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ELECTION-DAY VOTER REGISTRATION

Let's modernize our elections, increase civic participation, and strengthen our democracy.

It's time for Kansas to adopt election-day voter registration.

Election-day voter registration is key for a modern, efficient electoral system.

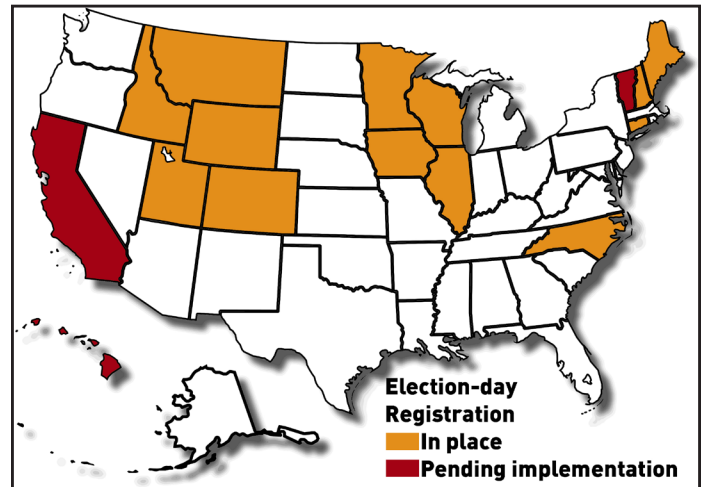
Election-day voter registration permits an eligible citizen to register and cast a ballot at the same time on Election Day or during an early voting period. It eliminates unnecessary deadlines that confuse voters and keep them out of the political process.

Election-day registration will **cut government red tape and streamline the process**, allowing voters to participate via a single trip to the polling place instead of requiring separate registration and voting activities. That is important for people with demanding jobs or family responsibilities, elderly voters, and members of the military. Eligible voters who provide documentation by Kansas law won't be turned away at the polls just because they are not on an out-dated roll.

Election-day registration will **modernize and improve the efficiency of Kansas elections**, making the process more convenient and accessible. **That's good for democracy in our state.**

Election-day voter registration increases voter turnout and civic engagement.

Election-day voter registration is a **proven tool for increasing voter turnout**. States with election-day registration have **turnout rates 10-12% higher** than states without it. Four of the top five states for high voter turnout have election-day voter registration. Other forms of civic engagement are also higher in these states. Election-day registration is such an effective tool for boosting voter turnout because it is **widely used by citizens across the political and demographic spectrum**. Members of the military, geographically



mobile people, the elderly, young people, voters of color, lower-income Americans, and busy professionals all can benefit from this system.

Election-day voter registration is easy to implement, non-controversial, and used throughout the United States.

Election-day voter registration can be implemented in Kansas alongside existing voter ID and proof of citizenship requirements. The **administrative costs and challenges of implementing the system are negligible**. Surveys of local election officials in 7 states using election-day registration found that costs were "minimal" and no additional staff were needed.

The system is so non-controversial that it has been adopted under Republicans and Democrats, is **used in 13 states**, pending final implementation in 3, and is under consideration in 5 more during 2016.