Automatic Voter Registration

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2015-2019: AVR Spread Rapidly to 16 States and DC

2015
- Oregon
- California

2016
- West Virginia
- Vermont
- Alaska
- Georgia

2017
- DC
- Colorado
- Rhode Island
- Illinois

2018
- Washington
- Maryland
- New Jersey
- Massachusetts
- Nevada
- Michigan

2019
- Maine
AVR is in the Conversation in Nearly Every State

AVR Bills Introduced or Carried Over in 2019

- AVR Bills Introduced in 2019
- AVR Enacted Before 2019
Advocating for Automatic Voter Registration

- Opt out, not opt in
- Electronic transfer
- Protection for certain groups
- Avoid unfair penalties for inadvertent registration
- Public education and agency training
Results: AVR is a Success

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<th>State</th>
<th>% Increase in Registrations</th>
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Lessons from AVR Data

No single design of AVR works uniformly better than others.

AVR can be successful in any jurisdiction.

Frequency with which individuals visit a designated AVR agency can impact the effect of AVR.

Choose implementing agencies likely to reach many residents.
Questions?

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