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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Thirty-seven states participated in the **NASS 2007-2008 New Millennium State Practices Survey**, which is based upon responses submitted to the association in December 2007. This compilation report is designed as a resource for NASS members, advocacy groups, state lawmakers, colleges and secondary schools, and any other entity that might find this snapshot of state election office outreach work useful.

Apart from the fact that it is a broad but incomplete examination of outreach activities among the states, readers should take into account the jurisdictional differences that exist between secretaries of state, as well as between secretaries of state and other chief state election officials. Thirty-seven secretaries of state serve as chief state election official (a full list is available at www.nass.org), including the Office of the New Jersey Secretary of State, which took over this duty in 2008. Tennessee's Secretary of State also has responsibility for elections, but is not the legally-designated chief state election official (this duty goes to the state elections director). Alaska and Utah, two of the three states that do not have a secretary of state position, assign elections oversight duties to their lieutenant governors. In the ten remaining states, elections are overseen and administered by a state elections board or a similar entity.

In short, it's important for voters to know who is responsible for administering elections in their state so that they can get the best information possible when trying to navigate the network of federal, state and local laws that govern our democratic process. This document is designed to help young voters—particularly first-time voters—with that task.

Young Voter/Civics Education Outreach Programs

Sixty-eight percent (68%) of secretary of state offices that participated in this survey conduct outreach directed at young people, typically in the high school to college-age range (16-24).

Nearly sixty percent (57%) of state offices said they plan to introduce new voter education or poll worker recruitment programs in 2008 targeting young people.

Outreach Partnerships with Local or County Election Offices

State election officials clearly rely upon local and county officials for help in coordinating young voter outreach. Nearly all of our respondents (97%) reported partnering with local or county clerk offices to coordinate voter education & voter registration/outreach efforts. Seventy-six percent (76%) of these offices are primarily focusing on voter education.

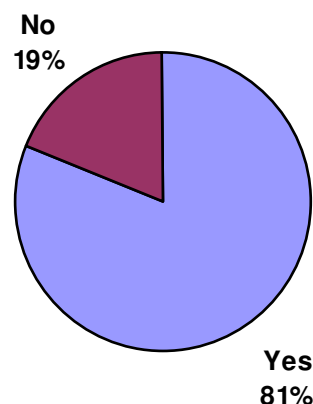
Poll Worker/Election Day Volunteer Laws

Eighty-one percent (81%) of states that responded now allow for poll workers or Election Day volunteers between the ages of 16-17 years-old (SEE TABLE 1). *A full state-by-state listing of these laws is available on Page 4.*

Methods of Young Voter Outreach

The strategies that state election offices are using to reach young voters do not vary much from the traditional methods used to reach older voters. However, this year's survey shows an increase in the use of social networking sites, such as MySpace and Facebook, to reach this age group. The results also indicate an increase in online tools for educating and empowering voters, with the State of Washington becoming the second state (Arizona was first) to offer online voter registration to attract young people to the process.

**Table 1: Teen Poll Worker/
Election Day Volunteer Laws**



Overall, the survey results show:

- Seventy percent (70%) of respondents reported the use of mock elections to educate young people about registration and voting.
- Sixty-two percent (62%) reported the use of voting equipment displays and demonstrations to educate young people about voting. The same number (62%) also reported the use of public service announcements (PSAs) and voter guides for this purpose, while fifty-one percent (51%) said they distribute pamphlets.
- Forty-six percent (46%) reported the use of Internet resources, such as state Web sites and social networking sites such as MySpace and Facebook, to educate young people about registration and voting.
- Forty-three percent (43%) reported the use of citizenship presentations and related school-based resources to educate young people about voting.
- Forty-one percent (41%) reported the use of instructional videos for young voter outreach, both for registration and voting purposes, as well as for poll worker training and recruitment.

Same-Day/Election Day Registration

Eight states that responded to our survey (27%) allow for same-day or Election Day registration (SEE TABLE 2). A *state-by-state listing is available on Page 5.*

Residential Provisions for College Student Voters

Forty-three percent (43%) of states that participated in this survey provided specific guidance for college students who wish to register to vote using their dorm as a primary residence. This year's report includes this information for the first time.

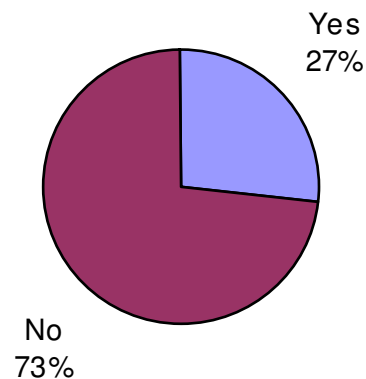
Funding for State Office Outreach

- Eighty-six percent (86%) of the state election offices in this survey carry out voter education and outreach work, as well as poll worker recruitment and training, using federal funds provided to states for these purposes as part of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA).
- Seventy-three percent (73%) of the state election offices in this survey depend upon some amount of state funding (usually their own office budget) to conduct their youth outreach work.
- Twenty-four percent (24%) of state election offices that participated in this survey rely upon additional funding from public-private partnerships.
- Five percent of respondents said they get additional funding for their work from other sources.

National Partnerships

NASS asked its members to identify which of the association's national partner groups they are working with at the state level. Amongst survey respondents, the most common partnerships include National Student/Parent Mock Election, Overseas Vote Foundation, and Kids Voting USA.

**Table 2: States with Same-Day/
Election Day Registration**



The percentages of state offices that work with NASS partner groups are shown in the following list:

National Student/Parent Mock Election	43%
Overseas Vote Foundation	35%
Kids Voting USA	30%
WWE Smackdown Your Vote! Coalition	22%
Close Up Foundation	14%
Declare Yourself	14%
Capitol Forum	8%
University of Virginia Youth Leadership	5%
People of America Foundation	3%

Some states have formed additional partnerships or working relationships with state agencies or state-based nonprofit groups, and we have listed those relationships as part of each state's profile page.

Innovative Approaches

Four years ago, NASS began encouraging members to focus on improving and expanding poll worker recruitment and training programs targeting young people as part of its New Millennium Young Voters Project outreach efforts. That included working with 16 and 17 year-olds in states that allowed them to volunteer at the polls. This year's survey confirms that most states have taken up this practice, and many are now introducing, expanding or updating such efforts for 2008.

This report highlights some of these programs, along with the rest of the most innovative youth outreach efforts being conducted by secretary of state and state election board offices. While there are a number of programs, practices and laws that stand out among the state profiles, it should be noted that other cutting-edge or innovative efforts may not appear in this report because they were still in development or planning when NASS conducted its survey in December 2007. Readers can follow up with their state office by checking out the appropriate Web site and other resources that offer the latest information.

NASS members also want to call attention to our national outreach partners (listed above and profiled at the end of this report), which work with secretary of state offices to assist with young voter education and outreach, as well as civics education projects. These entities contribute significantly to the success of state efforts in reaching young people, particularly in our public schools and universities. (For more on becoming a NASS partner, visit www.nass.org.)

Judging by recent news reports of high interest in the 2008 presidential race and historic turnout rates among young voters in early primaries, state election officials have good reason to focus on making the election cycle a positive experience for this age group. The increased levels of involvement among 18-24 year-old voters shows just how important it is for states to be investing their resources on educating and and empowering them to take part in our democratic process.

If you have any questions about information in this NASS New Millennium Young Voters Project report, please don't hesitate to contact the person who responded to our survey on behalf of each state office.

Otherwise, questions and comments may be directed to NASS at: nass@sso.org.

State By State List of Poll Worker/Election Day Volunteer Laws for 16-17 Year-Olds

**This list includes only those states and U.S. territories that responded to the survey*

Does Your State Allow Poll Workers/Election Day Volunteers Under Age 18?		
	YES	NO
Alabama		X
Alaska	X	
Arizona	X	
Arkansas	X	
California	X	
Florida	X	
Georgia	X	
Idaho	X	
Illinois	X	
Indiana	X	
Iowa	X	
Kansas	X	
Kentucky		x
Louisiana	X	
Maine	X	
Maryland	X	
Michigan	X	
Minnesota	X	
Montana	X	
Nebraska	X	
Nevada	X	
New Hampshire	X	
New Mexico		x
North Carolina	X	
North Dakota	X	
Ohio	X	
Pennsylvania		x
Rhode Island	X	
South Carolina	X	
South Dakota		x
Texas		x
Utah		x
Vermont	X	
Virginia	X	
Washington	X	
West Virginia	X	
Wyoming	X	

STATE-BY-STATE LIST OF SAME-DAY REGISTRATION LAWS

**This list includes only those states and U.S. territories that responded to the survey*

Does Your State Offer Same-Day Registration?		
	YES	NO
Alabama		x
Alaska	X*	
Arizona		x
Arkansas		x
California		x
Florida		x
Georgia		x
Idaho	X	
Illinois		x
Indiana		x
Iowa	X	
Kansas		x
Kentucky		x
Louisiana		x
Maine	X	
Maryland		x
Michigan		x
Minnesota	X	
Montana	X	
Nebraska		x
Nevada		x
New Hampshire	X	
New Mexico		x
North Carolina	X	
North Dakota		x
Ohio		x
Pennsylvania		x
Rhode Island	X*	
South Carolina		x
South Dakota		x
Texas		x
Utah		x
Vermont		x
Virginia		x
Washington		x
West Virginia		X
Wyoming	X	

** = Only for presidential elections*

STATE-BY-STATE LIST OF FUNDS SPENT IN 2006

**This list includes only those states and U.S. territories that responded to the survey*

State	Voter Outreach	Poll Worker Recruitment	Civics Education	Other Programs
Alabama	\$257,000	***	***	***
Alaska	Not available	Not available	Not available	***
Arizona	Approx. \$26,824	No significant cost	Approx. \$2,449	\$11,482.99 (18th Birthday Card Registration Mailers)
Arkansas	\$485,000		\$5,000	Young Voters Month -- \$3,500; Voter Registration Application Distribution -- \$1,442
California	\$275,000	***	***	***
Florida	State legislature appropriated \$2 million in FY07-08 for 67 counties to assist with voter education and poll worker recruitment and training	See answer at left	***	***
Georgia	FY07 (July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007): Approx. \$338,457 total	***	***	***
Idaho	\$78,000	***	***	***
Illinois	Not available	Not available	Not available	***
Indiana	\$2.3 million	\$2,500 and staff time (no figure provided)	Staff time (no figure provided)	Staff time (no figure provided)
Iowa	\$196,247.21	\$0	\$12,780.80	\$16,470.58 (Capitol Youth Day, Capitol Project, and Mock Election)
Kansas	\$100,000	\$0	Included in voter outreach	\$0
Kentucky	***	***	The office does not have a designated budget for civics ed; however, one full-time staff person is dedicated to such outreach. (\$35,000-staff; approx. \$5,000-programming)	***
Louisiana	Approx. \$500,000 - \$750,000	Legislative pay raise to poll workers: \$1.4 million	Part of outreach budget	***
Maine	Costs absorbed in state elections budget (no figure provided)	Costs absorbed in state elections budget (no figure provided)	Costs absorbed in state elections budget (no figure provided)	***
Maryland	FY07 (July 2006 - June 2007): \$428,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Michigan	\$16,000 (includes staff time & travel)	***	***	***
Minnesota	Not available	Not available	Not available	***
Montana	\$500,000 (directed at all voters)	***	\$500.00 (State law limits amount that can be spent for Youth Vote fund)	***
Nebraska	\$40,500	\$3,000	\$5,000	\$10,000

State	Voter Outreach	Poll Worker Recruitment	Civics Education	Other Programs
Nevada	***	Resources expended were in the form of local election official training sessions conducted by state office (no figure provided)	***	\$65,824 in grant funding to several nonpartisan, nonprofit organizations in support of 2006 voter education/outreach programs and/or events
New Hampshire	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available
New Mexico	\$4 million by prior administration (HAVA funds)	\$0	\$0	\$0
North Carolina	\$10,000	***	***	\$5000 (National Student/Parent Mock Election)
North Dakota	\$422,784.16	\$1412.87	Considered the same as voter outreach and poll worker recruitment	\$35,000 HAVA grant to League of Women Voters for developing a video and associated curriculum for statewide distribution.
Ohio	Estimated \$1,752,000, including voter registration booth rentals, voter education and registration materials, guides, and brochures, and Take ID campaign	\$0 (Used PSAs)	Estimated expenditure of \$176,000 for "Ohio Center for Civic Character" initiative by former secretary of state.	Estimated expense of \$1,000 for Expect More campaign.
Pennsylvania	CY06 (HAVA) \$2,416,132.76	***	***	***
Rhode Island	\$200.00	\$50.00	\$200.00	***
South Carolina	\$ 703,014.81	***	***	***
South Dakota	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	***
Texas	\$5 million	\$250,000	Approximately \$5,000 on Project V.O.T.E.	\$23,000 for design, printing, statewide mailing of 250,000 graduate cards
Utah	\$1.2 million	\$500,000	Part of voter outreach (no figure provided)	***
Vermont	Approx. \$60,000	\$0	\$85,000	***
Virginia	Approx. \$5,000	\$0 (local function)	***	***
Washington	College Civics \$63,000	\$0 (local function)	***	Mock Election: \$5,000 Voters' Pamphlet Cover Art Contest: \$2,500
West Virginia	\$350,000	\$50,000	***	***
Wyoming	Not Available	***	***	***

STATE PROFILES

ALABAMA

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NEW for 2007-2008: Alabama is currently in the process of establishing a youth outreach program. However, as part of these new efforts, the Secretary of State's Office will introduce the Vote in Honor of a Veteran program and high school graduation cards with voter registration applications

Youth outreach program? In development for 2008

Does state office work with counties/localities to coordinate registration/outreach efforts? Yes

Does state law allow poll workers/Election Day volunteers who are 16-17 years old? No

Poll worker/Election Day volunteer recruitment program for young people? No

Same-day/Election Day registration? No

This office coordinates the following voter registration programs:

- High School Voter Registration Drives
- Public Service Announcements
- Voter Registration Guide for First-Time Voters
- Distributing Voter Guides/Registration Materials to High Schools/Colleges
- State Works with Counties/Localities to Coordinate Voter Registration Efforts

This office coordinates the following voter education programs:

- Voter guide, available online at: www.sos.alabama.gov/elections/

This office promotes citizenship or civic engagement among young people as follows:

- Web page(s) dedicated to state history and civics, available at: www.sos.alabama.gov/kids/

This office partners with the following NASS partner programs:

- Overseas Vote Foundation: To help UOCAVA citizens register to vote.

This state has the following legal provisions for college students who wish to register to vote using their dorm as primary address: No special legal provisions

This office has the following new laws that will be taking effect in 2008: Not applicable

ALASKA

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NEW for 2007-2008: As of December 2007, this office was still determining new programs for 2008.

Youth outreach program? Yes

Does state office work with counties/localities to coordinate registration/outreach efforts? Yes

Does state law allow poll workers/Election Day volunteers who are 16-17 years old? Yes

Poll worker/Election Day volunteer recruitment program for young people? Yes

Related requirements: Must be at least 16 years old, a high school student in good standing, appointed by the director of elections, and attend a related class.

Incentives provided: Compensation for hours worked and real-life experience in elections.

Same-day Registration? Yes, but only for the presidential election

This office coordinates the following voter registration programs:

- High School Voter Registration Drives
- Public Service Announcements

This office coordinates the following voter education programs:

- Public service announcements (PSAs)
- Voter guide: Youth Vote Ambassador Program, online at <http://elections.alaska.gov>

This office has the following poll worker or Election Day volunteer recruitment programs for young people (16-24 years old):

- Working with high schools and colleges to recruit young people
- Brochures
- Youth Vote Ambassador Program

This office promotes citizenship or civic engagement among 18-24 year-olds as follows:

- Guest speakers
- Youth Vote Ambassador Program

This office partners with the following NASS partner programs: None

This office has the following legal provisions for college students who wish to register to vote using their dorm as primary address: No special legal provisions

This office is doing the following to ensure that young/first-time voters are educated about voting:

- Voter pamphlet

This office has the following new laws that will be taking effect in 2008: None

ARIZONA

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NEW for 2007-2008: Arizona Secretary of State Jan Brewer is encouraging counties to work with school district leaders to include in their election board program poll workers who will be at least sixteen years at the time of the elections.

Youth outreach program? Yes, this office participates in an array of national programs. Additionally, the Secretary of State's Web site offers a kids' page: http://www.azsos.gov/public_services/kids/.

Annual Events:

- Arizona Kids Voting
- Arizona Foundation for Legal Services & Education (Law, Youth and Citizenship)
- Arizona National Student/Parent Mock Election
- World Wrestling Entertainment "Smackdown Your Vote Rally" with participating high schools
- County fairs throughout the state
- Juneteenth (Largest annual gathering of both students and preschool children in June)
- Back-to-school outreach events (both at city parks and participating schools)
- Voter outreach and education at universities and colleges

Does state office work with counties/localities to coordinate voter education & voter registration/outreach efforts? Yes. The Arizona Secretary of State's voter outreach staff travels throughout the state (to include Native American reservations) participating in numerous county events focused on voter registration and voter education for young people.

Does state law allow poll workers/ Election Day volunteers who are 16-17 years old? Yes

Related Requirements:

- The person is a minor who will be at least sixteen years of age at the time of the election for which the person is named to the election board.
- The person is a citizen of the United States at the time of the election for which the person is named to the election board.
- The person is supervised by an adult who has been trained as an elections officer.
- The person has received training provided by the officer in charge of elections.
- The parent or guardian of the person has provided written permission for the person to serve.

Incentives provided: Participants are paid and their service is not counted as a school absence.

Poll worker/Election Day volunteer recruitment program for young people? Yes

Same-day registration? No

This office coordinates the following voter registration programs:

- High School Voter Registration Drives
- Dedicated Young Voter/First-Time Voter Page on the State Elections Website
- Public Service Announcements

- Distributing Voter Guides/Registration Materials to High Schools/Colleges
- 18th Birthday Cards Mailed to Citizens with a Voter Registration Form
- State Works with Counties/Localities to Coordinate Voter Registration Efforts

This office coordinates the following voter education programs:

- Mock Elections
- Voting Equipment Displays and Demos
- Public Service Announcements
- State Works with Counties/Localities to Coordinate Voter Education Efforts
- Pamphlets, available online at: www.azsos.gov
- Voter Guide, available online at: http://www.azsos.gov/public_services/kids/#adults

This office has the following poll worker or Election Day volunteer recruitment programs for young people (16-24 years old):

- Work with High Schools and Colleges to Recruit Young People

This office promotes citizenship or civic engagement among 18-24 year olds, as follows:

- Web Page(s) Dedicated to State History or General Civics Topics, available online at: http://www.azsos.gov/election/Voter_Outreach/Birthday_Card_Program.htm, and http://www.azsos.gov/public_services/kids/ (Under 'Teens' the URL from the Kids Page – "About to turn 18? Request a Voter Application HERE."

This office partners with the following NASS partner programs:

- Kids Voting USA
- National Student/Parent Mock Election
- WWE Smackdown Your Vote! Coalition

This office also participates with the Arizona Foundation for Legal Services & Education in promoting the principles and practices of democracy with We the People State Competition to showcase a middle school to represent Arizona at the annual national competition in Washington, DC.

This office has the following legal provisions for college students who wish to register to vote using their dorm as primary address: None


This office has the following new laws that will be taking effect in 2008: None

ARKANSAS

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NEW for 2007-2008: The Office of the Arkansas Secretary of State is exploring ways to utilize social networking sites such as Facebook to drive discussions on current events and to build interest in voting. The office is also looking at innovative methods for recruiting young poll workers and planning to employ targeted Web sites, Podcasts and online communities to boost young voter turnout.

Youth outreach program? Yes

Does state office work with counties/localities to coordinate voter education & voter registration/outreach efforts? Yes

Does state law allow poll workers/Election Day volunteers who are 16-17 years old? Yes

Related Requirements: Any student under age 18 may become an Election Page. Election Pages may observe the electoral process but cannot handle or touch ballots, voting machines or any other official election materials.

Incentives provided: None; volunteer position

Poll worker/Election Day volunteer recruitment program for young people? Yes

Same-day registration? No

This office coordinates the following voter registration programs:

- High School Voter Registration Drives
- Dedicated Young Voter/First-Time Voter Page on the State Elections Website
- Public Service Announcements
- Voter Registration Guide for First-Time Voters
- Distributing Voter Guides/Registration Materials to High Schools/Colleges

This office coordinates the following voter education programs:

- Mock Elections
- Web Page(s) Dedicated to Young or First-Time Voters, available online at: <http://www.wannabeheard.org>
- Facebook – Currently exploring ways to use this networking site to drive discussions on current events and to build interest in voting among 18-24 year-old Arkansans
- Citizenship Presentations/Resources
- Voting Equipment Displays and Demos
- Public Service Announcements
- Instructional Videos
- Guest Speakers
- State Works with Counties/Localities to Coordinate Voter Education Efforts
- Pamphlets, available online at: <http://www.sos.arkansas.gov/elections.html#publications>
- Voter Guide, available online at: <http://www.sos.arkansas.gov/elections.html#publications>

- Other: Young Voters Workshops (Spring & Fall) – Two programs at the State Capitol that draw approximately 600-700 high school students from around the state to discuss civil rights, current events, and the importance of voting

This office has the following poll worker or Election Day volunteer recruitment programs for young people (16-24 years old):

- Work with High Schools and Colleges to Recruit Young People
- Newsletters or Newspaper Articles Targeting Young People
- Brochures
- State Coordinated Efforts to Help Counties/Localities Recruit Poll Workers or Election Day Volunteers Includes Information on Reaching Young People
- Special Leave Program for State Employees or Business Professionals
- Counties are permitted to conduct a special Election Day polling place program for high school and college students. High school participants are selected by the county board in cooperation with the school principal, the local 4-H club, the local Boy Scout club, the local Girl Scout club, or any other local organization for youth designated by the county board. The county board may select college students from any two-year four-year college or university in the state.

This office promotes citizenship or civic engagement among 18-24 year-olds, as follows:

- Civics Curriculum Materials for Schools
- Guest Speakers
- Web Page(s) Dedicated to State History or General Civics Topics, available online at: <http://www.sos.arkansas.gov/education.html#students>
- Facebook (see above)
- State Capitol Youth Forums
- Other:
 - The Arkansas Secretary of State is working with education professionals to develop a new civics curriculum that meets state education requirements.
 - In addition to providing ready-to-use classroom materials for teachers, the office conducts in-service workshops each summer to demonstrate the variety of resources the Secretary of State offers to promote citizenship.

This office partners with the following NASS partner programs:

- Kids Voting USA
- National Student/Parent Mock Election

This office has the following legal provisions for college students who wish to register to vote using their dorm as primary address: No special legal provisions

This office is doing the following to ensure that young/first-time voters are educated about voting: Representatives from the Secretary of State's Office, including Secretary Daniels himself, frequently speak to high school and college students throughout the state. They also provide a handbook, *Voting 101*, which contains state information on registration and voting. A secure Web site (<https://www.voterview.ar-nova.org/>) allows voters to confirm registration status and find their polling site.

This office has the following new laws that will be taking effect in 2008: None

CALIFORNIA

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NEW for 2007-2008: As of December 2007, the California Secretary of State's Office was in the planning stages for the June and November 2008 voter education and poll worker recruitment programs. Consult the Secretary of State's Web site for updated information. The office is also exploring additional performance measures to track the effectiveness of voter registration programs in California.

Youth outreach program? Yes

Does state office work with counties/localities to coordinate registration/outreach efforts? Yes

Does state law allow poll workers/Election Day volunteers who are 16-17 years old? Yes

Related Requirements:

- A United States citizen
- At least 16 years of age at the time of the election in which he or she will be serving
- A high school student with a grade point average of at least 2.5 (based on a 4.0 scale)
- A student in good standing, attending a public or private secondary school

Incentives provided: In addition to gaining experience in the electoral process, students can also be paid between \$40 and \$80 for service (each county sets its own pay scale).

Poll worker/Election Day volunteer recruitment program for young people? Yes

Same-day registration? No

This office coordinates the following voter registration programs:

- Voter Registration Guide for First-Time Voters
- Distributing Voter Guides/Registration Materials to High Schools/Colleges
- 18th Birthday Cards Mailed to Citizens with a Voter Registration Form
- Graduation Cards with Voter Registration Applications for High School Seniors
- State Works with Counties/Localities to Coordinate Voter Registration Efforts
- Other: High School Mock Elections and a Facebook group aimed at engaging young people in the democratic process. The group is called: My Voice, My Choice, MyVote.

This office coordinates the following voter education programs:

- Mock Elections
- Web Page(s) Dedicated to Young or First-Time Voters, available online at: <http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/studentmockelection.htm>
- Other: Facebook (Group name – My Voice. My Choice. My Vote)
- Citizenship Presentations/Resources
- Voting Equipment Displays and Demos
- Guest Speakers
- State Works with Counties/Localities to Coordinate Voter Education Efforts
- Voter Guide, which can be found online at: http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/elections_i.htm

This office has the following poll worker or Election Day volunteer recruitment programs for young people (16-24 years-old):

- Work with High Schools and Colleges to Recruit Young People
- Newsletters or Newspaper Articles Targeting Young People
- Brochures
- State Coordinated Efforts to Help Counties/Localities Recruit Poll Workers or Election Day Volunteers Includes Information on Reaching Young People
- Special Leave Program for State Employees or Business Professionals

This office promotes citizenship or civic engagement among 18-24 yr olds as follows:

- Civics Curriculum Materials for Schools
- Guest Speakers
- Web Page(s) Dedicated to State History or General Civics Topics, available online at: http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/sme_curriculum.htm
- State Capitol Youth Forums
- Other: The California Secretary of State supports legislative efforts, such as, encouraging young people to serve as poll workers on Election Day

This office partners with the following NASS partner programs:

- National Student/Parent Mock Election
- Overseas Vote Foundation

This office has the following legal provisions for college students who wish to register to vote using their dorm as primary address: None

This office has the following new laws that will be taking effect in 2008: Senate Bill 854 requires every California Community College and California State University campus that operates an automated class registration system to provide an automated program to permit students to elect to receive, during their class registration process, a pre-printed voter registration form.


Please see the following link for further information: http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/07-08/bill/sen/sb_0851_0900/sb_854_bill_20071011_chaptered.html

FLORIDA

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NEW for 2007-2008: See information below on new law that allows pre-registration for eligible voters.

Youth outreach program? No

Does state office work with counties/localities to coordinate registration/outreach efforts? The state provides funds to each county supervisor of elections to assist with voter education activities. However, counties are responsible for implementing voter education programs.

Does state law allow poll workers/ Election Day volunteers who are 16-17 years old? Yes

Related requirements: State law allows individuals under 18 to serve as poll workers if they are pre-registered to vote.

Incentives provided: County is responsible for establishing criteria for any payments.

Poll worker/Election Day volunteer recruitment program for young people? No; county function

Same-day registration? No

This office coordinates the following voter registration programs: County function

This office coordinates the following voter education programs: County function

This office has the following poll worker or Election Day volunteer recruitment programs for young people (16-24 years-old): County function

This office promotes citizenship or civic engagement among 18-24 year olds as follows: None

This office partners with the following NASS partner programs: None

This office has the following legal provisions for college students who wish to register to vote using their dorm as primary address: None

This office is doing the following to ensure that young/first-time voters are educated about voting:
County function

This office has the following new laws that will be taking effect in 2008:

In Florida, a person who is otherwise qualified to vote may pre-register on or after that person's 17th birthday. Effective January 1, 2008, a person who is otherwise qualified to vote may pre-register upon receipt of a valid Florida driver's license. This will potentially allow individuals who are younger than 17 to pre-register to vote.

GEORGIA

Secretary of State: Hon. Karen Handel

Survey Contact: Michael McCarthy, Director of Elections

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NEW for 2007-2008: The Georgia Secretary of State's Office has created a new voter outreach program for high school students, including materials and publicity efforts surrounding its statewide launch. The office anticipates distribution to approximately 300 additional high schools in January 2008.

Youth outreach program? Yes

Does state office work with counties/localities to coordinate registration/outreach efforts? Yes

Does state law allow poll workers/Election Day volunteers who are 16-17 years old? Yes

Related requirements: Not applicable

Incentives provided: Payment and service hours are determined by each county

Poll worker/Election Day volunteer recruitment program for young people? Yes

Same-day registration? No

This office coordinates the following voter registration programs:

- High School Voter Registration Drives
- Dedicated Young Voter/First-Time Voter Page on the State Elections Website
- Public Service Announcements (Press Office)
- Voter Registration Guide for First-Time Voters
- Vote in Honor of a Veteran (not in reprint)
- Distributing Voter Guides/Registration Materials to High Schools/Colleges
- State Works with Counties/Localities to Coordinate Voter Registration Efforts

This office coordinates the following voter education programs:

- Mock Elections - participated in Youth Leadership Initiative in 2007.
- Web Page(s) Dedicated to Young or First-Time Voters: <http://www.sos.ga.gov/elections/#>
- Citizenship Presentations/Resources
- Voting Equipment Displays and Demos
- Public Service Announcements (Press Office)
- Instructional Videos
- Guest Speakers
- State Works with Counties/Localities to Coordinate Voter Education Efforts
- Pamphlets: Available online at <http://www.gaphotoid.com/Brochures.html> and <http://www.sos.ga.gov/elections/#>
- Voter Guide: Available online at <http://www.gaphotoid.com/Brochures.html>

This office has the following poll worker or Election Day volunteer recruitment programs for young people (16-24 years-old):

- Winter 2008 intern program will focus on development of statewide student poll worker program

This office promotes citizenship or civic engagement among 18-24 year olds as follows:

- Civics Curriculum Materials for Schools – mailed upon request
- Guest Speakers – limited, upon request
- Web Page(s) Dedicated to State History or General Civics Topics, available online at http://www.sos.ga.gov/State_Capitol/#
- State Capitol Youth Forums – 2007 College Day at the Capitol

This office has used resources and materials from the following NASS partner programs:

- Close Up Foundation
- Declare Yourself
- University of Virginia Youth Leadership

This office has the following legal provisions for college students who wish to register to vote using their dorm as primary address: No special legal provisions

This office is doing the following to ensure that young/first-time voters are educated about voting: Voter registration kits include appropriate brochures

This office has the following new laws that will be taking effect in 2008: None

IDAHO

Secretary of State: Hon. Ben Ysursa

Survey Contact: Tim Hurst, Deputy Secretary of State

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NEW for 2007-2008: Idaho will hold its first statewide student mock election.

Youth outreach program? Yes

Does state office work with counties/localities to coordinate registration/outreach efforts? Yes

Does state law allow poll workers/ Election Day volunteers who are 16-17 years old? Yes

Related requirements: Must be at least 17 years old and a US citizen

Incentives provided: Students receive same compensation as other poll workers

Poll worker/Election Day volunteer recruitment program for young people? Yes

Same-day registration? Yes

This office coordinates the following voter registration programs:

- 18th Birthday Cards Mailed to Citizens with a Voter Registration Form
- State Works with Counties/Localities to Coordinate Voter Registration Efforts

This office coordinates the following voter education programs:

- Mock Elections
- Citizenship Presentations/Resources
- State Works with Counties/Localities to Coordinate Voter Education Efforts

This office has the following poll worker or Election Day volunteer recruitment programs for young people (16-24 years-old):

- Work with High Schools and Colleges to Recruit Young People
- State Coordinated Efforts to Help Counties/Localities Recruit Poll Workers or Election Day Volunteers Includes Information on Reaching Young People

This office promotes citizenship or civic engagement among 18-24 yr olds as follows:

- Civics Curriculum Materials for Schools
- Guest Speakers
- Web Page(s) Dedicated to State History or General Civics Topics, available online at:
<http://www.idsos.state.id.us/Civics/civics.htm>

This office partners with the following NASS partner programs: Overseas Vote Foundation

This office has the following legal provisions for college students who wish to register to vote using their dorm as primary address: Idaho has a polling place locator and instructions for college students regarding residency for voting purposes on the Secretary of State's Web site:


<http://www.idsos.state.id.us/>.

This office has the following new laws that will be taking effect in 2008: None

ILLINOIS

State Elections Director/Survey Contact: Dan White (Secretary of State Jesse White does not oversee elections)

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NEW for 2007-2008: New state law allows high school juniors to serve as poll workers and college students to serve as judges in precincts outside of where they are entitled to vote.

Youth outreach program? No

Does state office work with counties/localities to coordinate registration/outreach efforts? Yes

Does state law allow poll workers/Election Day volunteers who are 16-17 years-old? Yes

Related requirements: 3.0 GPA

Incentives provided: None

Poll worker/Election Day volunteer recruitment program for young people? No

Same-day registration? No

This office coordinates the following voter registration programs:

- Public Service Announcements
- Distributing Voter Guides/Registration Materials to High Schools/Colleges

This office coordinates the following voter education programs:

- Mock Elections
- Voting Equipment Displays and Demos
- Public Service Announcements

This office has the following poll worker or Election Day volunteer recruitment programs for young people (16-24 years-old): None

This office promotes citizenship or civic engagement among 18-24 year-olds, as follows: None

This office partners with the following NASS partner programs: None

This office has the following legal provisions for college students who wish to register to vote using their dorm as primary address: No special legal provisions

This office has the following new laws that will be taking effect in 2008:

Illinois has just passed a law allowing high school juniors (seniors already qualify) to serve as judges of election and permits college students to serve as judges in precincts where they are not entitled to vote.

INDIANA

Secretary of State: Hon. Todd Rokita

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NEW for 2007-2008: The Secretary of State's Office is mailing Overseas Voters' Guides (with voter registration and absentee balloting information) to College Study Abroad Offices for Indiana students traveling overseas.

Youth outreach program? Yes

Does state office work with counties/localities to coordinate registration/outreach efforts? Yes

Does state law allow poll workers/Election Day volunteers who are 16-17 years old? Yes

Related requirements: Yes, please see http://www.in.gov/sos/elections/hava/election_day.html

Incentives provided: Same rate of payment as that of regular poll workers

Poll worker/Election Day volunteer recruitment program for young people? Yes

Same-day registration? No

This office coordinates the following voter registration programs:

- Dedicated Young Voter/First-Time Voter Page on the State Elections Website
- Voter Registration Guide for First-Time Voters
- Distributing Voter Guides/Registration Materials to High Schools/Colleges
- State Works with Counties/Localities to Coordinate Voter Registration Efforts
- Other: Mailing of Overseas Voters' Guides to College Study Abroad Offices for students traveling overseas, including voter registration and absentee balloting information

This office coordinates the following voter education programs:

- Mock Elections: for K through 12 classrooms
- Web Page(s) Dedicated to Young or First-Time Voters, available at http://www.in.gov/sos/elections/pdfs/First_Time_Voters_Guide.pdf and <http://www.in.gov/sos/elections/hava/college-index.html>
- State Works with Counties/Localities to Coordinate Voter Education Efforts
- Pamphlets, located at: <http://www.in.gov/sos/elections/hava/pdf/FutureCard.pdf>

This office has the following poll worker or Election Day volunteer recruitment programs for young people (16-24 years-old):

- Work with High Schools and Colleges to Recruit Young People
- Brochures
- State Coordinated Efforts to Help Counties/Localities Recruit Poll Workers or Election Day Volunteers Includes Information on Reaching Young People

This office promotes citizenship or civic engagement among 18-24 yr olds as follows:

- Civics Curriculum Materials for Schools
- Guest Speakers

This office partners with the following NASS partner programs: None

This office has the following legal provisions for college students who wish to register to vote using their dorm as primary address:

- Under Indiana law, voters (including students) are required to register to vote using where they consider their “permanent residence”, including dorms or student housing. Furthermore, Indiana has added a provision ensuring that students are not to be challenged and must cast a provisional ballot solely on the basis of living in student housing. For detailed information written for college students, please visit: <http://www.in.gov/sos/elections/hava/college-index.html>

This office is doing the following to ensure that young/first-time voters are educated about voting:

- Though Indiana does not do young/first-time voter specific advertising, general voter information, photo ID specific and voter registration information is advertised using TV, radio and print ads, transit (bus) advertising and voter information materials are available free to the public.
- Indiana staff is also available for presentations (on campus or through other organizations) and will supply voter registration drive kits and educational materials for free to any organization upon request.


This office has the following new laws that will be taking effect in 2008: None

IOWA

Secretary of State: Hon. Michael Mauro

Survey Contact: Linda Langenberg, Deputy Secretary of State

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NEW for 2007-2008: Iowa begins offering same-day registration in January 2008; new law also allows 17 year-olds to serve as poll workers (see details on new state laws below).

Youth outreach program? Yes

Does state office work with counties/localities to coordinate registration/outreach efforts? Yes

Does state law allow poll workers/ Election Day volunteers who are 16-17 years old? Yes. Only 17 year-olds may work at the polls.

Related requirements: Not applicable

Incentives provided: Not applicable

Poll worker/Election Day volunteer recruitment program for young people? No

Same-day registration? Yes

This office coordinates the following voter registration programs:

- High School Voter Registration Drives
- Dedicated Young Voter/First-Time Voter Page on the State Elections Website
- Voter Registration Guide for First-Time Voters
- Vote in Honor of a Veteran
- Distributing Voter Guides/Registration Materials to High Schools/Colleges
- State Works with Counties/Localities to Coordinate Voter Registration Efforts
- Other:
 - Capitol Youth Day
 - Capitol Project Week
 - Boys State and Girls State
 - Iowa State Fair

This office coordinates the following voter education programs:

- Mock Elections
- Citizenship Presentations/Resources
- Voting Equipment Displays and Demos
- Instructional Videos
- Guest Speakers
- State Works with Counties/Localities to Coordinate Voter Education Efforts
- Voter Guide, available online at www.sos.state.ia.us

This office has the following poll worker or Election Day volunteer recruitment programs for young people (16-24 years-old): Poll workers are recruited at the county level – the Iowa legislature just passed a bill to allow 17 year olds to work at the polls.

This office promotes citizenship or civic engagement among 18-24 year-olds, as follows:

- Civics Curriculum Materials for Schools
- Guest Speakers
- Web Page(s) Dedicated to State History or General Civics Topics, available at www.sos.state.ia.us
- State Capitol Youth Forums

This office partners with the following NASS partner programs:

- Close Up Foundation

Iowa Secretary of State also partners with Rock the Vote.

This office has the following legal provisions for college students who wish to register to vote using their dorm as primary address: Visit Iowa's Web page – www.sos.state.ia.us – and click on Voters/Elections and then on College Student Votes

This office is doing the following to ensure that young/first-time voters are educated about voting: Iowa is partnering with Google to put polling locations online.

This office has the following new laws that will be taking effect in 2008:

- Same-day Registration
- Voter Verified paper trail provided
- Seventeen year-olds may work at polls
- Couriers no longer required to pick-up absentee ballots

KANSAS

Secretary of State: Hon. Ron Thornburgh

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New for 2007-2008: The Kansas Secretary of State's Office 2008 voter outreach program will include activities directed toward college students, such as football game day PSAs and registration booths.

Youth outreach program? Youth outreach is a component of the office's voter programs, although these efforts are coordinated through county election offices. The office also provides support for the state's Kids Voting program.

Does state office work with counties/localities to coordinate registration/outreach efforts? Yes

Does state law allow poll workers/ Election Day volunteers who are 16-17 years old? Yes

Related requirements: Must be a US citizen and a state resident. Most counties also require students to be in good standing at school.

Incentives provided: Depending on the locality, they may receive pay or school credit.

Poll worker/Election Day volunteer recruitment program for young people? No

Same-day registration? No

This office coordinates the following voter registration programs:

- Public Service Announcements
- Vote in Honor of a Veteran
- State Works with Counties/Localities to Coordinate Voter Registration Efforts
- Kids Voting Kansas

This office coordinates the following voter education programs:

- Voting Equipment Displays and Demos
- Public Service Announcements
- Guest Speakers
- State Works with Counties/Localities to Coordinate Voter Education Efforts
- Pamphlets, available online at: <http://www.voteks.org/>

This office has the following poll worker recruitment programs for young people: None

This office promotes citizenship or civic engagement among 18-24 year-olds, as follows:

- Guest Speakers
- (2002 and 2004) Vote in Honor of a Veteran Program

This office partners with the following NASS partner programs:

- Kids Voting USA
- Overseas Vote Foundation
- (2006) WWE Smackdown Your Vote! Coalition

This office has the following legal provisions for college students who wish to register to vote using their dorm as primary address: According to state law, any qualified elector may register to vote at the address he/she considers to be his/her residence.

This office has the following new laws that will be taking effect in 2008: No, but it is possible for new laws to be passed during the 2008 legislative session.

KENTUCKY

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NEW for 2007-2008: The office is working toward the development of a youth poll worker program that may qualify for federal funding.

Youth outreach program? Yes. The Secretary of State's Office established the Civic Literacy Initiative of Kentucky (CLIK), a bi-partisan effort to reverse disturbing trends in civic engagement among 18-24 year olds. Since its inception, the initiative has garnered the support of individuals from all three branches of state government, representatives from universities and the Kentucky Department of Education. Activities of CLIK include the Kentucky Teacher Network for Excellence in Civic Education and organizing and planning the Annual Southern Coalition Conference on Civic Education.

Does state office work with counties/localities to coordinate registration/outreach efforts? Yes, in conjunction with the state board of elections. Voter registration guides are distributed upon request.

Does state law allow poll workers/Election Day volunteers who are 16-17 years old? No

Poll worker/Election Day volunteer recruitment program for young people? No

Same-day registration? No

This office coordinates the following voter registration programs:

- High School Voter Registration Drives
- Dedicated Young Voter/First-Time Voter Page on the State Elections Website
- Voter Registration Guide for First-Time Voters
- Vote in Honor of a Veteran
- Distributing Voter Guides/Registration Materials to High Schools/Colleges
- Other: Prior to the 2007 election, Secretary Grayson worked with the Governor's Office to establish the week before the voter registration deadline as "Kentucky Voter Registration Week."

This office coordinates the following voter education programs:

- Mock Elections: (University Mock Elections & Kentucky Student Mock Elections)
- Web Page(s) Dedicated to Young or First-Time Voters, available online at: www.vote.ky.gov
- Citizenship Presentations/Resources
- Voting Equipment Displays and Demos
- Guest Speakers
- Voter Guide, available online at: <http://www.elect.ky.gov/registrationinfo/infoguide.htm>
- Other: The Office of the Secretary of State, in partnership with the Kentucky Education Association and with the support of the Scripps Howard First Amendment Center (a division of the University of Kentucky School of Journalism), coordinates an annual voter slogan and essay contest for middle and high school students in accordance with KRS 117.900. Though the contest always highlights issues related to voting and elections, this year the essay contest also addresses the First Amendment right to freedom of the press.

This office has the following poll worker or Election Day volunteer recruitment programs for young people (16-24 years old): None

This office promotes citizenship or civic engagement among 18-24 year olds, as follows:

- Civics Curriculum Materials for Schools: The Kentucky Teacher Network's educators developed the state's new civics Web site: www.civics.ky.gov
- Vote in Honor of a Veteran Program
- Other: Prior to primary and general elections, the Office of the Secretary of State holds a "University Mock Election Tour" to increase civic engagement among 18-24 year olds. A representative travels to colleges and universities across the state to provide students with an opportunity to vote on an e-slate voting machine and to register students who have not registered or wish to make changes in their registration status. The Office provides students with information regarding their rights and responsibilities as voters. Students are directed to our Voter Information Center: <https://cdcbp.ky.gov/VICWeb/index.jsp>.

This office partners with the following NASS partner programs:

- Kids Voting USA
- National Student/Parent Mock Election
- Overseas Vote Foundation
- University of Virginia Youth Leadership
- WWE Smackdown Your Vote! Coalition

In 2007, Secretary Trey Grayson partnered with the University of Virginia's Youth Leadership Institute to add outstanding curricula to the educational programming that provides Kentucky students the opportunity to cast their ballots shortly before Election Day.

This office has the following legal provisions for college students who wish to register to vote using their dorm as primary address: College students who will be away from home on Election Day may vote in one of two ways. They may request an absentee ballot from their home county's county clerk, or they may re-register in the county where they reside while attending school.

This office is doing the following to ensure that young/first-time voters are educated about voting:

This office is committed to providing all citizens of the Commonwealth with accurate information regarding polling locations, residency requirements and voter ID laws. Through Kentucky's Voter Information Center (<https://cdcbp.ky.gov/VICWeb/index.jsp>) state residents may view the exact location of their polling place and view the review their registration status. Additionally, first-time voters may access information regarding elections via the Secretary of State and State Board of Elections Web sites.

This office has the following new laws that will be taking effect in 2008: None

LOUISIANA

Secretary of State: Hon. Jay Dardenne

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NEW for 2007-2008: State will release new outreach materials for the 2008 elections.

Youth outreach program? Yes

Does state office work with counties/localities to coordinate registration/outreach efforts? Yes

Does state law allow poll workers/Election Day volunteers who are 16-17 years old? Yes, 17 year-olds may work the polls

Related requirements: Must be a high school senior

Incentives provided: Paid same rate as other poll workers

Poll worker/Election Day volunteer recruitment program for young people? Yes

Same-day registration? No

This office coordinates the following voter registration programs:

- High School Voter Registration Drives
- Dedicated Young Voter/First-Time Voter Page on the State Elections Website
- Public Service Announcements
- Voter Registration Guide for First-Time Voters
- Distributing Voter Guides/Registration Materials to High Schools/Colleges
- State Works with Counties/Localities to Coordinate Voter Registration Efforts
- Other: Annual Voter Registration Week statewide; private elections for public groups and schools; reader's choice award elections in schools.

This office coordinates the following voter education programs:

- Mock Elections
- Web Page(s) Dedicated to Young or First-Time Voters at www.geauxvote.com
- Voting Equipment Displays and Demos
- Public Service Announcements
- Instructional Videos
- Guest Speakers
- State Works with Counties/Localities to Coordinate Voter Education Efforts
- Pamphlets, available online at www.geauxvote.com
- Voter Guide, available online at www.geauxvote.com

This office has the following poll worker recruitment programs for young people (17-24 years old):

- Work with High Schools and Colleges to Recruit Young People
- College Program/Credits
- Public Service Announcements and Informational Videos
- Brochures
- State Coordinated Efforts to Help Counties/Localities Recruit Poll Workers or Election Day Volunteers

This office promotes citizenship or civic engagement among 18-24 year olds as follows:

- Civics curriculum materials for schools
- Web Page(s) Dedicated to State History or General Civics Topics available online at www.geauxvote.com
- State Capitol Youth Forums

This office partners with the following NASS partner programs:

- National Student/Parent Mock Election
- WWE Smackdown Your Vote! Coalition

This office has the following legal provisions for college students who wish to register to vote using their dorm as primary address: No special legal provisions

This office is doing the following to ensure that young/first-time voters are educated about voting: www.geauxvote.com dedicates space/information for younger citizens

This office has the following new laws that will be taking effect in 2008: None

MAINE

Secretary of State: Hon. Matthew Dunlap

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Youth outreach program? Yes

Does state office work with counties/localities to coordinate registration/outreach efforts? Yes

Does state law allow poll workers/ Election Day volunteers who are 16-17 years old? Yes, 17 year olds can serve as poll workers and are known as election clerks in Maine.

Related requirements: None

Incentives provided: Local jurisdictions may pay regular rate for poll workers

Poll worker/Election Day volunteer recruitment program for young people? No

Same-day registration? Yes

This office coordinates the following voter registration programs:

- High School Voter Registration Drives
- Public Service Announcements
- Voter Registration Guide for First-Time Voters
- Vote in Honor of a Veteran
- Distributing Voter Guides/Registration Materials to High Schools/Colleges
- State Works with Counties/Localities to Coordinate Voter Registration Efforts

This office coordinates the following voter education programs: Mock Elections

This office has the following poll worker or Election Day volunteer recruitment programs for young people (16-24 yrs old): Municipalities and state/local party caucuses nominate poll workers.

This office promotes citizenship or civic engagement among 18-24 year olds as follows:

- Vote in Honor of a Veteran Program

This office partners with the following NASS partner programs:

- National Student/Parent Mock Election

This office has the following legal provisions for college students who wish to register to vote using their dorm as primary address: If college students meet Maine voting residency requirements (and establish their dorm as their fixed and principal home), they can register and vote from that address.

This office is doing the following to ensure that young/first-time voters are educated about voting: Maine provides materials with the high school and college voter registration programs.

This office has the following new laws that will be taking effect in 2008: None

MARYLAND

State Elections Director: Linda Lamone (Secretary of State Dennis Schnepfe does not oversee elections)

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NEW for 2007-2008: Maryland State Board of Elections created accounts with MySpace and Craig's List to inform individuals about voter registration, voting, and election judge recruitment.

Youth outreach program? No

Does state office work with counties/localities to coordinate outreach efforts? Yes

Does state law allow poll workers/ Election Day volunteers who are 16-17 years old? Yes

Related requirements: Parent or guardian must consent to service for those under age 18

Incentives provided: Same rate of pay as other election judges

Poll worker/Election Day volunteer recruitment program for young people? Yes

Same-day registration? No

This office coordinates the following voter registration programs:

- State Works with Counties/Localities to Coordinate Voter Registration Efforts
- Other: On request, state will provide a certificate acknowledging application of voter registration to be presented at high school graduations

This office coordinates the following voter education programs:

- Web Page(s) Dedicated to Young or First-Time Voters
- Other: MySpace and Craig's List pages
- State Works with Counties/Localities to Coordinate Voter Education Efforts

This office has the following poll worker or Election Day volunteer recruitment programs for young people (16-24 years old):

- Work with High Schools and Colleges to Recruit Young People
- College Program/Credits – trying to get started
- State Coordinated Efforts to Help Counties/Localities Recruit Poll Workers
- Special Leave Program for State Employees or Business Professionals

This office partners with the following NASS partner programs:

- National Student/Parent Mock Election
- Overseas Vote Foundation

This office has the following legal provisions for college students who wish to register to vote using their dorm as primary address: No special legal provisions

This office is doing the following to ensure that young/first-time voters are educated about voting:

Maryland has a polling place locator on the State Board of Elections Web site, as well as information about residency, identification, and absentee voting: <http://www.elections.state.md.us/about/contact.html>.

This office has the following new laws that will be taking effect in 2008: None

MICHIGAN

Secretary of State: Hon. Terri Lynn Land

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NEW for 2007-2008: See information below on state's new photo identification law for voting.

Youth outreach program? Yes

Does state office work with counties/localities to coordinate registration/outreach efforts? Yes

Does state law allow poll workers/Election Day volunteers who are 16-17 years old? Yes

Related requirements: None

Incentives provided: Same rate of pay as other poll workers. Additional incentives may be provided at the jurisdictional level.

Poll worker/Election Day volunteer recruitment program for young people? Yes

Same-day registration? No

This office coordinates the following voter registration programs:

- High School Voter Registration Drives
- Dedicated Young Voter/First-Time Voter Page on the State Elections Website
- Public Service Announcements
- Distributing Voter Guides/Registration Materials to High Schools/Colleges
- 18th Birthday Cards Mailed to Citizens with a Voter Registration Form
- State Works with Counties/Localities to Coordinate Voter Registration Efforts
- Other :
 - Citizenship ceremonies for newly registered voters
 - Special email broadcasts to college students
 - Instructional video targeting young voters
 - Mobile branch office on college campuses to register students to vote

This office coordinates the following voter education programs:

- Web Page(s) Dedicated to Young or First-Time Voters, at www.michigan.gov/vote
- Citizenship Presentations/Resources
- Voting Equipment Displays and Demos
- Public Service Announcements
- Instructional Videos
- Guest Speakers
- State Works with Counties/Localities to Coordinate Voter Education Efforts
- Pamphlets based on this information: <http://www.michigan.gov/sos/0,1607,7-127-1633---,00.html>
- Voter Guide
- Other: Special email broadcasts

This office has the following poll worker or Election Day volunteer recruitment programs for young people (16-24 years old): These efforts are coordinated at the local city/township level. The state assists if there is a specific request.

This office promotes citizenship or civic engagement among 18-24 year olds as follows:

- Guest Speakers
- State Capitol Youth Forums
- Volunteer Fairs

This office partners with the following NASS partner programs:

- Overseas Vote Foundation
- WWE Smackdown Your Vote! Coalition

This office has the following legal provisions for college students who wish to register to vote using their dorm as primary address: The address used for voter registration must also be used for driver's license purposes.

This office is doing the following to ensure that young/first-time voters are educated about voting: Michigan provides the public with information on the Michigan Voter Information Center Web site: www.michigan.gov/vote.

This office has the following new laws that will be taking effect in 2008:

Michigan has a new voter identification requirement. To comply, voters must show picture ID at the polls. Voters without photo ID can vote by signing an affidavit.

MINNESOTA

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NEW for 2007-2008: Online voter's guide planned for 2008; other programs also in development.

Youth outreach program? No, but during 2008 the Minnesota Secretary of State's Office may have young voter outreach staff within their broader voter outreach program. The state will host the Declaration of Independence as part of its 150th anniversary commemoration.

Does state office work with counties/localities to coordinate registration/outreach efforts? Yes

Does state law allow poll workers/ Election Day volunteers who are 16-17 years old? Yes

Related requirements: None

Incentives provided: Varies according to locality

Poll worker/Election Day volunteer recruitment program for young people? Yes

Same-day registration? Yes

This office coordinates the following voter registration programs:

- High School Voter Registration Drives
- Public Service Announcements
- Vote in Honor of a Veteran
- Distributing Voter Guides/Registration Materials to High Schools/Colleges
- Graduation Cards with Voter Registration Applications for High School Seniors
- State Works with Counties/Localities to Coordinate Voter Registration Efforts
- OTHER: Minnesota also does the following:
 - Works with Smackdown Your Vote, Rock the Vote, MTV, Minnesota Council for Non-Profits and Declare Yourself to promote young voters
 - Works to reach young voters who are new Minnesotans and New Americans through community and immigrant organizations
 - Works with the University of Minnesota to reach young voters with disabilities that are in public schools (K-12, post-secondary, etc.) and other public institutions
 - Partners with the Overseas Vote Foundation to reach young people who are overseas in the military, in school, working, volunteering, or in missionary service
 - Works with the state's largest employers to mobilize their young employees to be active on Election Day as poll workers, Get out the Vote Messengers, etc.

This office coordinates the following voter education programs:

- Mock Elections
- Citizenship Presentations/Resources
- Voting Equipment Displays and Demos
- Public Service Announcements
- Instructional Videos
- Guest Speakers
- State Works with Counties/Localities to Coordinate Voter Education Efforts

- Pamphlets, available online at: www.sos.state.mn.us

This office has the following poll worker or Election Day volunteer recruitment programs for young people (16-24 years old):

- Work with High Schools and Colleges to Recruit Young People
- Public Service Announcements and Informational Videos Illustrating the Need for
- Poll Workers and Election Day Volunteers
- Newsletters or Newspaper Articles Targeting Young People
- Brochures
- State Coordinated Efforts to Help Counties/Localities Recruit Poll Workers or Election Day Volunteers Includes Information on Reaching Young People
- Special Leave Program for State Employees or Business Professionals
- OTHER: Special employer program to recruit large numbers of young employees as poll workers

This office promotes citizenship or civic engagement among 18-24 yr olds as follows:

- Civics Curriculum Materials for Schools
- Guest speakers
- Vote in Honor of a Veteran Program

This office partners with the following NASS partner programs:

- Capitol Forum
- Close Up Foundation
- Kids Voting USA
- Declare Yourself
- Overseas Vote Foundation
- People of America Foundation
- WWE Smackdown Your Vote! Coalition

Minnesota also partners with MTV and the Minnesota Council of Non-Profits.

This office has the following legal provisions for college students who wish to register to vote using their dorm as primary address: Colleges provide a list of enrolled students to polling places and this makes same day registration easier by enabling students to register with just their college ID as permissible identification.

This office is doing the following to ensure that young/first-time voters are educated about voting:
The office is planning outreach through the media.

This office has the following new laws that will be taking effect in 2008:
At the time of the survey, this office was not sure.

MONTANA

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NEW for 2007-2008: Montana is planning new programs for 2008; no details available as of December 2007.

Youth outreach program? Yes

Does state office work with counties/localities to coordinate registration/outreach efforts? Yes

Does state law allow poll workers/ Election Day volunteers who are 16-17 years old? Yes

Related requirements: None

Incentives provided: None

Poll worker/Election Day volunteer recruitment program for young people? Yes

Same-day registration? Yes

This office coordinates the following voter registration programs:

- Distributing Voter Guides/Registration Materials to High Schools/Colleges
- State Works with Counties/Localities to Coordinate Voter Registration Efforts
- Other: State law requires this office to work with the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction on youth outreach, which includes: conducting surveys of county election administrators to gauge their interest in youth vote programs, forwarding positive responses to county election administrators, and providing information to youth voting programs/groups (including an active partnership with National Student/Parent Mock Election).

This office coordinates the following voter education programs:

- Mock Elections
- State Works with Counties/Localities to Coordinate Voter Education Efforts
- Other: Their statutes require them to work with the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction on outreach to youth. We conduct surveys of county election administrators to gauge their interest in youth vote programs, forward positive responses to county election administrators, and provide information to each group on youth voting programs. We are especially active in assisting with the National Student/Parent Mock Voting program.

This office has the following poll worker or Election Day volunteer recruitment programs for young people (16-24 years old):

- State Coordinated Efforts to Help Counties/Localities Recruit Poll Workers or Election Day Volunteers Includes Information on Reaching Young People
- Other: They are considering legislation to expand their youth poll worker program to allow people under 18 to serve as election judges.

This office promotes citizenship or civic engagement among 18-24 yr olds as follows:

- Civics Curriculum Materials for Schools
- Guest Speakers, on request
- State Capitol Youth Forums: These are sponsored by other agencies.

- Other: Their statutes require them to work with the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction on outreach to youth. They conduct surveys of county election administrators to gauge their interest in youth vote programs, forward positive responses to county election administrators, and provide information to each group on youth voting programs. They are especially active in assisting with the National Student/Parent Mock Voting program.

This office partners with the following NASS partner programs:

- Capitol Forum
- Close Up Foundation
- Kids Voting USA
- National Student/Parent Mock Election

The Office of the Montana Secretary of State also provides detailed voter and civics education information to schools and county election administrators.

This office has the following legal provisions for college students who wish to register to vote using their dorm as primary address: No special legal provisions, but Montana has directed the counties to allow college students to vote using their dorm as a primary residence.

This office is doing the following to ensure that young/first-time voters are educated about voting: Montana conducts voter education events in college towns and on college campuses around the state.

This office has the following new laws that will be taking effect in 2008: None

NEBRASKA

Secretary of State: Hon. John A. Gale

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NEW for 2007-2008: Secretary of State's Office plans to start a college poll worker recruitment program.

Youth outreach program? Yes

Does state office work with counties/localities to coordinate registration/outreach efforts? Yes

Does state law allow poll workers/ Election Day volunteers who are 16-17 years old? Yes

Related requirements: Students ages 16 to 18 years-old can serve on the receiving board.
Students ages 14 to 18 can serve as AutoMARK techs, greeters, and assistants.

Incentives provided: Those who serve 4+ hours are eligible for a \$50 savings bond drawing.

Poll worker/Election Day volunteer recruitment program for youth? Yes

Same-day registration? No

This office coordinates the following voter registration programs:

- Voter Registration Guide for First-Time Voters
- Vote in Honor of a Veteran
- Distributing Voter Guides/Registration Materials to High Schools/Colleges
- Other: Youth Election Services and Honor a Veteran Program

Impact voter registration programs have had on increasing voter registration: Not Applicable

This office coordinates the following voter education programs:

- Public Service Announcements
- Instructional Videos
- State Works with Counties/Localities to Coordinate Voter Education Efforts
- Pamphlets and Voter Guide, available online at: <http://www.sos.ne.gov/dyindex.htm>

This office has the following poll worker or Election Day volunteer recruitment programs for young people (16-24 yrs old):

- Brochures
- State Coordinated Efforts to Help Counties Recruit Poll Workers Includes Info for Young People

This office promotes citizenship or civic engagement among 18-24 yr olds as follows:

- Civics Curriculum Materials for Schools: Student Vote
- State Capitol Youth Forums & Vote in Honor of a Veteran Program

This office partners with the following NASS partner programs:

- Capitol Forum
- Declare Yourself (have worked with them in the past)

This office has the following legal provisions for college students who wish to register to vote using their dorm as primary address: No special legal provisions


This office has the following new laws that will be taking effect in 2008: None

NEVADA

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NEW for 2007-2008: Nevada will unveil a Web site designed to inform new/young voters about voter registration and voting details and requirements. The site will be accessible through state college Web pages, as well as the Secretary of State Office's Web site. Additionally, the office is designing a polling place locator to allow individuals to look up their voting record, confirm registration, and find polling place details. See details below on new law allowing faxing of ballots for overseas state residents.

Youth outreach program? Nevada partners with various programs that are conducted by both governmental and nongovernmental organizations. Involvement ranges from endorsement to monetary support. Additionally, through the State Advisory Committee for Participatory Democracy (ACPD), the Secretary of State's Office provides funding for various outreach programs, including youth outreach.

Does state office work with counties/localities to coordinate registration/outreach efforts? Yes. Nevada works with all 17 counties to coordinate voter education, training, outreach and voter registration.

Does state law allow poll workers/ Election Day volunteers who are 16-17 years old? Yes; duties assigned are in local election official's discretion.

Related requirements: Students must be at least 16 years of age and enrolled in high school.

Incentives provided: Students are compensated at the same rate as other poll workers and may be eligible for school credit, if coordinated with a specific high school class project.

Poll worker/Election Day volunteer recruitment program for young people? Nevada specifically is not involved in active recruiting of poll workers, but we are working with the counties to help them come up with ways to improve poll worker recruitment, retention and training.

Same-day registration? No

This office coordinates the following voter registration programs:

- High School Voter Registration Drives
- Dedicated Young Voter/First-Time Voter Page on the State Elections Website
- Public Service Announcements
- Distributing Voter Guides/Registration Materials to High Schools/Colleges
- State Works with Counties/Localities to Coordinate Voter Registration Efforts

Impact voter registration programs have had on increasing voter registration: Not applicable. This office has not used any resources to quantify changes in voter registration due to outreach/education efforts. However, this office issues monthly voter registration reports to reflect increases in registration.

This office coordinates the following voter education programs:

- Web Page(s) Dedicated to Young or First-Time Voters, available at: <http://sos.state.nv.us/>
- Voting Equipment Displays and Demos
- Public Service Announcements
- Guest Speakers
- State Works with Counties/Localities to Coordinate Voter Education Efforts
- Voter Guide, available online.

This office has the following poll worker or Election Day volunteer recruitment programs for young people (16-24 years old): This office is not specifically involved in active recruiting of poll workers but they are involved with working with the counties to help them come up with ways to improve poll worker recruitment, retention and training.

This office promotes citizenship or civic engagement among 18-24 yr olds as follows:

- Guest Speakers
- Other: On a biannual basis, Nevada awards several exemplary Nevada citizens with plaques and legislative resolutions in recognition of their civic participation and service to the State of Nevada.

This office partners with the following NASS partner programs:

- Kids Voting USA
- Declare Yourself
- National Student/parent Mock Election
- Overseas Vote Foundation
- WWE Smackdown Your Vote! Coalition

The Advisory Committee on Participatory Democracy (ACPD), at the direction of the Secretary of State, continuously works with nonprofit, nonpartisan organizations to conduct voter outreach programs and events throughout the State.

This office has the following legal provisions for college students who wish to register to vote using their dorm as primary address:

- No specific provisions relating to dorms as residency. To meet Nevada's residency requirement for voting, a person must have lived in Nevada for at least 30 days before the election. Any student attending a Nevada college (whether they came from in-state or out-of state) may vote in Nevada claiming their home address (dorm, off-campus, etc.) as their residence.
- Nevada residents who attend college outside of Nevada may be eligible to vote a Nevada absentee ballot since they do not lose their Nevada residency from attending an out-of state school. However, the student must be aware that they can only vote in one state per election; a registration in one state cancels the person's registration in the other state.

This office is doing the following to ensure that young/first-time voters are educated about voting:

- New Web site and polling place locator feature
- This office is designing an informational pamphlet specific to students that clarifies residency requirements for the purpose of voter registration
- Other registration and voting information is also available online in the form of frequently asked questions, calendars, and detailed guides on election processes

This office has the following new laws that will be taking effect in 2008: Young/first-time voters who will be overseas in military service during the election may find it convenient to register and vote by fax. Nevada recently passed a law that allows voters to return their voted ballot by fax in the event that their ballot wouldn't be received in time to be counted if sent by postal mail.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

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NEW for 2007-2008: No specifics at the time of survey response (December 2007).

Youth outreach program? Yes

Does state office work with counties/localities to coordinate registration/outreach efforts? Yes

Does state law allow poll workers/ Election Day volunteers who are 16-17 years old? Yes

Related requirements: None

Incentives provided: None

Poll worker/Election Day volunteer recruitment program for young people? Yes

Same-day registration? Yes

This office coordinates the following voter registration programs:

- Dedicated young voter/first-time voter page on the state elections website
- Public service announcements
- Voter registration guide for first-time voters
- Distributing voter guides/registration materials to high schools/colleges
- State works with counties/localities to coordinate voter registration efforts

This office coordinates the following voter education programs:

- Mock elections
- Web pages dedicated to young or first-time voters, available online at: www.sos.nh.gov/votinginnewhampshire
- Citizenship presentations/resources
- Voting equipment displays and demos
- Public Service Announcements
- Instructional videos
- Guest Speakers
- State works with counties/localities to coordinate voter education efforts
- Pamphlets, available online at www.sos.nh.gov/electionsdivision
- Voter Guide, available online at www.sos.nh.gov/electionsdivision

This office has the following poll worker or Election Day volunteer recruitment programs for young people (16-24 years old):

- Brochures
- State Coordinated Efforts to Help Counties/Localities Recruit Poll Workers or Election Day Volunteers Includes Information on Reaching Young People

This office promotes citizenship or civic engagement among 18-24 yr olds as follows:

- Civics curriculum materials for schools
- Guest speakers
- Web page(s) dedicated to state history or general civics topics (at www.nh.gov)

- State Capitol Youth Forums

This office partners with the following NASS partner programs:

- Close Up Foundation
- Kids Voting USA
- National Student/Parent Mock Election

This office has the following legal provisions for college students who wish to register to vote using their dorm as primary address: They are allowed to register. Information is available on the Secretary of State's Web site.

This office is doing the following to ensure that young/first-time voters are educated about voting:


- Information on Web site
- Moderator and clerk training sessions

This office has the following new laws that will be taking effect in 2008: None

NEW MEXICO

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Youth outreach program? No

Does state office work with counties/localities to coordinate registration/outreach efforts? Yes

Does state law allow poll workers/ Election Day volunteers who are 16-17 years old? No

Poll worker/Election Day volunteer recruitment program for young people? Not applicable

Same-day registration? No

This office coordinates the following voter registration programs:

- High School Voter Registration Drives
- Public Service Announcements
- Voter Registration Guide for First-Time Voters
- Other: New Mexico sends out letters to colleges prior to each general election; compliance with Higher Education Act.

This office coordinates the following voter education programs:

- Mock Elections
- Citizenship Presentations/Resources
- Public Service Announcements
- Instructional Videos
- Guest Speakers
- State Works with Counties/Localities to Coordinate Voter Education Efforts
- Pamphlets
- Voter Guide

This office has the following poll worker or Election Day volunteer recruitment programs for young people (16-24 years old): Not applicable. New Mexico does not hire anyone under age 18.

This office promotes citizenship or civic engagement among 18-24 yr olds as follows:

- Civics Curriculum Materials for Schools
- Guest Speakers

This office partners with the following NASS partner programs:

- National Student/Parent Mock Election

This office has the following legal provisions for college students who wish to register to vote using their dorm as primary address: Must be a resident for one year.

This office has the following new laws that will be taking effect in 2008: No new laws. The New Mexico Secretary of State wants to implement programs that will support educational and outreach efforts young/first time voters.

NORTH CAROLINA

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NEW for 2007-2008: North Carolina is developing a Vote in Honor of a Veteran program for 2008. The State Board of Elections is also developing a CD/DVD with information for voting/citizenship purposes.

Youth outreach program? Yes

Does state office work with counties/localities to coordinate registration/outreach efforts? Yes

Does state law allow poll workers/ Election Day volunteers who are 16-17 years old? Yes

Related Requirements: Must be 17 years old, resident of county where serving, and in good academic standing according to teacher/principal

Incentives provided: Students are paid just like other poll workers

Poll worker/Election Day volunteer recruitment program for young people? Yes

Same-day registration? Yes

This office coordinates the following voter registration programs:

- High School Voter Registration Drives
- Public Service Announcements
- Vote in Honor of a Veteran (*see above note*)
- State Works with Counties/Localities to Coordinate Voter Registration Efforts
- Other: The North Carolina office has attended fairs to disburse information and presentations at different organizations (churches, non-profits, and schools)

This office coordinates the following voter education programs:

- Mock Elections
- Citizenship Presentations/Resources (*see above note*)
- Public Service Announcements
- State Works with Counties/Localities to Coordinate Voter Education Efforts
- Pamphlets

This office has the following poll worker and Election Day volunteer recruitment programs for young people (16-24 yrs old):

- Brochures
- State Coordinated Efforts to Help Counties Recruit Poll Workers Includes Info for Young People

This office promotes citizenship or civic engagement among 18-24 year olds as follows:

- Vote in Honor of a Veteran Program
- Volunteer Fairs

This office partners with the following NASS partner programs: National Student/Parent Mock Election

This office has the following legal provisions for college students who wish to register to vote using their dorm as primary address: None

This office has the following new laws that will be taking effect in 2008: New state laws allows eligible voters to both register and cast a ballot during certain time periods before elections.

NORTH DAKOTA

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NEW for 2007-2008: The state is working to expand its video library of voter education and poll worker education materials for the 2008 elections. The Secretary of State's Office, in cooperation with North Dakota's Protection & Advocacy Program, is creating an instructional video for people of all ages and abilities. Other materials will be produced, but their scope has yet to be defined. Also, see info below about new vote by mail option for counties.

Youth outreach program? No

Does state office work with counties/localities to coordinate outreach efforts? Yes, but North Dakota does not have voter registration.

Does state law allow poll workers/Election Day volunteers who are 16-17 years old? Yes

Related requirements: None

Incentives provided: None

Poll worker/Election Day volunteer recruitment program for young people? Yes

Same-day registration? N/A (North Dakota does not have voter registration)

This office coordinates the following voter registration programs: N/A: No voter registration in ND.

This office coordinates the following voter education programs:

- Mock Elections
- Voting Equipment Displays and Demos
- Public Service Announcements
- Instructional Videos
- Guest Speakers
- State Works with Counties/Localities to Coordinate Voter Education Efforts
- Pamphlets, available online at www.nd.gov/sos/electvote/voting/index.html

This office has the following recruitment programs for young people (16-24 years old):

- Public Service Announcements and Informational Videos Illustrating the Need for Poll Workers and Election Day Volunteers
- Brochures
- State Coordinated Efforts to Help Counties/Localities Recruit Poll Workers or Election Day Volunteers Includes Information on Reaching Young People
- Special Leave Program for State Employees or Business Professionals
- Other: North Dakota works with political parties, who are responsible for recruiting election judges, to recruit poll workers.

This office promotes citizenship or civic engagement among 18-24 year olds as follows:

- Civics Curriculum Materials for Schools
- Guest Speakers

This office partners with the following NASS partner programs:

- Declare Yourself
- Overseas Vote Foundation

This office has the following legal provisions for college students who wish to register to vote using their dorm as primary address: Not applicable (no voter registration)

This office is doing the following to ensure that young/first-time voters are educated about voting: Education grant funds were provided to the League of Women Voters for this specific purpose in 2006. Their efforts will carry over and continue into 2008.

This office has the following new laws that will be taking effect in 2008: North Dakota counties are now able to conduct their elections entirely by mail. Approximately 20 of the 53 counties are considering this option for 2008.

OHIO

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Youth outreach program? Yes

Does state office work with counties/localities to coordinate registration/outreach efforts? Yes

Does state law allow poll workers who are 16-17 years old? Yes

Related requirements: Must be 17 years-old; must be a US citizen; must be a county resident where you work; and, must be enrolled in senior year of high school.

Incentives provided: None

Poll worker/Election Day volunteer recruitment program for young people? Yes

Same-day registration? No

This office coordinates the following voter registration programs:

- High School Voter Registration Drives
- Vote in Honor of a Veteran
- Distributing Voter Guides/Registration Materials to High Schools/Colleges
- State Works with Counties/Localities to Coordinate Voter Registration Efforts
- Other: Partner with organizations targeting youth, including a formalized partnership with Kids Voting Central Ohio and Kids Voting Dayton

This office coordinates the following voter education programs:

- Mock Elections
- Voting Equipment Displays and Demos
- Guest Speakers
- State Works with Counties/Localities to Coordinate Voter Education Efforts
- Voter Guide: Ohio will be developing a college outreach/education piece in 2008)
- Other: Partnership with Kids Voting Central Ohio and Kids Voting Dayton

This office has the following poll worker and Election Day volunteer recruitment programs for young people (16-24 years old):

- Work with High Schools and Colleges to Recruit Young People
- Newsletters or Newspaper Articles Targeting Young People
- Brochures
- State Coordinated Efforts to Help Counties/Localities Recruit Poll Workers or Election Day Volunteers Includes Information on Reaching Young People
- Other: Recruiting through Grads Vote program, do outreach events, developed recruitment brochure. Coordinate recruitment efforts with other agencies, non-profits and organizations.

This office promotes citizenship or civic engagement among 18-24 yr olds as follows:

- Civics Curriculum Materials for Schools
- Guest Speakers
- Web Page(s) Dedicated to State History or General Civics Topics

- MySpace & Facebook pages
- Vote in Honor of a Veteran Program
- Volunteer Fairs
- Other: Ohio is working on a civics participation program statewide through partnership with Kids Voting. Also, they are working on some of the above for 2008 efforts.

This office partners with the following NASS partner programs:

- Kids Voting USA
- Overseas Vote Foundation

This office has the following legal provisions for college students who wish to register to vote using their dorm as primary address: No special legal provisions

This office is doing the following to ensure that young/first-time voters are educated about voting:

The Secretary of State's Office is working with colleges and universities throughout Ohio in addition to forming a youth council to work with the Voting Rights Institute.

This office has the following new laws that will be taking effect in 2008: None


PENNSYLVANIA


Secretary of State: Hon. Pedro A. Cortés, Secretary of the Commonwealth

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New for 2007-2008: Pennsylvania is planning on introducing a new program in 2008 that will help the state work with counties to increase poll worker recruitment levels.

Youth outreach program? No

Does state office work with counties/localities to coordinate registration/outreach efforts? Yes

Does state law allow poll workers/ Election Day volunteers who are 16-17 years old? No

Poll worker/Election Day volunteer recruitment program for young people? Yes, new for 2008

Same-day registration? No

This office coordinates the following voter registration programs:

- High School Voter Registration Drives
- Public Service Announcements
- Voter Registration Guide for First-Time Voters
- Vote in Honor of a Veteran
- Distributing Voter Guides/Registration Materials to High Schools/Colleges
- Graduation Cards with Voter Registration Applications for High School Seniors
- State Works with Counties/Localities to Coordinate Voter Registration Efforts
- Other (please list): National Student/Parent Mock Election, Ready.Set.Vote 2008

This office coordinates the following voter education programs:

- Mock Elections
- Web Page(s) Dedicated to Young or First-Time Voters, available online at: <http://www.dos.state.pa.us/voting/lib/voting/guide/tipsfirsttimevoterspaenglish.pdf>
- Other: MySpace & Facebook "Ready. Set. Vote 2008" Pages
- Citizenship Presentations/Resources: Staff attends citizenship ceremonies and provide guide for new citizens.
- Voting Equipment Displays and Demos (at the county level)
- Public Service Announcements: Ready.Set.Vote campaign.
- Instructional Videos: Ready.Set.Vote 2008 (Video On Demand)
- Guest Speakers – Secretary of the Commonwealth Pedro A. Cortes serves as a school speaker
- State Works with Counties/Localities to Coordinate Voter Education Efforts
- Pamphlets – "Your Vote Is Your Voice"
- Other: Legal Information

Voting Rights For Convicted Felons:

http://www.dos.state.pa.us/voting/lib/voting/guide/convicted_felon_brochure.pdf

Notice Regarding Voting Rights:

http://www.dos.state.pa.us/voting/lib/voting/guide/notice_re_voting_rights_english_10-6-04.pdf

College Voting Guide:

http://www.dos.state.pa.us/voting/lib/voting/guide/student_voting_guide_05.pdf

Alternative Language Information:

<http://www.dos.state.pa.us/voting/cwp/view.asp?a=1198&q=447247&votingNav=|>

Absentee Ballot Information:

<http://www.dos.state.pa.us/voting/cwp/view.asp?a=1193&q=442991&votingNav=|>

Voter Registration Application:

<http://www.dos.state.pa.us/voting/cwp/view.asp?a=1192&q=442984>

Tips For First Time Voters:

<http://www.dos.state.pa.us/voting/lib/voting/guide/tipsfirsttimevoterspaenglish.pdf>

This office promotes citizenship or civic engagement among 18-24 yr olds as follows: Vote in Honor of a Veteran Program, available online at: <http://www.dos.state.pa.us/votewithavet/site/default.asp>

This office partners with the following NASS partner programs: None

This office has the following legal provisions for college students who wish to register to vote using their dorm as primary address: College students are encouraged to register with their home county.

This office is doing the following to ensure that young/first-time voters are educated about voting: Ready.Set.Vote 2008, county outreach, and Web site information at: www.dos.state.pa.us


This office has the following new laws that will be taking effect in 2008: None

RHODE ISLAND

Secretary of State: Hon. A. Ralph Mollis

Survey Contact: Jan Ruggiero, Director of Elections

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Providence, RI 02903

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Youth outreach program? No

Does state office work with counties/localities to coordinate registration/outreach efforts? Yes

Does state law allow poll workers/ Election Day volunteers who are 16-17 years old? Yes

Related requirements: Not applicable

Incentives provided: Not applicable

Poll worker/Election Day volunteer recruitment program for young people? Yes

Same-day registration? Yes, but only for presidential and vice-presidential contests.

This office coordinates the following voter registration programs:

- High School Voter Registration Drives
- Distributing Voter Guides/Registration Materials to High Schools/Colleges
- State Works with Counties/Localities to Coordinate Voter Registration Efforts

This office coordinates the following voter education programs:

- Mock Elections
- Voting Equipment Displays and Demos
- Guest Speakers
- State Works with Counties/Localities to Coordinate Voter Education Efforts
- Voter Guide

This office has the following poll worker or Election Day volunteer recruitment programs for young people (16-24 years old):

- Work with High Schools and Colleges to Recruit Young People
- State Coordinated Efforts to Help Counties/Localities Recruit Poll Workers or Election Day Volunteers Includes Information on Reaching Young People

This office promotes citizenship or civic engagement among 18-24 yr olds as follows:

- Civics Curriculum Materials for Schools
- Guest Speakers

This office partners with the following NASS partner programs: None

This office has the following legal provisions for college students who wish to register to vote using their dorm as primary address: No special legal provisions

This office is doing the following to ensure that young/first-time voters are educated about voting:
Voter guides and Web site


This office has the following new laws that will be taking effect in 2008: None

SOUTH CAROLINA

State Election Director: Marci Andino (Secretary of State Mark Hammond does not oversee elections)

Survey Contact: Chris Whitmire, Public Information Officer

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 cwhitmire@elections.sc.gov

Youth outreach program? No

Does state office work with counties/localities to coordinate registration/outreach efforts? Yes

Does state law allow poll workers/ Election Day volunteers who are 16-17 years old? Yes; In South Carolina, poll workers are called “poll managers.” There is one “student manager” for every two regular poll managers.

Related requirements: Same as regular volunteers

Incentives provided: Same rate of pay as a regular poll manager

Poll worker/Election Day volunteer recruitment program for young people? Yes

Same-day registration? No

This office coordinates the following voter registration programs:

- Dedicated Young Voter/First-Time Voter Page on the State Elections Website
- State Works with Counties/Localities to Coordinate Voter Registration Efforts

This office coordinates the following voter education programs:

- Mock Elections
- Web Page(s) Dedicated to Young or First-Time Voters: <http://bensguide.gpo.gov/>
- Citizenship Presentations/Resources
- Voting Equipment Displays and Demos
- Public Service Announcements
- Instructional Videos
- Guest Speakers
- State Works with Counties/Localities to Coordinate Voter Education Efforts
- Pamphlets, available online at: www.scvotes.org
- Voter Guide, available online at: [http://www.scvotes.org/?q=south carolina voting information page](http://www.scvotes.org/?q=south+carolina+voting+information+page)
- Other: South Carolina office attends fairs and festivals, visits churches and schools, and tries to reach people wherever they are gathered together to educate them about the voting process. State Board of Elections has an “Every Vote Matters, Every Vote Counts” bus and other branded tools, educational materials, and giveaways for these events.

This office has the following poll worker recruitment programs for young people (16-24 years old):

- Newsletters or Newspaper Articles Targeting Young People
- State Coordinated Efforts to Help Counties/Localities Recruit Poll Workers or Election Day Volunteers Includes Information on Reaching Young People

This office promotes citizenship or civic engagement among 18-24 yr olds as follows:

- Guest speakers

This office partners with the following NASS partner programs:

- National Student/Parent Mock Election
- Overseas Vote Foundation

This office has the following legal provisions for college students who wish to register to vote using their dorm as primary address: No special legal provisions

This office is doing the following to ensure that young/first-time voters are educated about voting: South Carolina's State Board of Elections provides information through its Web site. The office also provides information to county election commissions and private groups who carry out their own young voter education efforts.

This office has the following new laws that will be taking effect in 2008: None

SOUTH DAKOTA

Secretary of State: Hon. Chris Nelson

Survey Contact: Kea Warne, Election Supervisor

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Pierre, SD 57501



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NEW for 2007-2008: South Dakota is developing a voter information portal for voters to be able to look up their registration, find their polling place location, and view a sample ballot. This online feature will be available starting with the primary elections in June 2008.

Youth outreach program? No

Does state office work with counties/localities to coordinate registration/outreach efforts? No

Does state law allow poll workers/ Election Day volunteers who are 16-17 years old? No

Poll worker/Election Day volunteer recruitment program for youth? No

Same-day registration? No

This office coordinates the following voter registration programs:

- High School Voter Registration Drives. South Dakota notifies government high school teachers of upcoming registration deadlines and includes the voter registration form and additional information regarding voter registration.

This office coordinates the following voter education programs:

- Voting Equipment Displays and Demos

This office has the following recruitment programs for young people (16-24 years old): None

This office promotes citizenship or civic engagement among 18-24 yr olds as follows: None

This office partners with the following NASS partner programs:

- Kids Voting USA

This office has the following legal provisions for college students who wish to register to vote using their dorm as primary address: Yes, SDCL 12-1-4 defines the term “residence” as the place in which a person has fixed his/her habitation and to which the person, whenever absent, intends to return. A person who has left home and gone into another county, state or territory for a temporary purpose has not changed his or her residence. A person is considered to have gained residence in any county or municipality of South Dakota if the person has no present intention of leaving. If a person moves to another state, or to any of the other territories, with the intention of making it his or her permanent home, the person thereby loses residence in this state.

This office has the following new laws that will be taking effect in 2008: None

TEXAS

Secretary of State: Hon. Phil Wilson

Survey Contact: Kim Kizer, Director of Education and Outreach

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Austin, TX 78711



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NEW for 2007-2008: As part of the VOTEXAS educational campaign, the state will be aggressively targeting young people through print and electronic media outlets, including the Web. Other outreach efforts were in the development stages as of December 2007.

Youth outreach program? Yes

Does state office work with counties/localities to coordinate registration/outreach efforts? Yes

Does state law allow poll workers/ Election Day volunteers who are 16-17 years old? No

Poll worker/Election Day volunteer recruitment program for young people? No

Same-day registration? No

This office coordinates the following voter registration programs:

- High School Voter Registration Drives
- Dedicated Young Voter/First-Time Voter Page on the State Elections Website
- Public Service Announcements
- Voter Registration Guide for First-Time Voters
- Distributing Voter Guides/Registration Materials to High Schools/Colleges
- Graduation Cards with Voter Registration Applications for High School Seniors
- State Works with Counties/Localities to Coordinate Voter Registration Efforts
- Project V.O.T.E. (Voters of Tomorrow through Education): A statewide pre-k through 12th grade curriculum facilitated by the Secretary of State's office to teach students about the electoral and legislative processes. Registration is one of the components of the curriculum, so that students are familiar with the process and not intimidated by their first experience with registering or voting.
- Student Essay Contest: The office partners with the Texas Daily Newspaper Association and Southwest Airlines (and will do so in 2008) to sponsor a student essay contest on "Why My Parents Should Vote" and "What Voting Means to Americans."

This office coordinates the following voter education programs:

- Mock Elections
- Web Page(s) Dedicated to Young or First-Time Voters, which can be found online at www.sos.state.tx.us
- Texas is in the process of selecting a vendor for our 2008 voter education outreach, and more young voter outreach is planned, possibly including MySpace and Facebook pages.
- Citizenship Presentations/Resources (Texas has a registration requirements listed on all collateral; and have a brochure What Every Texan Needs to Know about Voting that is very informational about the process).
- Voting Equipment Displays and Demos
- Public Service Announcements
- Instructional Videos
- Guest Speakers
- State Works with Counties/Localities to Coordinate Voter Education Efforts
- Pamphlets, available online at: www.sos.state.tx.us and VOTEXAS.org

- Other: VOTEXAS, the Secretary of State Office's educational program featuring a bus with voting technology that travels the state (attending civic organization functions, county functions, and community events).

This office has the following poll worker or Election Day volunteer recruitment programs for young people (16-24 years old):

- Texas has an extensive Texas Online Poll Worker curriculum (texaspollworkertraining.com), but the state doesn't specifically target young people. Texas law requires poll workers to be registered voters, which means that they would have to be 17 years and 10 months in order to register, and 18 in order to vote.
- Poll Workers are recruited and trained at the county level. Many counties are very progressive and innovative when it comes to recruitment and several counties that are in a college-based county or city do recruit from colleges and universities.

This office promotes citizenship or civic engagement among 18-24 yr olds as follows:

- Guest speakers
- Texas has a school program called Project V.O.T.E. which is aimed at addressing citizenship, civic duties, the voter registration process and electoral processes
- Last election cycle, Texas created humorous PSAs for younger audiences
- VOTEXAS (see info above)

This office partners with the following NASS partner programs:

- National Student/Parent Mock Election

This office has the following legal provisions for college students who wish to register to vote using their dorm as primary address:

If you're a student who spends several weeks or months a year in different locations, but want to vote in Texas, you will need to decide which place in Texas is the geographic location you consider to be your permanent home (to which you intend to return after any temporary absence). Under state law, you are presumed to be in the best position to make a factual determination concerning where your residence is for registration purposes. However, you cannot register in more than one location; if you register at a voter registration drive in one county, but put another Texas county as your home on the application, *your application will be forwarded to the Texas county of your residence description.*


This office has the following new laws that will be taking effect in 2008: None

UTAH

Secretary of State: Hon. Gary Herbert

Survey Contact: Joseph M. Demma - Chief of Staff

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Salt Lake City, UT 84114

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NEW for 2007-2008: The office will coordinate an updated outreach campaign based on its 2006 efforts.

Youth Outreach Program? Yes

Does state office work with counties/localities to coordinate registration/outreach efforts? Yes

Does state law allow poll workers/ Election Day volunteers who are 16-17 years old? No

Poll worker/Election Day volunteer recruitment program for young people? Yes

Same-day registration? No

This office coordinates the following voter registration programs:

- High School Voter Registration Drives
- Public Service Announcements
- Voter Registration Guide for First-Time Voters
- Distributing Voter Guides/Registration Materials to High Schools/Colleges
- 18th Birthday Cards Mailed to Citizens with a Voter Registration Form
- State Works with Counties/Localities to Coordinate Voter Registration Efforts
- Other: Paid Media. \$1 million per cycle for TV, radio, and print

This office coordinates the following voter education programs:

- Mock Elections
- Citizenship Presentations/Resources
- Voting Equipment Displays and Demos
- Public Service Announcements
- Guest Speakers
- State Works with Counties/Localities to Coordinate Voter Education Efforts
- Pamphlets and voter guide, available online at: <http://leaveyourprint.com>

This office has the following poll worker or Election Day volunteer recruitment programs for young people (16-24 years old):

- Work with High Schools and Colleges to Recruit Young People
- Public Service Announcements and Informational Videos Illustrating the Need for Poll Workers and Election Day Volunteers
- Newsletters or Newspaper Articles Targeting Young People
- State Efforts to Help Counties Recruit Poll Workers Includes Info on Reaching Young People

This office promotes citizenship or civic engagement among 18-24 yr olds as follows:

- Civics Curriculum Materials for Schools
- Guest Speakers
- State Capitol Youth Forums

This office partners with the following NASS partner programs: None

This office has the following legal provisions for college students who wish to register to vote using their dorm as primary address: No special legal provisions

This office has the following new laws that will be taking effect in 2008: None

VERMONT

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NEW for 2007-2008: Vermont will continue to run public service announcements (PSAs) and provide poll worker training materials focused on new voters.

Youth outreach program? Yes

Does state office work with counties/localities to coordinate registration/outreach efforts? Yes

Does state law allow poll workers/ Election Day volunteers who are 16-17 yrs old? Yes

Related requirements: Same as regular poll workers

Incentives provided: None

Poll worker/Election Day volunteer recruitment program for youth? Yes

Same-day Registration? No

This office coordinates the following voter registration programs:

- High School Voter Registration Drives
- Dedicated Young Voter/First-Time Voter Page on the State Elections Website
- Public Service Announcements (“Your Vote is Your Voice” campaign)
- Voter Registration Guide for First-Time Voters
- Vote in Honor of a Veteran
- Distributing Voter Guides/Registration Materials to High Schools/Colleges
- State Works with Counties/Localities to Coordinate Voter Registration Efforts
- Other: Vermont Votes for Kids – a K-12 civics education program and mock election; Democracy in Action, a six week newspaper in education program used in schools and published in nearly all of the state’s daily papers; We work with college campuses to train Residential Assistants to register voters in the dorms.

This office coordinates the following voter education programs:

- Mock Elections
- Web Page(s) Dedicated to Young or First-Time Voters, located at govotevermont.com
- Public Service Announcements
- Instructional Videos
- Guest Speakers
- State Works with Counties/Localities to Coordinate Voter Education Efforts
- Voter Guide, available online at: http://vermont-elections.org/elections1/youth_vote.html

This office has the following poll worker or Election Day volunteer recruitment programs for young people (16-24 years old):

- State Coordinated Efforts to Help Counties/Localities Recruit Poll Workers or Election Day Volunteers Includes Information on Reaching Young People

This office promotes citizenship or civic engagement among 18-24 yr olds as follows:

- Civics Curriculum Materials for Schools
- Guest Speakers

- Web Page(s) Dedicated to State History or General Civics Topics, available online at: <http://www.sec.state.vt.us/kids/index.html>
- State Capitol Youth Forums (role play tour of the statehouse)
- Vote in Honor of a Veteran Program

This office partners with the following NASS partner programs: None

This office has the following legal provisions for college students who wish to register to vote using their dorm as primary address: Students may designate their dorm as their primary residence for the purpose of voting.

This office is doing the following to ensure that young/first-time voters are educated about voting: Offering a how-to-vote video, a Web site for first-time voters and training for people who register voters.

This office has the following new laws that will be taking effect in 2008: None


VIRGINIA

Secretary of State: Hon. Katherine Hanley

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Richmond, Virginia 23219-3485

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Youth outreach program? No

Does state office work with counties/localities to coordinate registration/outreach efforts? Yes, on a limited basis. The state provides voter registration/education materials, as well as training to groups and organizations conducting voter registration drives.

Does state law allow poll workers/Election Day volunteers who are 16-17 years old? Yes; in some localities they serve as greeters and runners for officers of election.

Related Requirements: Varies by locality; in some localities they have to be recommended by the social studies instructor; there is no specific grade point average.

Fairfax: Students serve as pages, assisting people standing in line and ensuring that voters are in the correct polling place; 18 year-old students are used as poll workers in the general election.

Charlottesville: Student serve as runners/greeters and direct people to the correct line or the equipment demonstration table.

Prince William: Student pages assist voters by making sure they are at the correct polling place and helping if they need a chair or other requested assistance; they county is developing a high school program to allow registered 17-18 year-olds to serve as poll workers on Election Day.

Incentives provided: Student volunteers are not paid; they are encouraged to place this volunteer experience on their resume as a community service opportunity.

Poll worker/Election Day volunteer recruitment program for youth? Yes

Same-day Registration? No

This office coordinates the following voter registration programs:

- Public Service Announcements
- Voter Registration Guide for First-Time Voters
- Other: State Board of Elections Web site (www.sbe.virginia.gov) contains a link encouraging people to volunteer at the polls on Election Day, as well as links for young people.

This office coordinates the following voter education programs:

- Web Page(s) Dedicated to Young or First-Time Voters, available online at: www.sbe.virginia.gov; www.kidsvotingusa.org
- Public Service Announcements
- Guest Speakers
- Pamphlets & voter guide, available online at: www.sbe.virginia.gov

This office has the following poll worker or Election Day volunteer recruitment programs for young people (16-24 yrs old):

- State Coordinated Efforts to Help Counties/Localities Recruit Poll Workers or Election Day Volunteers Includes Information on Reaching Young People

This office promotes citizenship or civic engagement among 18-24 year olds as follows:

- Civics Curriculum Materials for Schools
- Guest Speakers
 - Participated in community youth summit
- Web Page(s) Dedicated to State History or General Civics Topics
 - Other: State Capitol Youth Forums-YMCA General Assembly: Model General Assembly program introduces high school students to the legislative process of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Legislation is debated in committees/in the Senate and House of Delegates.
- Volunteer Fairs
- Other: Localities are being encouraged to allow students to volunteer at the polls on Election Day. The State Board of Elections Web site (www.sbe.virginia.gov) supports this effort.

This office partners with the following NASS partner programs: Kids Voting USA**This office has the following legal provisions for college students who wish to register to vote using their dorm as primary address:**

- While the state does not have any specific legal provisions for college students who wish to register to vote, counties have varying policies regarding the use of a dormitory address. Some localities allow students to register using a dormitory address, while other localities assert that a dormitory address does not satisfy the residency requirements for voting in Virginia.
- According to the Code of Virginia, a citizen/student who is a resident of a locality may vote in that precinct. Residence for all purposes, including registration and voting, means and requires both domicile and place of abode. Students are encouraged to consider all their options, including voting absentee by mail using their permanent home address (which may differ from their college dormitory address).

This office is doing the following to ensure that young/first-time voters are educated about voting:

Young people are urged to check out this state Web site for young/first time voters: www.sbe.virginia.gov. The office is developing strategies to target this population via its voter education and training program.


This office has the following new laws that will be taking effect in 2008: None at this time. However, new legislation may be introduced and passed by the 2008 General Assembly.

WASHINGTON

Secretary of State: Hon. Sam Reed

Survey Contact: Shane Hamlin, Assistant Director of Elections, Voter Services

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Olympia, WA 98504-0220

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NEW for 2007-2008: Washington began offering online voter registration in January 2008. The Secretary of State's Office also has several pilot programs in the works (see details below). Based upon recent studies showing that less than half of Washington residents ages 18-24 are currently enrolled in college or university, Washington is also considering the "Welcome Home" project, which would involve sending voter registration materials to apartment residents to reach this highly-mobile population.

Youth outreach program? Yes

Does state office work with counties/localities to coordinate registration/outreach efforts? Yes

Does state law allow poll workers/Election Day volunteers who are 16-17 years old? Yes, but the counties coordinate this effort and only two counties currently operate polling sites (rest are vote by mail).

Poll worker/Election Day volunteer recruitment program for young people? Not applicable. More than 90% of Washington voters submit their ballots via mail.

Same-day registration? No

This office coordinates the following voter registration programs:

- Distributing Voter Guides/Registration Materials to High Schools/Colleges
- 18th Birthday Cards Mailed to Citizens with a Voter Registration Form
- State Works with Counties/Localities to Coordinate Voter Registration Efforts
- Other:
 - College Civic Program on-campus voter registration drives
 - Online voter registration advertised through campus email (pilot year)

This office coordinates the following voter education programs:

- Mock Elections
- MySpace and Facebook Pages
- Citizenship Presentations/Resources
- Public Service Announcements
- Instructional Videos
- Guest Speakers
- State Works with Counties/Localities to Coordinate Voter Education Efforts
- College Voter Brochure, available online at:
<http://www.secstate.wa.gov/elections/doc/collegecivics/College%20Voter%20Brochure-%20final.pdf>
- Elections and Voting FAQ, available online at:
http://www.secstate.wa.gov/elections/pdf/Elections_and_Voting_FAQs.pdf
- Citizen Voting Rights, available online at:
http://www.secstate.wa.gov/elections/pdf/Citizen_Voting_Rights.pdf
- Voter Guide, available online at: <http://www.secstate.wa.gov/elections/2007votersguide.aspx>
- Other:
 - MyVote: An online tool the Office of the Secretary of State developed with Microsoft to personalize voters' information based on their residential address. Voters can see their

voting status, change their address, view a personalized voter's guide, find their nearest ballot drop box, review their voting history, and get contact information for their elected officials: <http://wei.secstate.wa.gov/WEI/OSOS/VoterVault/>

- Kids' page (for ages K-12): <http://www.secstate.wa.gov/elections/outreach/> contains lesson plans, games, mock election info and Voters' Pamphlet Cover Art Contest info
- College Civics Program: Partner with campuses to provide civics education events and guest speakers
- College Civics Externship: Students may earn academic credit by researching a specific population and organizing a voter registration or civics education activity based on their research (pilot program)

This office has the following poll worker recruitment programs for young people (16-24 years old):
Not applicable. More than 90 percent of Washington voters submit their ballots via mail.

This office promotes citizenship or civic engagement among 18-24 year olds as follows:

- Civics Curriculum Materials for Schools
- Guest Speakers
- Web Page(s) Dedicated to State History or General Civics Topics, available online at <http://www.secstate.wa.gov/elections/collegecivics.aspx>
- MySpace & Facebook Pages
- Other: College Civics Program: Students organize on-campus voter registration and civics education events, facilitated by the Office of the Secretary of State.
 - College Civics Externship: Students conduct a study of a specific voting population, then plan and implement a voter registration or civics education event based on their research. Students earn academic credit through their colleges. (pilot program)
 - Civics in Journalism Award: The Office of the Secretary of State recognizes collegiate media such as newspapers, radio and television which promote civic engagement among youth voters and foster awareness on campus. (pilot program)
 - Excellence in Civics Education Award: The Office of the Secretary of State recognizes colleges and universities which promote civic engagement among youth voters through creative student programming and access to voter registration materials. (pilot year)

This office partners with the following NASS partner programs:

- National Student/Parent Mock Election
- WWE Smackdown Your Vote! Coalition

This office has the following legal provisions for college students who wish to register to vote using their dorm as primary address:

- The Office of the Secretary of State and county election offices adhere to an agreement that students may register using their on-campus address as long as they have lived there for more than thirty days.
- Out-of-state students may register to vote if they have lived in Washington more than thirty days. Students must register using their residential address in Washington. Students may list their dorm room or campus apartment as their residential address. PO Boxes may not be used as a residential address, but they can be used as a mailing address.
- This information is made available at the beginning of every semester and is available online at: <http://www.secstate.wa.gov/elections/doc/collegecivics/College%20Voter%20Brochure-%20final.pdf>

This office is doing the following to ensure that young/first-time voters are educated about voting:
Information is available on Washington's Web site (www.vote.wa.gov) and in multiple brochures that are available, as well as through the College Civics Program.

This office has the following new laws that will be taking effect in 2008: Online voter registration began January 7, 2008.

WEST VIRGINIA

Secretary of State: Hon. Betty Ireland

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NEW for 2007-2008: The West Virginia Secretary of State's Office is updating its Web site to include information specifically created for young people, who are often new to voting and working the polls.

Youth outreach program? Yes

Does state office work with counties/localities to coordinate registration/outreach efforts? Yes

Does state law allow poll workers/ Election Day volunteers who are 16-17 years old? Yes

Related requirements: Same as regular volunteers

Incentives provided: None

Poll worker/Election Day volunteer recruitment program for young people? Yes

Same-day registration? No

This office coordinates the following voter registration programs:

- High School Voter Registration Drives
- Distributing Voter Guides/Registration Materials to High Schools/Colleges
- State Works with Counties/Localities to Coordinate Voter Registration Efforts

This office coordinates the following voter education programs:

- Mock Elections
- Voting Equipment Displays and Demos
- Guest Speakers
- State Works with Counties/Localities to Coordinate Voter Education Efforts

This office has the following poll worker recruitment programs for young people (16-24 years old):

- Work with High Schools and Colleges to Recruit Young People
- College Program/Credits
- Brochures

This office promotes citizenship or civic engagement among 18-24 yr olds as follows:

- Guest Speakers
- State Capitol Youth Forums

This office partners with the following NASS partner programs:

- National Student/Parent Mock Election
- Other: Southern Coalition for Civic Education and Engagement

This office has the following legal provisions for college students who wish to register to vote using their dorm as primary address: No special legal provisions

This office is doing the following to ensure that young/first-time voters are educated about voting: Web portal allows voters to search for their voting location and verify that they are registered to vote.

This office has the following new laws that will be taking effect in 2008: None

WYOMING

Secretary of State: Hon. Max Maxfield

Survey Contact: Lori Klassen, Election Specialist

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Cheyenne, WY 82002



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Youth outreach program? No

Does state office work with counties/localities to coordinate registration/outreach efforts? Yes

Does state law allow poll workers/ Election Day volunteers who are 16-17 years old? Yes; one student poll worker per polling place; they can hold any position except head judge.

Related requirements: Must fill out student application.

Incentives provided: Standard payment rate

Poll worker/Election Day volunteer recruitment program for youth? Yes

Same-day registration? Yes

This office coordinates the following voter registration programs:

- Public Service Announcements
- Voter Registration Guide for First-Time Voters
- State Works with Counties/Localities to Coordinate Voter Registration Efforts

This office coordinates the following voter education programs:

- Public Service Announcements
- Guest Speakers
- Voter Guide (online version is not ready for 2008)

This office has the following poll worker or Election Day volunteer recruitment programs for young people (16-24 years old):

- Brochures

This office partners with the following NASS partner programs: Overseas Vote Foundation

This office has the following legal provisions for college students who wish to register to vote using their dorm as primary address: A person shall not gain or lose a residence merely by reason of his presence or absence while a student at an institution of learning.

This office is doing the following to ensure that young/first-time voters are educated about voting: Young/first-time voters can visit Wyoming's Web site for county contact information.

This office has the following new laws that will be taking effect in 2008: Not applicable

NASS PARTNERSHIP PROFILES

Each year, NASS receives numerous requests for partnerships from voter outreach and civics education groups. Guidelines for requesting a partnership are available online at:

http://nass.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=101&Itemid=208.

If you are interested in working with NASS and its members, please contact us at the following:

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The following organizations are 2007-2008 national partners that have met the rigorous, bipartisan standards set forth by the NASS membership:

Capitol Forum

The Capitol Forum on America's Future is a part of The Choices Program at the Watson Institute for International Studies at Brown University. The Forum is an experiential civic education initiative designed to give high school students a voice in public consideration of current international issues.

For more information: http://www.choices.edu/capitol_forum/index.cfm

Close Up Foundation

The Close Up Foundation is the nation's largest nonprofit (501(c)(3)), nonpartisan citizenship education organization. Close Up's mission is built on the belief that textbooks and lectures alone are not enough to help students understand the democratic process and make it work.

For more information: <http://www.closeup.org/>

Declare Yourself

Declare Yourself is a national nonpartisan, nonprofit campaign to empower and encourage eligible 18-year-olds in America to register and vote in the presidential primaries and 2008 presidential election. Using the power of strategic media partnerships, celebrity spokespeople, the sports arena, and most importantly, mobile and Internet technology, Declare Yourself's campaign blankets the landscape of popular culture, as well as universities and high schools, with a simple, clear message: REGISTER and VOTE!

For more information: <http://www.declareyourself.com>

Kids Voting USA

Kids Voting USA is a national nonprofit, nonpartisan, organization that fosters an informed, participating electorate by educating and actively engaging young people and their families in voting and other elements of effective civic engagement.

For more information: <http://www.kidsvotingusa.org/>

National Student/Parent Mock Election

The National Student/Parent Mock Election makes students and parents aware of the power of their ballot by actively involving them in a full-fledged campaign and national election.

For more information: <http://www.nationalmockelection.com/>

Overseas Vote Foundation

Overseas Vote Foundation is dedicated to doing one thing well: helping overseas American citizens and uniformed services voters register faster, more easily and accurately than ever before.

For more information: <http://www.overseasvotefoundation.org/>

People of America Foundation

This national, nonprofit foundation organizes and runs Americans All, a program dedicated to the teaching of history and civics in K-12 classes in public and private schools. The program provides a wide range of teach and student resources, as well as basic curriculum materials for schools.

For more information: <http://www.americansall.com>

WWE Smackdown Your Vote

Smackdown Your Vote! is a partnership of nonprofit, nonpartisan organizations working to encourage young people to get involved in the political process and vote. The members of Smackdown Your Vote! include the League of Women Voters, the National Foundation for Women Legislators, Close Up, Youth Vote Coalition, Youth e-Vote, Project Vote Smart, and WWE, Inc.

For more information: <http://www.smackdownyourvote.com/>

University of Virginia Youth Leadership Initiative (YLI)

YLI is a national civic education program designed to involve students in the American electoral and policymaking process. To achieve this goal, YLI offers free technology-based civic education resources that foster long-term civic engagement.

For more information: <http://www.youthleadership.net>