



State Voting Policy Changes to Deal with COVID-19

State	VAH Step level*	% 2018 VAH level (EAC)	2020 Presidential Primary	Other Elections (special, run-off, municipal...)	2020 General Election
Updated 6/30/20					
ALABAMA	1	3.4%	Done	Primary run-off delayed to 7/14	
ALASKA	3	8.5%	Done - D was delayed to 4/10. Was 100% VAH		100% VAH standby legislation
ARIZONA	4	78.4%	Done - ~80% VAH		PEVL covers 80% of voters
ARKANSAS	1	2.2%	Done		
CALIFORNIA	4	59.9%	Done - ~75% VAH	Done 5/12 CA-25 VAH	Will do 100% VAH
COLORADO	5	94.7%	Done - 100% VAH		Already 100% VAH
CONNECTICUT	1	6.4%	Delayed to 8/11, Voters can use COVID as an approved excuse. Sending absentee forms to all.		Governor considering special session to extend primary COVID exception to the general election.
DELAWARE	1	3.9%	Delayed to 7/7 - social distance now a valid "excuse"		No excuse absentee just passed
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	4	4.0%	Done sent absentee forms to all		Strongly considering 100% VBM
FLORIDA	3	31.2%	Done - ~40% VAH		
GEORGIA	3	6.1%	Done Delayed to 6/9 - sent absentee forms to all	Delayed to 7/21	
HAWAII	5	56.3%	Done Delayed to 5/22 - 100% VAH		Already 100% VAH
IDAHO	3	12.4%	Done	Done 5/19 – all by absentee	
ILLINOIS	3	8.8%	Done		Will send absentee forms to everyone who voted in the last two years.
INDIANA	2	26.0%	Done Delayed to 6/2, "no excuse" allowed for all		
IOWA	3	24.4%	Done	Done 6/2 State encouraged VBM	



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KANSAS	3	16.1%	Done 5/2 D - 100% VAH		
KENTUCKY	2	1.6%	Done Delayed to 6/23 No excuse absentee allowed		
LOUISIANA	2	2.9%	Delayed to 7/11. Some minor changes to excuse rules for COVID	8/15 state and local elections also using new absentee rules	
MAINE	3	28.8%	Done	Done 6/9 Gov. discussing moving to 100% VAH.	
MARYLAND	3	4.9%	Done Delayed – Was 100% VAH	MD-7 Special 4/28 - 100% VAH	
MASSACHUSETTS	1	3.2%	Done	No excuse. All voters will be mailed absentee application	No excuse. All voters will be mailed absentee applications
MICHIGAN	3	24.5%	Done - ~40% VBM		All voters will be mailed absentee applications
MINNESOTA	3	24.5%	Done		
MISSISSIPPI	2	6.7%	Done	Primary run-off postponed	
MISSOURI	1	8.5%	Done	Done Delayed to 6/2	
MONTANA	4	72.3%	Done County option to go VAH – 100% are opted in		
NEBRASKA	3	23.8%	Done Absentee request forms sent to all. ~80% VAH		
NEVADA	4	8.9%	Done	Done 6/9 was 100% VAH	
NEW HAMPSHIRE	1	7.7%	Done	Voter can check “disability” box as approved excuse for COVID fear	Voter can check “disability” box as approved excuse for COVID fear
NEW JERSEY	4	12.5%	Delayed to 7/7 - going to 100% VAH for Rs & Ds, absentee requests for others		
NEW MEXICO	3	8.2%			
NEW YORK	1	3.9%	Done Delayed to 6/23 – sent absentee forms to all		



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NORTH CAROLINA	3	2.5%	Done	Done Delayed to 6/23 NC-11 runoff	
NORTH DAKOTA	3	29.1%	Done	Done 6/9 county option for VAH	
OHIO	3	20.8%	Done. Absentee option cards to all. Then apply. Then ballot sent. >90% VAH.		
OKLAHOMA	3	5.8%	Done	Delayed to 6/30	
OREGON	5	99.6%	Done. 100% VAH		Already 100% VAH
PENNSYLVANIA	3	3.9%	Done Delayed. VBM was encouraged.		
RHODE ISLAND	3	7.0%	Done Delayed, sent absentee forms to all		
SOUTH CAROLINA	2	4.2%	Done		
SOUTH DAKOTA	3	25.7%	Done absentee forms to all		
TENNESSEE	2	1.8%	Done		
TEXAS	2	6.7%	Done	Delayed to 11/3	
UTAH	5	89.9%	Done - 100% VAH		Already 100% VAH
VERMONT	3	9.9%	Done		100% VAH standby legislation
VIRGINIA	4	2.9%	Done	Done 5/5 delayed to 5/19 - allowed "no excuse" prior to new law in effect	
WASHINGTON	5	99.3%	Done - 100% VAH		Already 100% VAH
WEST VIRGINIA	1	1.7%	Done - Absentee forms to all, "no excuse" allowed		
WISCONSIN	3	5.6%	Done. 72% VBM		Will send absentee request forms to all registered voters.
WYOMING	3	30.1%	Done. D - Delayed to 4/17, was 100% VAH		

Step levels are what the state has in "permanent" statutes – not emergency for COVID

*Step 1: Excuse required to obtain a ballot by mail.

*Step 2: Excuse required but waived for those 60+ or 65+ years old.

*Step 3: No excuse required. Request has to be made for every election, or for a fixed, limited period of time (often 1 year).



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*Step 4: Permanent mail ballot option. Voter can request to always receive a ballot by mail just once and thereafter always receive a ballot that way.

*Step 5: Voters automatically receive a mailed ballot for every election without asking.