

# VOTING REFORMS

## HR1/S1 • FOR THE PEOPLE ACT

HR1/S1, the For the People Act, is a bill designed to promote fair representation in our democracy. One central purpose of HR1 is to protect the freedom to vote for all Americans. This aligns with MWEG's Principle of Ethical Government 2(a): "Political structures and electoral systems should be designed to maximize participation of and provide equitable access to all citizens in a society (see Mosiah 29:32)."



## QUICK GLANCE

### ***What are some of the proposed ways HR1/S1 promotes and preserves our right to vote?***

#### **Modernizes voter registration in every state**

- Enables voters to register to vote online no matter where they live
- Establishes an automatic voter registration system where eligible Americans are registered to vote automatically when they interact with a government agency like the DMV, unless they choose to opt out
- Establishes same-day voter registration, where eligible Americans can register to vote at anytime, including on Election Day

#### **Expands voter access and restores the right to vote for disenfranchised populations**

- Promotes voting accessibility for individuals with disabilities
- Requires states to send ballots to overseas and military voters earlier
- Prohibits discriminatory voter caging and voter purges, which disproportionately suppress Black voters
- Increases voting access for Native Americans living on tribal lands, particularly for individuals without residential addresses
- Restores the right to vote for individuals who have completed a prison sentence
- Improves voting accessibility for college students

#### **Increases availability of voting options**

- Ensures early voting is equally available in every state (15 days prior to election)
- Makes Election Day a federal holiday
- Enables Americans to vote by mail in every state
  - Absentee ballot tracking system
  - Prepayment of postage stamps for voter registration forms and ballots
  - Opportunity to correct errors in a submitted absentee ballot
  - Availability of drop boxes

#### **Establishes independent redistricting committees to prevent partisan gerrymandering**

- Protects our freedom to choose our leaders rather than have leaders pick their voters

#### **Promotes safe and accessible elections with transparent processes we can trust**

- Ensures votes are recorded on durable paper ballots that can be accurately recounted
- Prohibits misleading election information and voter intimidation
- Enhances poll worker recruitment and training
- Establishes new quality standards for election infrastructure
- Improves ability to investigate and prevent cybersecurity election threats