

# **Automatic Voter Registration:** **Because Wisconsin Deserves a Fair Vote**

**WHEREAS...** the right to vote is enshrined in the United States constitution.

**WHEREAS...** every citizen should have a fair and equal opportunity to get, and stay, registered to vote.

**WHEREAS...** 1.2 million eligible Wisconsin residents are currently not registered to vote.

**WHEREAS...** fixing the way state agencies collect and share residency information could result in hundreds of thousands of newly registered Wisconsin voters.

## **Therefore, we propose...**

- When a Wisconsin resident provides their name, date of birth, and address (with a signature on file) to a State of Wisconsin agency, they should automatically be registered to vote.
- The Wisconsin Elections Commission (WEC) should use all feasible means to facilitate the registration of all eligible Wisconsin voters and to maintain the registration so long as they remain eligible.
- The Department of Transportation (DOT) should transfer specified personally identifiable information in DOT's records to WEC for the purposes of voter registration. WEC should maintain the confidentiality of all information. Any applicant shall be allowed to opt out of transfer of their information to WEC.
- Once WEC obtains the information, WEC adds the voter's name to the statewide voter registration list.
- Wherever feasible, voter registration information should be integrated with information maintained by other State of Wisconsin agencies in the same manner as with the DOT described above.
- This proposal should supplement, not nullify or replace, existing voter registration options, including online voter registration, same day voter registration, and paper application voter registration.
- This proposal includes preregistration of 16- and 17-year-olds. A person who is at least 16-years-old but will not be 18-years-old by the next election day, and who is otherwise qualified, may preregister to vote and shall be automatically registered upon reaching the age of eligibility.

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