Trends in Voting Legislation
2021-2023

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VOTER ACCESS LEGISLATION (2021-2022)

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ELECTION INTERFERENCE (2021-2022)

ENACTED ELECTION INTERFERENCE LEGISLATION IN 2021-2022
EARLY VOTING GAINS GROUND AFTER 2020 ELECTIONS

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STATES THAT ENACTED LEGISLATION INCREASING CRIMINALIZATION OF ELECTIONS

ENACTED LEGISLATION CRIMINALIZING ELECTIONS IN 2021-2022
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The Bad News: The Arizona House passed a bill that would remove registered voters from the state’s mail voting list if they do not vote in a single general election cycle. The Idaho House passed a bill that would prohibit the use of student ID cards to verify voter identity. The Kansas Senate passed a bill that would move the deadline for returning mail ballots earlier.

The Good News: Voting restoration legislation passed both chambers of the Minnesota legislature. Arkansas is making minor improvements to mail voting and in-person early voting.

Looking Ahead: The Texas legislature is hearing its first election bill of the session today: S.B. 2 would raise the penalty for voting while ineligible, while expanding the scope of the crime beyond the court’s interpretation of the current statute. Missouri S.B. 210 – a bill to establish a notice and cure process for voters to correct minor errors on mail ballot envelopes – will be heard in committee today.

The Oregon Senate Judiciary Committee is holding a work session on Thursday that includes S.B. 579, a bill that would end disenfranchisement based on felony convictions. The Georgia Senate Ethics Committee and House Governmental Affairs Committee are both likely to have hearings on election bills later this week.
No-Alternative Photo ID vs. Voter ID: Lessons from the First Election Law to Pass in 2023
Reports: State of State Election Law

ELECTION INTERFERENCE LEGISLATION: 2021 VS. 2022

20 STATES HAVE ENACTED 49 BILLS that will improve voter access or election administration.

17 STATES HAVE ENACTED 25 BILLS that will restrict access or interfere with election administration.

22 STATES HAVE ENACTED 43 BILLS that will have a mixed impact, or their implications for voting and election administration are not yet clear.
Questions?
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