

SUPPORT: Automatic Voter Registration (AVR) (SBXXX/HBXXXX)

We deserve a thriving democracy where every eligible voter's voice is heard.

The Problem: Our outdated paper-based voter registration system diminishes full participation of eligible Virginians in our elections. Our online voter registration system is cumbersome and not always available in a timely way. Resources for modernization are limited. Virginians do not have full confidence in the election process.

The Solution: We need to make common sense reforms to modernize Virginia's voter registration system to be smart, secure, and efficient so every eligible Virginian can make their voice heard without barriers and obstacles. Modernization is needed in order to properly and fairly serve Virginians, to promote confidence, and to ensure integrity in our election administration.

How we get there: It will take all of us lifting up our voices to ask our elected officials to support modernization of our voter registration system. Our influence is needed to decrease the barriers to participation in voting and to promote the integrity of our elections.

What it does:

- Automatic Voter Registration will utilize the existing electronic link between the DMV and ELECT to transmit required information to register voters automatically at their current address. (unless they opt out – when?)
- AVR will create a secure electronic voter registration database to maintain accurate lists as well as verify that only eligible citizens are registered.
- AVR will replace the outdated labor-intensive paper-based voter registration system with a secure electronic process
- AVR's electronic system will reduce errors and reduce the workload of local election officials.
- AVR will include an opt-out choice before placing a voter on the rolls.

What it doesn't do:

AVR does not change Voter eligibility requirements

You still have to be a citizen and at least 18 years old. (and have rights restored if needed.)

YOU still have to take the personal responsibility to show up and cast a ballot.

Why it's necessary:

This proposal will protect the fundamental right of eligible Virginia citizens who may find it a challenge to register or to keep their registration updated -- such as Virginians in the

military who move frequently or face deployment—and participate in our democracy and have their vote counted.