



Executive Summary of Proposals for Congressional Action Necessary to Preserve and Restore Election Integrity Across the Nation

This proposal is ambitious in that it addresses the many election laws that, together and synergistically, create a system that can be manipulated. It is our expectation that the expanded explanation of each issue will lead to Congress's putting in place an electoral system that can be trusted by all citizens.

- 1. Proposal.** Congress must pass a law that requires a prospective voter to provide photo verification that includes proof of citizenship, to register and to vote. To ensure that the law does not have a discriminatory or overly burdensome effect, Congress should provide assistance, free of charge, for people to obtain the birth certificates or other records necessary to obtaining a voting card during the legitimate period when registration takes place.
- 2. Proposal.** Congress must pass a law limiting the ability to vote-by-mail to a limited number of categories based on actual need. These can include those medically unable to get to a polling station, those not presently in the country, or other good-faith reasons for not being able to vote at a polling place.
- 3. Proposal.** Congress must pass a law that prohibits large scale ballot harvesting and undocumented chains of custody. When voters have valid reasons to vote by mail but cannot deliver their ballots, the laws should allow individuals within specified relationships to the voter, such as family members, close friends, or guardians to deliver the ballot for them. Likewise, the law should require proper security measures, such as requiring the carrier to sign the envelope in a manner that mimics chain of custody requirements typically required of a ballot.
- 4. Proposal.** Congress must pass a law that prohibits States from allowing for same day registration and requires that registration deadlines provide States with reasonable and adequate time and opportunity to audit all registrations.
- 5. Proposal.** Congress must pass a law clarifying that Election Day is the day on which all ballots must be cast and able to be counted, meaning that they must be received by Election Day in order to be counted.
- 6. Proposal.** Congress must update NVRA and HAVA to ensure that their purposes can be met. This includes creating a federal database for States to use to remove from their lists of voters those who are not eligible to vote in that State and allow states a quicker means of removing ineligible voters.

7. Proposal. Congress must prohibit electoral systems that are structurally anti-democratic, confusing, and otherwise unreliable such as the Top-Two Primary and Rank Choice Voting.

In brief, these are EIPCa's proposals:

- Increase transparency of the entire election process;
- Require proof of citizenship to register to vote whether the voter lives in the country or overseas;
- Require Government-issued Photo Voter ID to register to vote, apply for and submit absentee/mail-in ballots, vote in person, or vote from overseas;
- Resolve the inconsistencies regarding voting from overseas;
- Update National Voter Registration Act of NVRA:
 - a. Specifically limit states' responsibility only to facilitating voter registration and specifically prohibit expansion of that responsibility;
 - b. Prohibit states from making voter registration mandatory with DMV (or other agency) interaction;
 - c. Include in an update of section 7 the requirement for proof of citizenship before providing a voter registration application, and reflect that mandate in an updated federal registration form;
 - d. Make it easier and mandatory for states to remove inactive or ineligible registrations in a timely fashion in order to maintain accurate voter rolls;
- Update HAVA to include consequences for noncompliance "teeth" into its mandates to ensure compliance and monitor proper use of federal funds by state elections officials, particularly for proper training of poll workers and ballot processors.
- Create a federally managed program, such as a merged voter database of all 50 states, with citizen oversight to ensure no voter is able to be registered or to vote in more than one state or vote while ineligible.
- Prohibit Top-Two (jungle) primaries and Rank-Choice voting
- Limit the number of days of walk-in early voting to a maximum of seven days before Election Day.
- Eliminate no-excuse voting by mail.
- Prohibit most election technology and return to in-person voting with paper ballots and supervised hand-counting at the precinct level.
- Protect the security of the paper ballot by requiring a water mark that cannot be replicated, making it impossible to reproduce extra paper ballots.
- Prohibit "Same Day" registration.