



## Election Day Registration Education Series, #1

### Making EDR Work Winter/Spring 2003

## Toolkit Insert

#### **Election Day Registration (EDR) is a simple process.**

Implementing EDR merely requires that the same registration procedures now conducted at registrar offices and other registration locations be offered at polling places.

#### **How EDR works:**

- *Registering voters on election day is simple, straightforward, and causes little administrative burden, according to officials in the six states that now allow for EDR – Idaho, Maine, Minnesota, New Hampshire, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.*
- *Polling places are configured into two separate areas – one for voter registration and one for voting. Each polling place has at least one staff person who has been trained specifically in conducting registrations on election day.*
- *Citizens who need to register are directed to a separate registration area. This prevents long lines for those voters who are registered already.*
- *The new voter shows identification, fills out a registration card – just as she would in a DMV or registrar's office – and becomes a registered voter. Voters may also fill out the registration form at home and bring it with them to the polls.*
- *The entire process takes only a minute or two, according to election officials in New Hampshire, Wisconsin, and other EDR states.*

#### **To ensure the integrity of the voting process and registration rolls:**

- *Minnesota election officials verify the residence of election day registrants by sending a non-forwardable mailing within 10 days after an election. Officials also verify records in the statewide registration system to ensure that no person voted more than once.*
- *Voters in Maine must disclose their place of previous registration or state that they have never been registered to vote. Registrations will not be accepted without this information, and the registrar is required to send a cancellation form to the previous jurisdiction, whether in state or out of state.*

**More resources on election day registration, including toolkits, reports, and statistical data are available at [www.demos-usa.org](http://www.demos-usa.org)**