ElectConnect Addendum: State-Level Implementation & Strategy

Overview

While ElectConnect is designed as a nationally scalable election reform initiative, some states are more likely to implement it at the state level before broader federal adoption. This addendum outlines: ✓ States most likely to adopt ElectConnect ✓ Implementation strategies at the state level ✓ Policy recommendations to facilitate adoption ✓ Resources for engaging elected officials

States Most Likely to Adopt ElectConnect

The following states have a history of election reform leadership, strong public financing laws, or a pro-democracy legislative climate:

Early Adopter States

These states already support public election funding, fair districting, and voter access:

- Oregon (Strong history of campaign finance reform)
- Maine (Established public campaign funding)
- Minnesota (High voter participation & fair election laws)
- Washington (Open government and transparency initiatives)
- California (Election security & campaign finance regulations)

Swing & Emerging Reform States

These states could adopt ElectConnect if public support grows:

- Colorado (Election innovation leader, mail-in voting success)
- Wisconsin (Swing state with election integrity concerns)
- Michigan (Recent voter access expansions)
- Arizona (Competitive elections & potential for reform)
- New Mexico (Advancing campaign finance transparency)

♦ Local & Pilot Program Opportunities

Some cities and counties could test ElectConnect even before state adoption:

- New York City, NY (Publicly funded elections already in place)
- Portland, OR
 ✓ (Public campaign financing pilot)

Implementation Strategies

ElectConnect can be implemented through state legislation, ballot initiatives, or local pilot programs. Key strategies include:

Legislative Adoption

★ Work with state legislators to introduce ElectConnect pilot programs. **★** Advocate for laws that ban private campaign donations and establish public financing. **★** Push for equal candidate access policies at the state level.

Ballot Initiatives

In states with ballot initiative processes, grassroots efforts can bring ElectConnect to voters directly. Example: Maine's Clean Elections Act was established via ballot initiative. Focus on states where voters can pass campaign finance reform directly.

City & County-Level Testing

- cities like New York City, San Francisco, and Portland already have public campaign funding models.
- # ElectConnect could be piloted in progressive counties to prove feasibility before state-wide adoption.
- Engage local election boards to establish nonpartisan digital platforms for candidate visibility.

Policy Recommendations

To ensure successful adoption, states should enact policies that: ✓ Ban private & corporate donations in state elections. ✓ Establish public funding pools for candidates. ✓ Require equal digital access for all candidates. ✓ Mandate county-level voter engagement. ✓ Protect election security with paper ballots & audits.

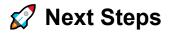
The Engaging Elected Officials

A crucial part of implementing ElectConnect at the state level is contacting lawmakers and advocating for reform. To assist with this, we have provided a sample letter that constituents can send to their elected officials.

Download the Sample Letter to Elected Officials:

Download Here

This letter outlines key reasons for supporting ElectConnect and includes a request for policy consideration.



♦ Engage with state legislators & reform groups. ♦ Identify local governments willing to pilot ElectConnect. ♦ Educate voters on the benefits of publicly funded elections. ♦ Build a grassroots movement for implementation.

록 ElectConnect is an open-source initiative—let's make democracy work for everyone!