



## **Vote at Home (VAH): Higher Turnout, Secure Elections, Lower Cost**

Since 2000, over a quarter of a BILLION votes have been cast in the US via ballots delivered directly to the voter. In the 2018 election, ~27% (32 million) votes were cast this way nationally. And the percentage is growing every year.

### **VAH key turnout improvements**

In the 100% VAH states (CO, OR, WA)

- 10% points higher in 2016 general election (82% vs. 72% - v. active reg.)
- 10% points higher in the 2018 midterms (60% vs. 50% - v. VEP)
- 17% points higher in 2014 mid-terms (65% vs. 48% - v active reg.)

In 2018 primaries, the eight VAH “centric” states (100% and >60% absentee)

- >15% points higher turnout (37.5% vs. 22%)

VAH engages not just voters overall, but especially lower propensity voters

- 2016 Utah general election: 10% points higher with millennials
- 2014 mid-terms: Averaged >6% points higher with Latinx
- 2016 Utah: 5.5% increase in down-ballot voting

### **VAH is a non-partisan issue**

- The eight current VAH centric states are red, purple and blue (AZ, CA, CO, HI, MT, OR, UT, WA) and more are engaging (AK, MD, ND, NE)

### **VAH improves security and integrity of the vote**

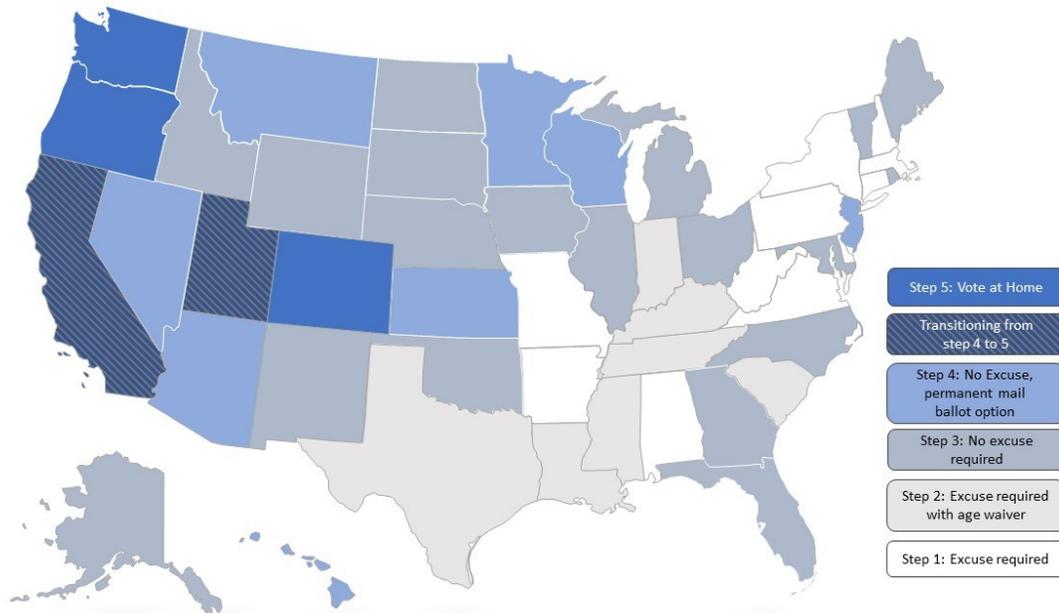
- Paper ballots, filled out by the voter, can't be hacked electronically and are easy to recount, if necessary
- Voter specific bar-coded envelopes both outbound and return link the ballot to an individual voter, tracked like Amazon. Signature matches on each returned vote tie the voter and their vote to their registration.

### **VAH saves money by removing polling-place cost duplication**

- PEW research on Colorado 2014 showed a \$6 savings per voter per election
- Other jurisdictions reporting \$2-\$5 per voter per election

**VAH is spreading across the country, as more states work to improve voter engagement, election security and election efficiency (see map and 2019 legislative action on reverse).**

## Mailed ballot policy status by state – December 2018



### Summary of 2019 Vote at Home friendly policies being considered (2/19)

Over 20 states have bills introduced or being drafted:

- **9 to move to “Step 3” – no excuse absentee**
  - NY passed Constitutional Amendment
  - CT, IA, IN, MA, NH, PA TN, VA
- **4 to move to “Step 4” – permanent absentee and/or county option**
  - IL, MD, NE, WY
- **3 to move to “Step 5” – full 100% vote at home**
  - HI, IL, ME
- **6+ have bills still in drafting or proposal process**
  - AL, AK, GA, MI, MO, ND, NM, SC...

On the National front, HR-1 includes no excuse absentee and as it gets reviewed perhaps other mailed-ballot friendly elements.

**Of course, not all of these bills will pass in 2019. But the legislative momentum for improvements in mailed-out ballot access is clearly building.**