Iowa’s Online Voter Registration

Iowa’s Current Policies

- The Iowa Secretary of State allows online voter registration through the Iowa Department of Transportation.
- To utilize the online voter registration system, a person must have a Driver’s License or a non-operators ID.
- This presumes everyone in Iowa that wants to vote a) has an Iowa Driver’s License or b) a non-operator ID.
- There are 2,392,906 potential Iowa voters. (Anyone above the age of 18 as of April 2016)
- However, not all of these people have a Driver’s License or a non-operators ID.
- Therefore, it oppresses people that do not obtain either of these including out-of-state students, persons that do not drive both older and younger.

Out-of-state students

- Online Voter Registration offers to make it easier for Iowans and non-Iowans to register to vote here in Iowa.
- However, with the current system of a Driver’s License and a non-operator ID,

Iowa’s Public Universities

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Iowa’s Private Colleges

Representatives from more than 33 states at schools like Coe, Simpson, Cornell, Central means these students need to register here in Iowa to Caucus during Presidential years and vote in yearly elections.

Coe College: 60% of its students come from out-of-state, which equates to 863 students.

Numbers like these are common among many of the Iowa Private Colleges across Iowa.

If this is the case, over 25,000 students in Iowa are unable to register through the online voter registration system.

Solution

Some states like Minnesota offer solid examples of how to include everyone. Our solution is based off its current system.

Our Solution:

- Offer for a Social Security option. The state can verify this with the Social Security Administration.
- The Help America Vote Verification (HAVV) system allows a motor vehicle agency to verify voter registration and identify information with the Social Security Administration (SSA).
- Iowa already has an agreement with the SSA- so it wouldn’t create more problems to add it online.
- Automatically connect Iowa’s online registration to send a request to the SSA administration.

Questions?

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