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“Over 70 percent of Arizona’s EZVoter (electronic) registrations are done at MVD offices, greatly increasing efficiency in the voter registration process.”

– *Arizona Election Official*

“Electronic registration at DMVs is more convenient because the voter only needs to provide this information once.”

– *Kentucky Election Official*

“The majority of our voter registration activity is generated through the electronic process at DMVs.”

– *North Carolina Election Official*

“Electronic registration saves money in data entry time. It saves time, which means it saves money, especially in crunch times before an election.”

– *Kansas Election Official*

“Prior to the implementation of electronic registration, it took weeks to process registrations. . . That registration is captured and processed within a day now.”

– *Washington Election Official*

“Electronic registration has improved the accuracy of our rolls dramatically.”

– *Delaware Election Official*

Electronic Voter Registration: A Digital Age Solution

The National Voter Registration Act already requires a number of state agencies, including state motor vehicle authorities (MVA) and public assistance agencies, to assist customers in completing voter registrations while conducting business at these offices. Electronic voter registration gives citizens the choice to be electronically registered to vote at the same time they do business with a government office, such as apply for a driver’s license or state veterans’ benefits. After agency officials receive the requisite voter information, they harness proven technology to transfer voter registration data electronically to election officials. The experience is seamless for the voter, the public agency, and election officials, boosting registration and saving time and money.

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ELECTRONIC VOTER REGISTRATION WILL:

- **INCREASE VOTER REGISTRATION.** Electronic voter registration gives eligible voters a more convenient option to register to vote or update their registration. Improving the convenience and ease of registration could bring up to 50 million eligible but unregistered Americans into the political process.
- **SAVE MONEY.** Transferring voter information electronically between the government agency and election officials saves time and resources for public agencies and election officials, reduces personnel costs, and results in savings on printing, mailing, and paper.
- **BOOST ELECTION INTEGRITY.** Electronic registration boosts accuracy of registration information, eliminating errors from data entry and mail registrations. It ensures more reliable voter rolls, which helps election officials administer elections with confidence, prevent unnecessary disenfranchisement, and curb the potential for fraud and error.

Electronic registration at MVA offices across the country has demonstrated its benefits, and extending the reform to public assistance agencies, which must also offer voter registration under the NVRA, will expand these efficiencies on a broader scale. It will also help ensure that historically underrepresented groups — such as women, African Americans, Latinos, those without a high school diploma, and those with low incomes — who register to vote at public assistance agencies at much higher rates — have the opportunity to register electronically.

The Brennan Center is a nonpartisan law and policy institute that seeks to improve our systems of democracy and justice, and is a nationally recognized leader in voting rights and elections reform. Electronic voter registration is one key component of the Brennan Center’s signature proposal to modernize the voter registration system.

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