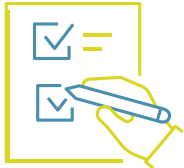


SB 5112 UPGRADING AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION



Our democracy is at its best when every Washingtonian, regardless of race or income, has our voice heard and our vote counted. However, there are still almost one million eligible Washingtonians who are not registered to vote, and people of color and low-income people still face registration barriers.

WHAT WOULD IMPROVE?

Instead of asking applicants about voter registration during their visit to the DMV, the improved system would automatically register voters who provide a document proving their US citizenship. They will then receive a notice by mail giving them the opportunity to opt out.

If we upgrade our automatic voter registration system...

- More voters would be registered automatically. Colorado, Oregon, Alaska, Nevada, Massachusetts, and Delaware have adopted this improved AVR system, which has increased their voter registration numbers.
- Washingtonians who are not citizens would be automatically filtered out, protecting families from issues with their immigration process that could result from mistakes on the current voter registration question.
- Registered voters who provide a new address during their DMV visit would automatically have their voter registration address updated, ensuring our voter rolls are accurate and reducing the need to purge out-of-date registration records.
- The state would save time and money because more voters would be registered automatically instead of through paper forms.

We successfully fought for automatic voter registration in 2018, and now it's time to improve our system and ensure that as many voters as possible are ready to make their voices heard in the years to come.

WHO WE ARE

The Washington Voting Justice Coalition is committed to protecting and expanding voting rights across the state. We're a coalition of community-based organizations and individuals who believe that justice, participation, and the freedom to vote are the foundation of a real democracy. We believe that our vote is our instrument of change, and our tool to have a voice in our government.



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