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# STATE REFORMS TO SAFEGUARD ELECTIONS

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## SECURE VOTER REGISTRATION



The information found in this report is presented in a problem and solution format—as it pertains to ongoing U.S. election integrity. The topics found in this report include:

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### 01 Problem

Some states allow voters to register as late as on Election Day, potentially leading to illegal voting because registrant information cannot be immediately verified.

#### Solution

Require voter registration applications to be received 30 days before Election Day.

### 02 Problem

Not all states cross-reference voter rolls with state and federal databases, leading to illegal voting.

#### Solution

Require state election officials to conduct checks of the voter registration rolls twice a year, with one check completed 90 days before a general election for federal office.

# SECURE VOTING BY MAIL

## 01 Problem

Bad actors send pre-filled absentee applications to harvest votes for candidates.

### Solution

Prohibit mailing pre-filled absentee applications to potential voters.

## 02 Problem

Not all states require absentee ballots to be witnessed, potentially allowing a voter's signature to be forged on the ballot envelope.

### Solution

Require absentee ballots to be witnessed.

## 03 Problem

In many states, absentee ballots have fewer ID requirements than in-person voting, potentially leading to fraud.

### Solution

Require voters to provide their driver's license number on the absentee envelope.

## 04 Problem

Thanks to the recent expansion of absentee ballots, in some states it is possible for someone to register to vote, request an absentee ballot, and vote absentee without ever being seen in person or producing a photo ID.

### Solution

Require first-time absentee voters to include a copy of their photo ID with their ballot or their ballot application.

## 05 Problem

Some states do not limit the number of ballots a single person may return, and permit anyone to return ballots, enabling ballot harvesting

### Solution

Prohibit a single person from returning more than two voters' ballots, and narrowly define who can return a ballot.

## 06 Problem

Questionable ballots are usually reviewed by a three-person canvassing committee, one from each party and an election official, and some states require a unanimous vote for the committee to reject an absentee ballot. This allows one of the partisan members of the committee to ensure fraudulent absentee ballots are never thrown out.

### Solution

Require only a majority vote of the signature verification committee to reject a ballot.



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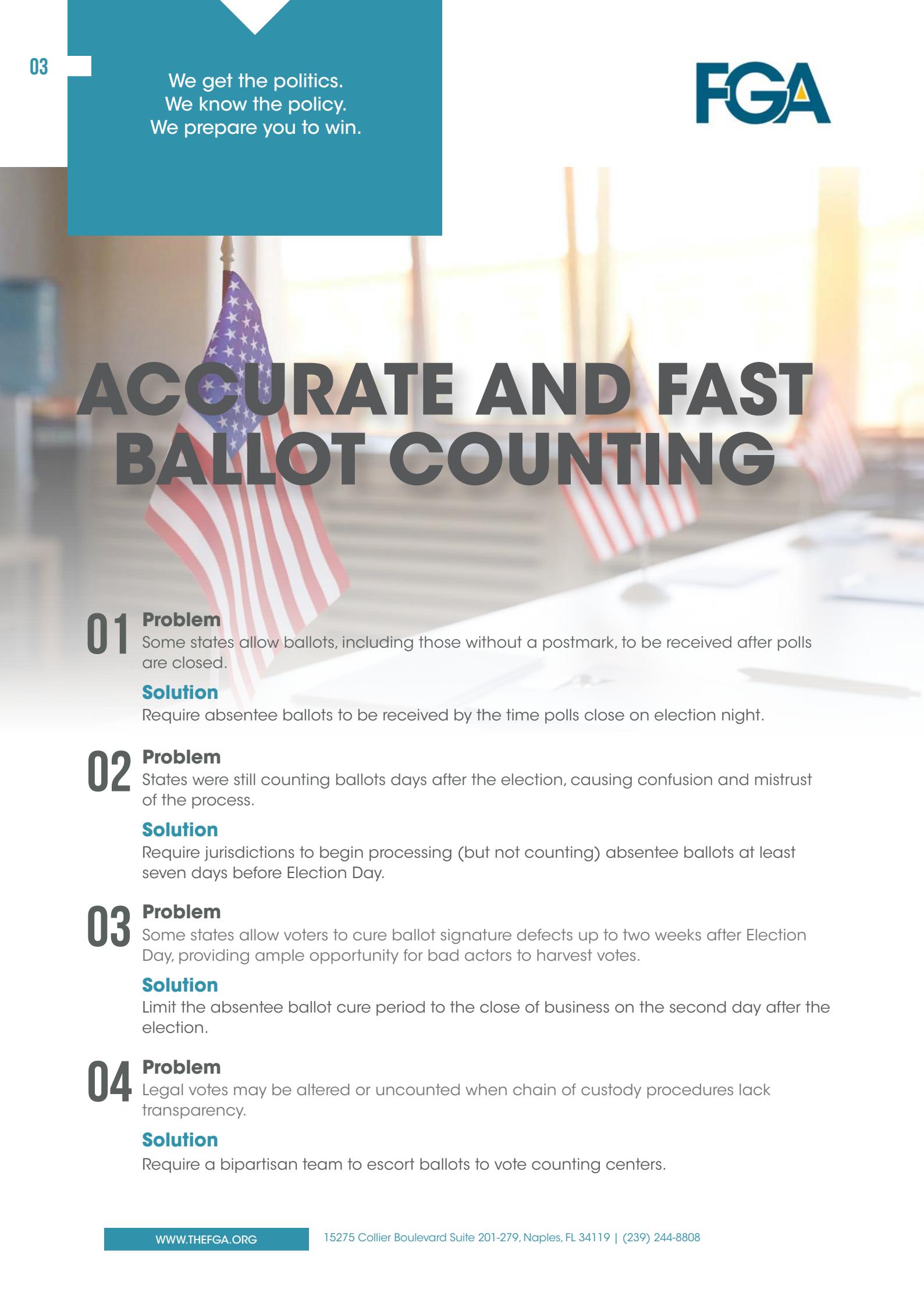


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# ACCURATE AND FAST BALLOT COUNTING

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## 01 Problem

Some states allow ballots, including those without a postmark, to be received after polls are closed.

### Solution

Require absentee ballots to be received by the time polls close on election night.

## 02 Problem

States were still counting ballots days after the election, causing confusion and mistrust of the process.

### Solution

Require jurisdictions to begin processing (but not counting) absentee ballots at least seven days before Election Day.

## 03 Problem

Some states allow voters to cure ballot signature defects up to two weeks after Election Day, providing ample opportunity for bad actors to harvest votes.

### Solution

Limit the absentee ballot cure period to the close of business on the second day after the election.

## 04 Problem

Legal votes may be altered or uncounted when chain of custody procedures lack transparency.

### Solution

Require a bipartisan team to escort ballots to vote counting centers.

# TRANSPARENCY IN ELECTIONS

## 01 Problem

The Chan Zuckerberg Initiative donated millions of dollars to select jurisdictions, benefiting Democrats.

### Solution

Prohibit local governments from accepting funding from private individuals and third parties.

## 02 Problem

Election officials unlawfully restrict access to counting centers, preventing poll watchers from verifying the accuracy of vote counting processes.

### Solution

Require any ballot drop boxes deployed to be securely monitored and jurisdictions [over XX population, based on state demographics] using counting centers to live-stream all ballot activities.

## 03 Problem

Information in the statewide voter registration database is difficult to obtain, frustrating access to public information.

### Solution

Require states to post voter registration rolls online in a usable format.

## 04 Problem

Voters lack confidence in the accuracy of the election results, undermining the validity of elected leaders.

### Solution

Require jurisdictions to complete rigorous post-election audits after every election.



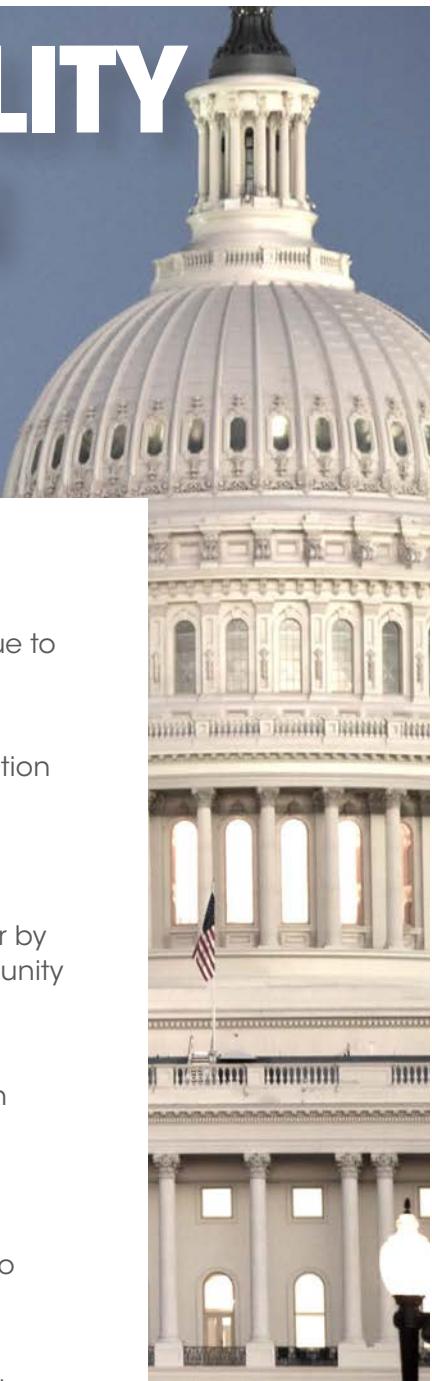
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# ACCOUNTABILITY FOR ELECTION OFFICIALS



## 01 Problem

Many states waived or relaxed absentee requirements due to COVID-19.

### Solution

Roll back any COVID-19-related waivers and prohibit election officials from making future changes without legislative approval.

## 02 Problem

Election laws and rules have been changed by judges or by election officials without the legislature having an opportunity to weigh in.

### Solution

Give the state legislature standing to intervene in election lawsuits and to approve consent decrees.

## 03 Problem

Some states allow the Secretary of State to bring a writ of mandamus, but this mechanism doesn't go far enough to ensure local election officials' compliance with state law.

### Solution

Allow legislatures to use the power of mandamus to get the state supreme court to compel election officials to follow the law.

## 04 Problem

Election administrators regularly fill in gaps in the law to benefit preferred political candidates, wasting taxpayer resources from the lawsuits that inevitably ensue.

### Solution

Enact penalties, including removal from office, for elections administrators that knowingly promulgate inaccurate election information.



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