

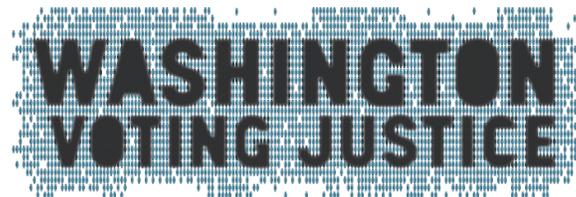
THE VOTER POWER PACKAGE

WASHINGTON VOTING JUSTICE COALITION'S

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LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Our coalition has aligned on four bills that further the promise of democracy. During a vulnerable time for voting freedoms nationally, Washington can protect and expand the peoples' pathways to true participation, representation, and a prosperous future.



HB 1146 **BALLOT ACCESS IN JAILS**

Almost all Washingtonians are eligible to vote in jail, but may lack access to the internet, mailing services, and critical voting information that most other citizens enjoy.

HB 1146 will require that jails provide people the basic resources they need to exercise their freedom to vote, including access to voter registration forms, permission for election officials to get ballots to voters, and visible voter information.

HB 2210 **WA VOICES**

Elections that use Ranked-Choice Voting (RCV) have been shown to encourage positive campaigning, elect more diverse leaders, and empower voters to vote their conscience.

The Washington VOICES Act will make sure that all communities can opt-in to Ranked-Choice Voting. It also sets important standards to ensure voters using RCV will enjoy the same high-quality, accessible voting experience that we are proud of in Washington.

HB 1710 **PRECLEARANCE**

Civil rights activists fought for our federal and state Voting Rights Acts, which ensure that voters of every race and background have an equal voice in our democracy. However, the 2013 U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Shelby County v. Holder* removed "preclearance," the crown jewel of the Voting Rights Act.

Instead of forcing communities to challenge unjust elections through costly, multi-year lawsuits, preclearance will require that election changes receive an impartial review before going into effect. This will stop voter suppression before it happens.

HB 1916 **PROTECTING REGISTERED VOTERS**

Mass voter challenges, attempts to question the legitimacy of large numbers of voter registrations, threaten peoples' voter status and overwhelm election officials.

To protect our registered voters, Washington can empower election officials to dismiss baseless voter registration challenges and ensure voters have a fair opportunity to respond before having their registrations canceled.