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<http://c-spanclassroomdeliberations.org/issues/state-voting-laws/>

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# Vocabulary Preview Chart

**Deliberation Topic:** Should your state modify its voter registration laws and methods for submitting a ballot?1. Define these terms and phrases before reading the background article or using the videos from C-SPAN Classroom Deliberations. Try searching Google or a dictionary for a definition.

2. Finally, use these words in your deliberations and writing activities after you understand all sides of the issue.

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| Term | Definition |
| Absentee Ballot |  |
| Ballot |  |
| Ballot Measure |  |
| Early Voting |  |
| Election Day |  |
| Felon |  |
| Fraud |  |
| Polling Place |  |
| Turnout |  |
| Provisional Voting |  |
| Voter Identification |  |
| Voter Registration |  |

Background Video Questions

**Deliberation Topic:** Should your state modify its voter registration laws and methods for submitting a ballot?

**Directions:** *To provide a background for the deliberation, answer the questions associated with the vides.*

**VIDEO CLIP:** [**The History of State Voting Methods**](https://www.c-span.org/video/?c4754637/history-voting-systems) **(4:17)**

* Why was early voting common at the beginning of the United States?
* What problems were caused in 1845 when the number of days people could vote was reduced?
* How did the idea of absentee ballots develop? What were initial restrictions to this?
* How did western states experiment with methods of voting in the 20th century?
* In what ways did eastern states contribute to how people vote?
* What could be complications with states having different methods of voting?
* Why do you think states have the authority to make laws about voting and elections?

# **Background Article Questions**

Deliberation Topic: Should your state modify its voter registration laws and methods for submitting a ballot?

[**It's a Big Year for Voting Rights at the Ballot Box**](http://www.governing.com/topics/politics/gov-voting-rights-ballot-measures-2018.html)- *Governing Magazine*

* Explain the efforts in different states that have been more restrictive to voting.
* Explain the state efforts that are designed to make registration and voting easier.
* What are the reasons for these changes to current state voting laws?

[**Voting Laws and Requirements**](https://www.usvotefoundation.org/vote/state-elections/state-voting-laws-requirements.htm)- *U.S. Vote Foundation*

* What are common laws and requirements that states/territories have? Why do you think this is?
* What are unique laws and requirements that states/territories have? Why do you think this is?
* Describe the voting laws and requirements that are in place for your state/territory.
* What is your opinion on the current laws and requirements that are in place for your state/territory? Do these seem appropriate for your state/territory?

[**Voter Identification Requirements: Voter ID Laws**](http://www.ncsl.org/research/elections-and-campaigns/voter-id.aspx)- *National Conference of State Legislatures*

* Read through the site’s introduction and describe the various types of voter ID laws.
* Describe the type of voter identification law that is in effect for your state/territory.
* What is your opinion on the current voter identification laws for your state/territory? Does this seem appropriate for your state/territory?

**Note-taking Chart**

Deliberation Question: Should your state modify its voter registration laws and methods for submitting a ballot?

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| **Voter Registration** | **Time Periods for Voting** |
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| **Voting by Mail** | **Voter ID Laws** |
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