







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)
 - San Francisco, CA  (Strong progressive election policies)
 - Portland, OR  (Public campaign financing pilot)
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Implementation Strategies

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

1 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.






2 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.

3 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.

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](#)

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

Next Steps

◆ 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.

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