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Election Trends: A National Overview

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Today's Outline

1. Voter Registration Trends
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3. Polling Place Management
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1. Voter Registration Trends



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Registration Trends

- ❖ Online Voter Registration—38 states
- ❖ Interstate Data Matching—21 states
- ❖ Automated Motor Voter—hard to say



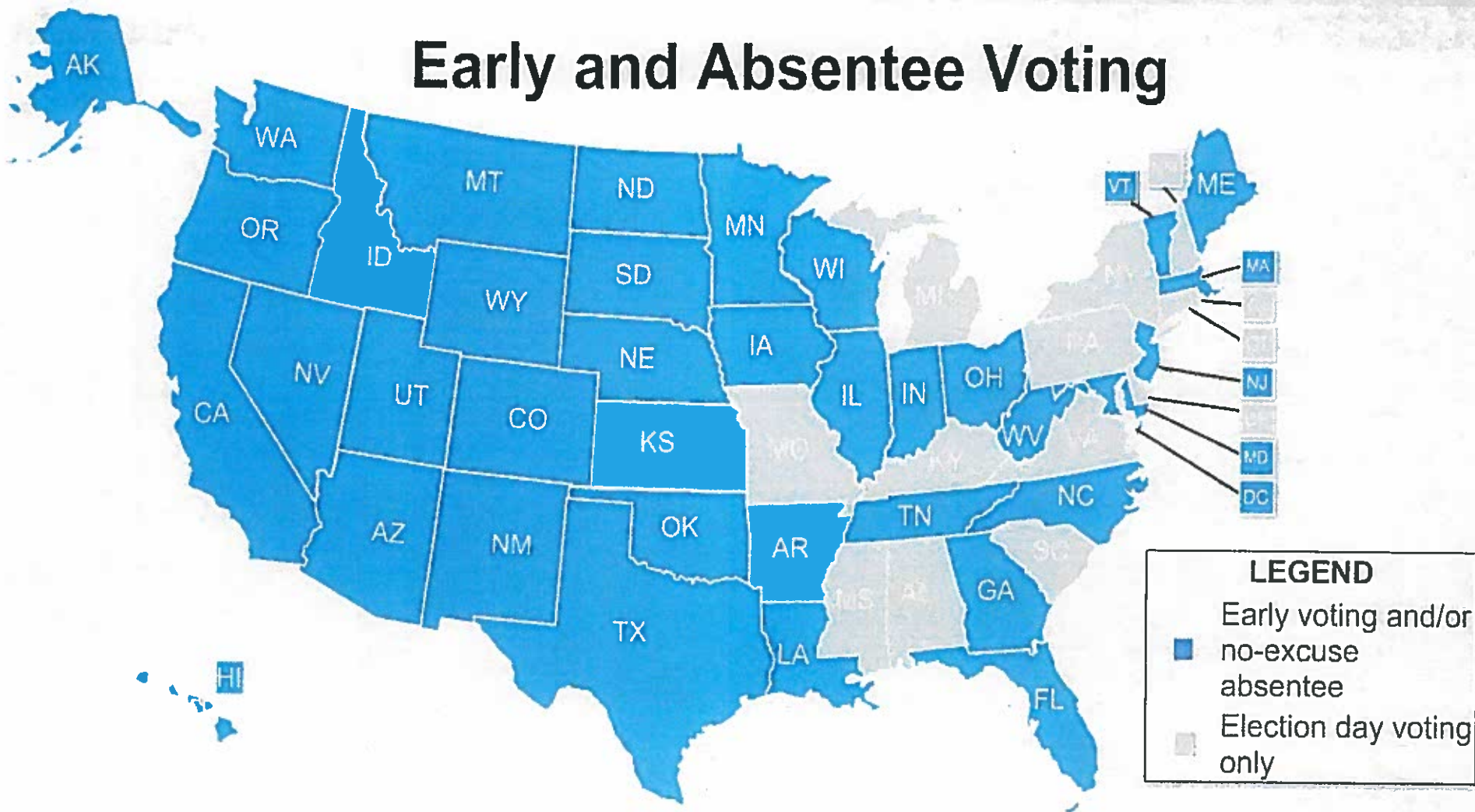
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2. Voting Itself



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Early and Absentee Voting



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Early In-Person Voting

- ❖ Usually done in one location
- ❖ Spreads voting out (may reduce lines)
- ❖ Secure--ballots never leave the office
- ❖ Voters like convenience
- ❖ No political advantage



No-Excuse Absentee Voting

- ❖ Absentee system already in place
- ❖ Scanners needed for paper ballots
- ❖ Can slow down results
- ❖ Voters like convenience
- ❖ No political advantage

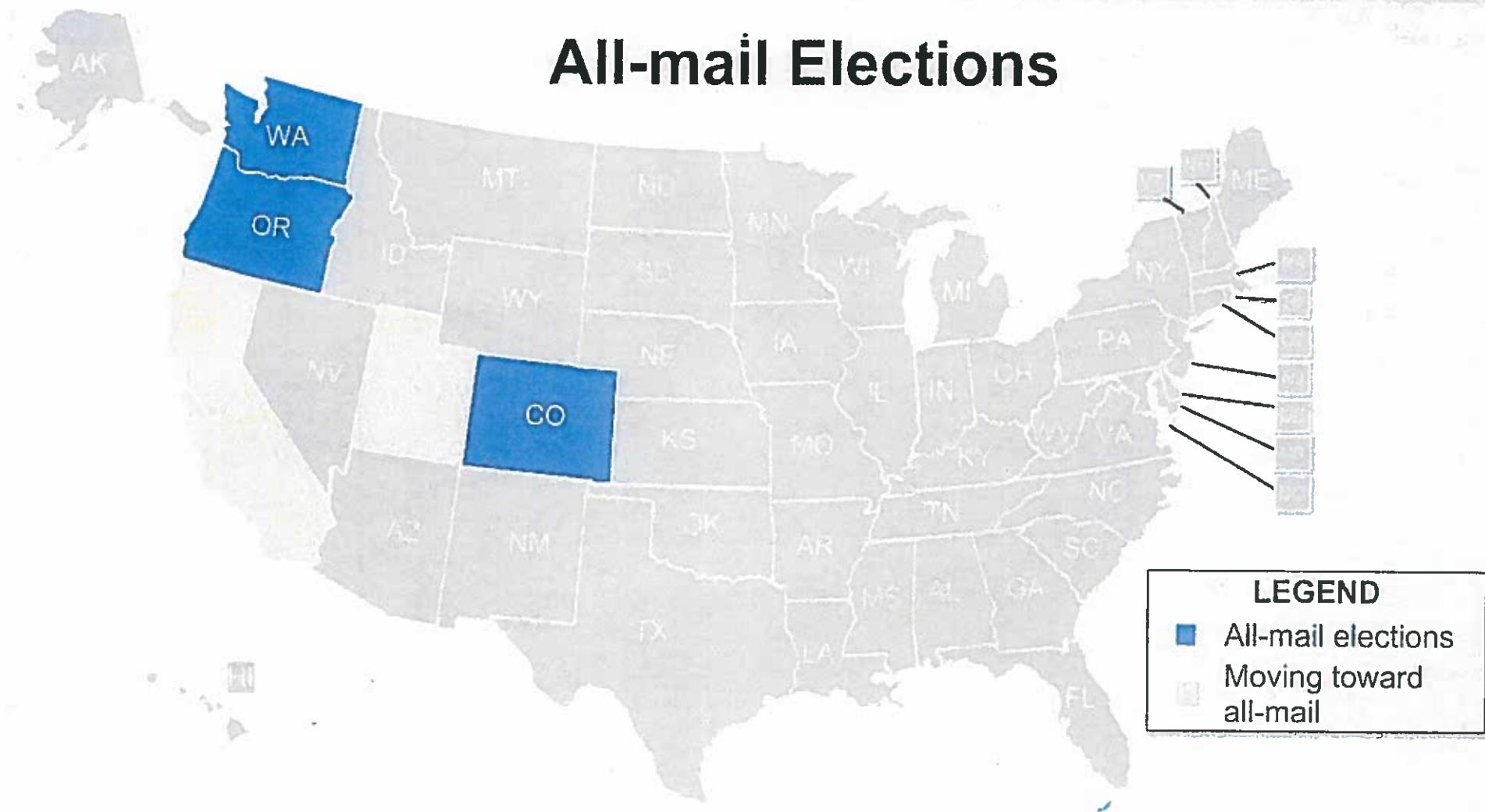
Get an Absentee Ballot

*Any eligible voter can
vote early with an
absentee ballot!*



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All-mail Elections



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- All-mail elections
- Moving toward all-mail



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3. Polling Place Management



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Finding Poll Workers

- ❖ They are the face of elections
- ❖ The hardest job for election officials
- ❖ Consider pay, hours
- ❖ Training requirements
- ❖ Recruitment options



Finding Polling Places

- ❖ Schools are harder to use
- ❖ Accessibility for people with disabilities is essential
- ❖ Security
- ❖ Cost to rent
- ❖ Internet capability?



Electronic Poll Books



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Elections Tech Purchases

State	Voting System	Funding
Maryland	DRE → Paper	Lease
Rhode Island	Paper → Paper	State paid
Colorado	DRE → All-mail (paper)	Counties pay (state helps)
New Mexico	Paper → Paper	State: \$8M over 2 years



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4. Wrap-Up



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Other Issues

- ❖ Voter ID
- ❖ Recounts and post-election audits
- ❖ Felon voting rights
- ❖ Double voting
- ❖ Ranked Choice Voting
- ❖ Poll watchers and observers
- ❖ Primary types (open, closed, other)

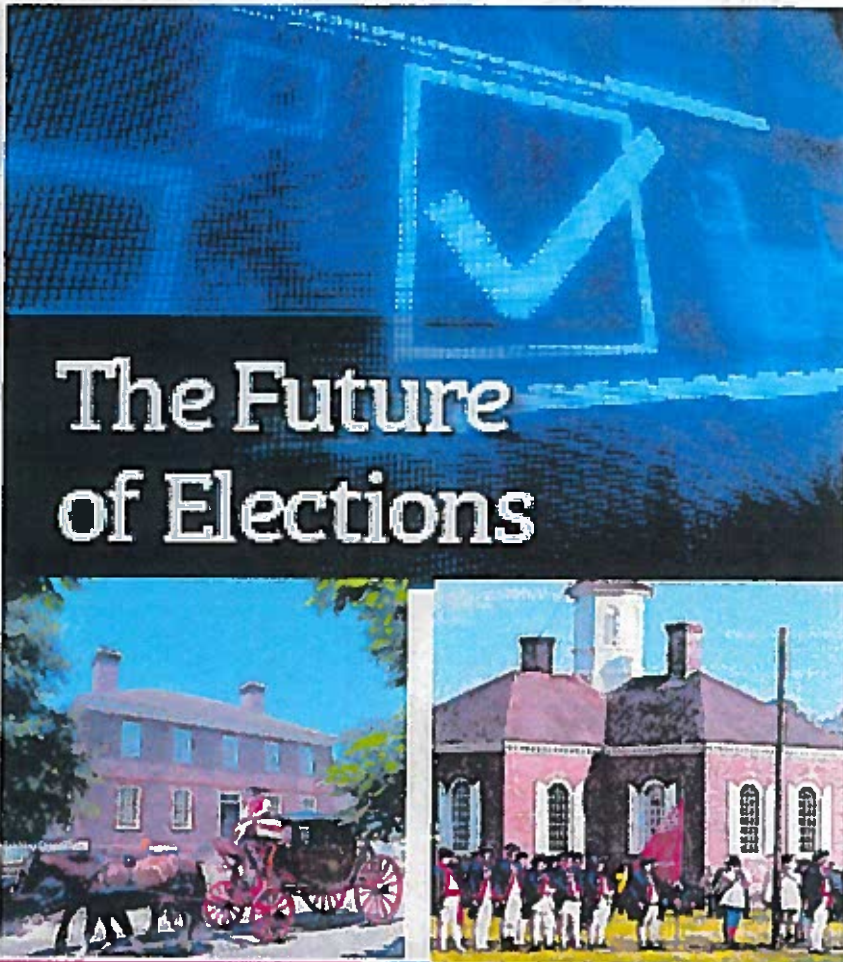


Questions for any policy change

- ❖ What does it mean for security?
- ❖ How much will it cost (or save)?
- ❖ Will it increase turnout?
- ❖ Does it affect some groups more than others?
- ❖ What's the administrative angle?



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- ❖ Williamsburg, Va.
- ❖ Legislators, staff, election experts



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