

Election Day Registration legislation state legislatures - 2007

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State	Bill #	sponsor	Description	introd. date	Committee Assignment's	Action
California	AB 355	Assembly member Curren Price (D), Chair of Assembly Elections and Redistricting Comm.	would implement EDR at the polls. It would also change provisional ballot procedures to allow them to be counted in semiofficial or official canvass if verified and if cast as part of EDR.	14-Feb-07	Elections and Redistricting	2/26 - referred to Elections and Redistricting; 4/17 - passed Elections and Redistricting, sent to Appropriations committee; 5/2 - referred to Appropriations suspense file for financial review; 5/31 - Held under review until probably 2008.
Connecticut	HB 6251	Rep. Andrew Fleischmann (D), Chairman of Education Committee	would allow EDR after completion of statewide voter database.	19-Jan-07	Joint Committee on Government Administration and Elections	Session Adjourned/Special Session Adjourned: 2/28 - hearings held; Elements of bill incorporated into SB 1312.
	SB 1312	Government Administration and Elections	would allow EDR.	22-Feb-07	Government Administration and Elections	Session Adjourned/Special Session Adjourned: 5/2 - Appropriations reported favorably on Government Administration and Elections' substitute; 6/1 - put on House Calendar.
Georgia	HB 205	Rep. Alisha Morgan (D)	would allow for EDR at the polling place via provisional ballot; at registrar's offices, after checking the qualifications of EDR registrants, they would be allowed to vote using a regular ballot.	30-Jan-07	Governmental Affairs Committee	Session Adjourned: 1/31 - Read in the House for a second time. Still in committee.
Hawaii	HB 883	Reps. Della Au Belatti (D); Alex Sonson (D), Chair of Labor and Public Employment	would institute precinct-based EDR and reduce the voter registration deadline from 30 to 15 days.	22-Jan-07	Judiciary; Finance	Session Adjourned: 1/22 - Passed 1st Reading in House; referred to committees.

	Sens. Les Ihara (D), Co-Chair of Joint Legislative Committee on Family Care-Giving; Mike Gabbard (D); Suzanne Oakland (D), Chair of Human Services; Gary Hooser (D), Co-Chair of Senate Affordable Housing Task Force	companion bill to HB 883.	19-Jan-07	Judiciary & Labor	Session Adjourned: 1/22 - passed 1st reading; 1/24 - referred to committee.
HB 1133/HD 1/SD2	Rep. Calvin Say (D), Speaker of the House, President of National Speaker's Conference, State Legislative Leaders Foundation Board of Directors	allows for EDR at the polling place; the bill allows for appropriations.	24-Jan-07	Judiciary; Finance	Session Adjourned: 3/6 - Passed House (49-9); 4/10 - passed Senate (214); To House. 4/12 - House disagreed with Senate amendments; 4/16 - House and Senate member chosen to conference.
SB 1552	Sen. Colleen Hanabusa (D), Senate President	would allow for EDR at the polling place; the bill allows for appropriations.	22-Jan-07	Judiciary; Ways and Means	Session Adjourned: 1/30 - referred to Judiciary, and Ways and Means

Illinois

HB 22	Rep. Lou Lang (D), Asst. Majority Leader & Chairman of Gaming	would allow for precinct-based EDR.	10-Jan-07	Elections and Campaign Reform	1/19 - referred to Rules; 1/30 assigned to Elections and Campaign Reform; 3/23 - was not acted upon before deadline, so returned to committee, i.e. re-referred to Rules.
HB 1027	Rep. Mike Boland (D), Chairman of Financial Institutions	would require State board of elections to create a pilot project where one county would have EDR (and would also not have a voter registration deadline).	8-Feb-07	Elections and Campaign Reform	2/9 - referred to Rules; 2/15 - assigned to Elections and Campaign Reform; 3/23 - was not acted upon before deadline, so returned to committee, i.e. re-referred to Rules.
HB 1753	Reps. Lou Lang (D), Asst. Majority Leader & Chairman of Gaming; Barbar Currie (D), Chairperson of Rules	would create the Election Day Voter Registration Commission Act, creating a legislative-appointed commission to study the possible implementation of EDR; abolishes the commission and repeals the act January 1, 2009.	23-Feb-07	Elections and Campaign Reform	4/20 - passed House on 3rd reading, (68-40) sent to Senate; 5/1 - sent to Rules; 5/30 - passed Senate on 3rd reading; (54-4); 6/28 - sent to governor.

Indiana

HB 1028	Rep. John Day (D), Committee Vice Chair of Family, Children & Human Affairs	would implement EDR at the polls as of 1/1/07, and explicitly says that EDR votes be processed like other votes. It also says that the definition of "proof of identification" be changed to "reflect the standards set by federal law."	22-Dec-06	Elections and Apportionment	Session Adjourned: 1/8 - 1st reading, referred to committee.
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Iowa	SB 1229		would allow precinct-based EDR.	14-Feb-07	State Government	2/28 - passed out of committee; 3/20 - attached to HF 653.
	HF 653		would allow precinct-based EDR.	19-Feb-07	State Government	3/20 - passed House; (53-45); 3/27 - passed Senate (30-20); 4/3 - signed by governor. 1/1/08 - goes into effect.
Louisiana	SB 225	Sen. Charles Jones (D), Chair of the Senate & Governmental Affairs	would allow EDR at a central parish location.	20-Apr-07	Senate and Governmental Affairs	Session Adjourned: 4/20 - referred to committee. 6/26 - withdrawn from the files of the senate. Bill is dead.
Massachusetts	HD 1921	Rep. Gloria Fox (D), Vice Chair of House Committee on Rules		9-Jan-07		1/10 - assigned House Bill # 646.
	HB 646	Rep. Gloria Fox (D) and others	would allow precinct-based EDR.	10-Jan-07	Election Laws	1/11-referred to committee; 5/30 - Public Hearing held.
	SB 446	Sens. Cynthia Creem (D), Chair of Revenue, Vice- Chair of Public Health; Edward Augustus (D), Chair of Election Law, Chair of Senate Bills in the Third Reading; Rep. Ruth Balser (D), Chair of Joint Committee on Mental Health and Substance Abuse	would allow precinct-based EDR.	10-Jan-07	Election Laws	1/10 - referred to Election Laws; 5/30 - Public hearing held.
Michigan	SB 13	Sen. Liz Brater (D), Minority Vice Chair of Environmental Quality	would implement EDR at the polls.	10-Jan-07	Campaign and Election Oversight	1/10 - referred to committee.
	HB 4910	Rep. Bettie Scott	would implement EDR at the polls.	12-Jun-07	Ethics and Election	6/12-referred to committee.
Montana	HB 266	Rep. Rick Jore (Constitution Party), Chair of Education	would eliminate EDR.	10-Jan-07	State Administration	Session Adjourned: 1/18 - Hearing; 2/28 - missed deadline for general bill transmittal; 4/27 - died in standing committee.
	HB 281	Rep. Tom McGillvray (R), Vice Chair of Human Services	would eliminate EDR.	10-Jan-07	State Administration	Session Adjourned: 2/2 - passed House (52-48); 4/3 - heard in Senate Judiciary committee; 4/4 - tabled in Senate committee. 4/27 - died in Senate standing committee.

Nevada	SB 401	Sens. Steven Horsford (D), Board member of Urban League of Las Vegas/Clark County; Dina Titus (D), Senate Minority Floor Leader ; Terry Care (D); Assemblymen Tick Segerblom (D); Kelvin Atkinson (D), Chair of the Assembly Committee on Transportation; Sheila Leslie (D); David Bobzien (D)	would eliminate the voter registration deadline.	19-Mar-07	Legislative Operations and Elections	Session Adjourned: 3/19 - referred to Legislative Operations and Election; Amended to eliminate Election Day Registration provisions.
	AB 506	Assembly Committee on Elections, Procedures, Ethics, and Constitutional Amendments	would allow EDR at clerk's office.	22-Mar-07	Elections, Procedures, Ethics, and Constitutional Amendments	Session Adjourned: 3/30 - hearing; 5/19 - failed to pass before the deadline.
New Hampshire	LSR 652	Rep Laurie Boyce (R)	would eliminate EDR.	8-Dec-06		Session Adjourned: 1/11 - withdrawn from further consideration.
New Jersey	A 2717	Assemblymen Patrick Diegnan (D), Chair of Higher Education; Nelson Albana (D) Vice Chair of Agriculture & Natural Resources, Law and Public Safety; Jeff Van Drew (D), Asst.Majority Leader, Chair of Tourism and Gaming	would permit EDR, using provisional ballots, at the polls.	27-Feb-06	State Government	2/27/06 - referred to committee.
	SB 162	Sens. Raymond Lesniak (D), Chair of Economic Growth, Vice chair of Legislative Oversight; Barbara Buono (D), Chair of Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation	would permit EDR, using provisional ballots, at the polls.	10-Jan-06	State Government	1/10/06 - referred to committee.

New Mexico	HB 346	Rep. Mary Helen Garcia (D), Vice Chair of Voters & Elections	would permit EDR at precincts.	22-Jan-07	Voters and Elections; Consumer and Public Affairs	Session Adjourned: left Voters and Elections as "Do Pass." However did not pass both committees so the bill died.
	HB 394	Rep. Joseph Cervantes (D), Vice Chair of Rules & Order of Business, Vice Chair of Judiciary	would permit EDR at precincts.	22-Jan-07	Voters and Elections	Session Adjourned: died in committee. Essentially a companion bill to HB 346.
	SB 860	Sen. Cisco McSorley (D), Chair of Judiciary, Vice Chair of Courts, Correction, & Justice	allows precinct-based EDR.	2-Feb-07	Judiciary	Session Adjourned: died in committee. Essentially a companion bill to HB 346.
	HB 860	Rep. Jim Trujillo (D), Vice Chair of Energy & Natural Resources.	allows precinct-based EDR.	2-Feb-07	Voters and Elections	Session Adjourned: 2/22 - committee reported without recommendation, not referred to another committee, sent back to house. No further action before legislature Session Adjourned.

New York	A04258	Assemblyman Michael Gianaris (D), Chair of Commission on Administrative Regulations Review, Chair on Subcommittee on Election Day Operations and Voter Disenfranchisement	would amend the state constitution to delete the ten-day voter registration deadline and enable the legislature to pass EDR legislation and safeguards against fraud.	31-Jan-07	Election Law	2/15 - referred to Attorney General for an opinion; 2/27 - opinion referred to Judiciary.
	S05013	Assemblyman Michael Gianaris (D) (see above)	companion to A04258.	24-Apr-07	Judiciary	4/24 - referred to Judiciary; 5/1 - sent to attorney-general for opinion; 5/14 - opinion referred to Judiciary.

North Carolina	HB 91/S195	Reps. Deborah Ross (D), Majority Whip, Chairman of Judiciary, Vice-Chairman of Election Law and Campaign Finance Reform, Vice-Chairman of Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House; Hugh Holliman (D), Chairman of Insurance, Vice-Chairman of Finance; Earline Parmon (D), Chairman of Education Subcommittee on Pre-School, Elementary and Secondary Education; Joe Tolson (D), Chairman of Appropriations	would allow for same-day registration at early voting sites.	8-Feb-07	Election Law and Campaign Finance Reform	3/29 - Passed House (69-47); 4/2 - sent to Senate Committee on Government and Election Reform. 7/12 - presented to Governor. 7/20 - Signed into law by governor. 8/16 – Pre-cleared by Department of Justice.
	HB 1496	Reps. Jim Harrell III (D), Chairman of Ways and Means, Chairman of Pensions and Retirement; Bruce Goforth (D), Chairman of Insurance, Chairman of Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government.	would appropriate money to fund same-day registration at early voting sites during the 2007 and 2008 elections.	17-Apr-07	Appropriations	4/17 - introduced, referred to committee.
Oregon	SJR 11	Sen. Ryan Deckert (D)	would amend the state constitution to allow EDR; the amendment would be put to the voters at the next general regular election.	29-Jan-07	Rules	Session Adjourned: 1/29 - originally sent to Senate President's Desk. 2/5 - President assigned it to committee; 6/28 - Still In Committee upon adjournment.
	HJR 43	Rep. Diane Rosenbaum (D) House Speaker Pro Tempore and Chair of Elections, Ethics and Rules, and others	would amend the state constitution to allow EDR; the amendment would be put to the voters at the next general regular election.	5-Mar-07	Speaker's Desk; Elections, Ethics and Rules	Session Adjourned: 3/5 - referred to House Speaker's Desk; 3/8 - Speaker assigned it to Elections, Ethics and Rules. 3/21 - Public hearing held.

Pennsylvania	SB 343	Sen. Lisa Boscola (D), Minority Chair of Consumer Protection & Professional Licensure and others, including Michael Waugh (R), Vice Chair of Agriculture & Rural Affairs	would allow for precinct-based EDR.	12-Mar-07	State Government	3/12 - referred to State Government.
Texas	HB 265	Rep. Rafael Anchia (D)	companion to SB 694; would allow EDR at the polls, with EDR ballots counted separately.	16-Nov-06	Elections	Session Adjourned: 1/31 - referred to committee; 2/28 - left pending in committee.
	SB 694	Sen. Rodney Ellis (D), Chair of Government Organization, member of State Affairs	companion to HB 265; would allow EDR at the polls, with EDR ballots counted separately.	15-Feb-07	State Affairs	Session Adjourned: 2/28 - referred to committee.
Utah	HB 287	Rep. Neil Hanson (D), Utah State AFL-CIO executive member, member of Government Operations	would permit precinct-based EDR and allow voters to change party affiliation on Election Day, with exceptions for primaries.	18-Jan-07	Government Operations Interim; Rules Committee Recodification	Session Adjourned: 2/5 - committee reported favorably on a substitute. The substitute, HB267 substitute, would allow precinct-based EDR with provisional ballots; 2/21 - The substitute was sent to Rules; 2/28 - bill died in committee.
Washington	SB 5561	Sen. Eric Oemig (D), Vice Chair of Government Operations and Elections	would allow for voter registration until and on Election Day.	24-Jan-07	Government Operations and Elections	Session Adjourned: 2/22 - passed committee, sent to Rules; 3/13 - passed Senate (28-19), sent to House; 3/15 - sent to House State Government and Tribal Affairs; 4/13 - bill dead for session, but will rollover to 2008 session; 4/22 - By resolution, returned to Senate Rules Committee for 3rd reading.
	HB 2145	Rep. Jeannie Darneille (D) and others	allows EDR at the polling place.	9-Feb-07	State Government and Tribal Affairs	Session Adjourned: 2/9 - referred to committee.