



The Election Technology Initiative

Mission Statement

The Election Technology Initiative is dedicated to maintaining and supporting open-source technologies that ease administrative and financial burdens on election offices, increase access for all voters regardless of location, disability or language, while also improving voter confidence in election results.

The Goal

The Election Technology Initiative is a state-driven program that will maintain and support open-source election software tools that election officials in all states can use to improve security, access and voter confidence while reducing the administrative and financial burden of elections.

The Election Technology Initiative Working Group

The working group will meet quarterly to discuss updates to technologies, future technology solutions, technology pilots or implementations, and review upcoming publications. This group will be made up of 10 election officials:

- ▶ 2 nominated by National Association of Secretary of State
- ▶ 2 nominated by National Association State Election Directors
- ▶ 2 nominated by National Association State Election Officials
- ▶ 4 selected by CSG and The Turnout

Advisory Council members will be invited to participate as subject matter experts as needed.

The Election Technology Initiative Advisory Council

The Advisory Council will meet semi-annually and will drive the future of the Initiative including determining what technologies come under the program. The council will be made up of three to five executive and legislative branch members from each CSG region and will include:

- ▶ All working group members
- ▶ Federal advisors*:
 - Cybersecurity Infrastructure Security Agency
 - Election Assistance Commission
 - Federal Voting Assistance Program
 - National Institute of Standards and Technology
 - Department of Justice
- ▶ SMEs*:
 - Center for Civic Design
 - National Disability Rights Network
 - National Federation for the Blind
 - Vet the Vote
 - Rice University
 - MIT Election Data and Science Lab
 - NASS Executive Director
 - NASED Executive Director
 - NASEO Chief Program Officer and Chief Operations Officer

**non-voting members*

“The Turnout is excited to partner with CSG on the Election Technology Initiative to bring additional layers of accountability, accessibility and transparency to elections.”

– Jared Marcotte, president | *The Turnout*



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About The Council of State Governments

The Council of State Governments is America's largest organization of state officials and the nation's only nonpartisan, not-for-profit organization serving all three branches of state government. Founded in 1933, CSG is a region-based forum that fosters the exchange of insights and ideas to help state officials shape public policy to help communities across the nation and advance the common good.

For over nine decades, CSG has leveraged the power of states learning from states, helping build a stronger nation by harvesting the best ideas and solutions from the states, our nations' laboratories of democracy.

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About The Turnout

At the intersection of technology and elections infrastructure, The Turnout works to help governments better understand and assess military and overseas voting, to perform security self-assessments and upgrade their cybersecurity, to visualize and analyze their processes, and to standardize and validate their elections data.

From data analysis and policy research to custom technology development and business process modeling, The Turnout helps governments develop grounded and actionable solutions.

"State election officials are among the heroes of our democracy. They consistently carry out free and fair elections with professionalism and integrity. CSG is proud to launch the Election Technology Initiative in partnership with The Turnout to enhance voter confidence and participation in elections."

– David Adkins, executive director/CEO | *The Council of State Governments*