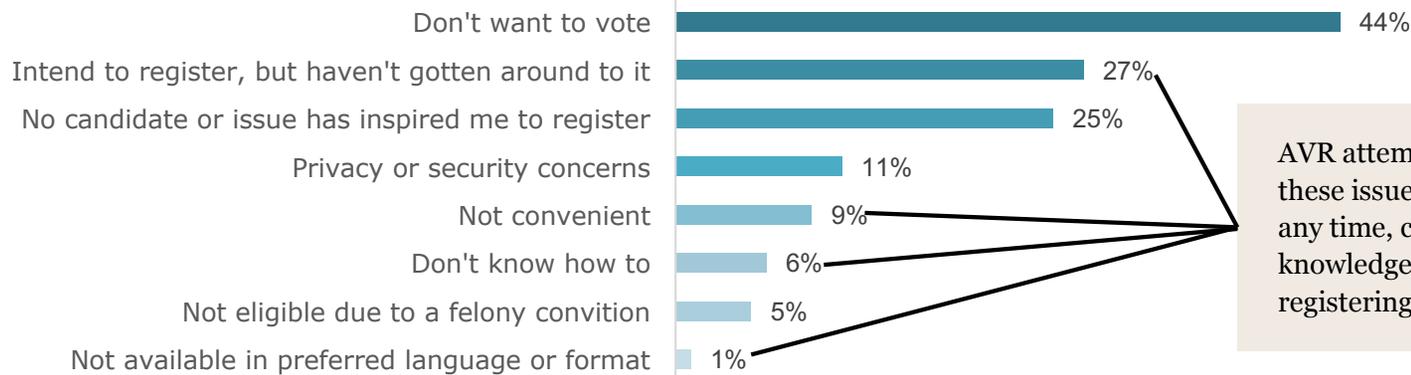


Government agencies participating in AVR

- Every state that has automatic voter registration, except Alaska, uses the DMV to register individuals
- Alaska uses an individuals application to the permanent fund dividend, which is available to residents living in Alaska for over a year, to provide automatic voter registration
- In addition to the DMV, Rhode Island allows other government agencies to provide information for voter registration

Why don't eligible citizens register to vote?

Pew Voting Frequency Survey



AVR attempts to address these issues by removing any time, convenience or knowledge barriers to registering to vote

Sources: "Why Are Millions of Citizens Not Registered to Vote?" Pew Charitable Trusts, June 21, 2017; "Automatic voter registration," National Conference of State Legislatures, July 19, 2017.