



The Latest Research

This chapter has explained in some depth the role of state and local governments in structuring elections. As discussed above, what citizens need to do to register to vote, where they vote, when they vote, and the mechanics of how they vote are largely decisions made by state

and local governments. States have differences on all these matters, and it should come as no surprise after reading this chapter that these differences make a difference. Tougher registration requirements, for example, tend to result in lower voter turnout.

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