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## **National Voter Registration Month Fact Sheet: Voter Registration Resources**

### **Voter Registration in the U.S.**

- Eligible citizens who are 18 years of age or older may register to vote. Every state except North Dakota has a voter registration requirement for voting.
- According to the U.S. Census Bureau, approximately 71 percent of the eligible voting population was registered to vote in 2008.
- Meanwhile, approximately six million eligible voters didn't take part in the 2008 presidential election because they missed a voter registration deadline or they did not know how to register to vote.

### **Online Tools for Voter Registration**

- Register to vote online. Ten states offer online voter registration: Arizona, Colorado, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Nevada, Oregon, Utah and Washington. Voters in most of these states can also update their voter information via the Internet.
- Check your registration status online. Forty-three states plus the District of Columbia offer tools that allow voters to verify their registration status using the Internet. Many states also provide voters with online access to other personalized election data as well, including sample ballots and polling place locator services. A few states, such as Arkansas, Louisiana and Wisconsin, are offering mobile voter registration applications that allow residents to access voting information using a smartphone, such as a Blackberry, iPhone or Google Android.

### **Election Day Registration**

- Eight states plus the District of Columbia have some form of Election Day registration: District of Columbia, Idaho, Iowa, Maine, Minnesota, Montana, New Hampshire, Wisconsin and Wyoming
- Other states have special same-day voter registration options. Connecticut and Rhode Island offer Election Day registration, but only for presidential elections. North Carolina offers same-day registration during the state's early voting period.

### **National Voter Registration Day 2012**

- The National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) has declared September 25, 2012, as National Voter Registration Day. The purpose of National Voter Registration Day is to encourage eligible voters to register and make sure their voting information is up-to-date before deadlines pass. Forty-eight states plus the District of Columbia have voter registration deadlines in October.
- Find out more about voter registration in your state at [www.CanIVote.org](http://www.CanIVote.org)!