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Voters who get to sample Vote at Home want more

Over the last year or so, we have seen municipalities and counties across the country start to use Vote at Home (VAH) modeled elections, with sensational results.

Anchorage, Alaska: April 2018

Held its first municipal election entirely by mailed-out ballots. The turnout results shattered records. Now, there is legislation pending in Alaska's 2020 session for both state-wide permanent absentee status and a full Vote at Home model. <u>Press coverage here</u>.

Garden County, Nebraska: May 2018

Held its first primary election entirely by mailed-out ballots (first in NE to do so). The turnout placed it in the top three counties in the state. For the 2018 midterms, four counties signed up, also with very strong turnout. For 2020, eleven counties have opted in. Press coverage here.

Three municipalities in New Mexico: August 2018 – May 2019

New Mexico passed a law (HB 98) in 2018 requiring municipalities to conduct their local elections entirely by mailed-out ballots. Las Cruces saw 25% turnout versus 5%-10% historically (2.5x-5x increase). Las Cruces press here. Santa Fe saw 3x historical turnout. Santa Fe press here. Silver City saw 3.5x regular turnout. Silver City press here.

Camden, New Jersey: June 2019 & November 2019

After NJ passed a law allowing voters to choose "permanent absentee" in 2018, Camden's municipal elections saw mailed-out ballots exceed 50% of all ballots cast. Press coverage here. In November 2019, ~244,000 or over 20% of all votes were cast in the state by mailed-out ballot, up from under 10% four years earlier. Coverage here.

Michigan: August 2019 & November 2019

Michigan passed Proposal 3 in November 2018, that included "no excuse absentee," including a "semi-permanent absentee" request model. In Lansing's first election under the new system, absentee ballots were 76% of all votes cast, and turnout was up about 25%. Coverage here. In November, Rochester saw 30% of all votes by absentee, with some towns over 50%. Coverage here. And Highland saw 30% turnout with 59% voting from mailed-out ballots. Coverage here.

St. George, Utah: August 2019 & November 2019

Move to 100% mailed-out ballot primary results in 3x the historical turnout. <u>Coverage here.</u> And the 2x turnout in the regular election in November 2019. <u>Coverage here.</u>

Rockville, Maryland: November 2019

Move to 100% mailed-out voting resulted in ~2x the historical turnout. Press coverage here.

Tucson, Arizona: November 2019

Move to 100% mailed-out voting resulted in over 37% turnout. Official results here.