Democracy Wins Big in 2018 Midterms!

Citizens in **9** states step up to unrig the rules…

- ✓ **Colorado** and **Michigan** establish independent redistricting commissions to overcome gerrymandering.
- ✓ **Missouri** transfers responsibility for drafting district lines to a new position of state demographer for approval by existing legislative commission & tightens rules on campaign finance and lobbying.
- ✓ **Utah** passes a bipartisan advisory commission to reign in redistricting manipulation.
- ✓ **Florida** restores voting rights to 1.4 million citizens who have committed a felony and completed their sentence.
- ✓ **Florida** votes to bar public officials from lobbying both during their terms and for six years following, and to restrict current public officers from using their office for personal gain.
- ✓ **Maryland** approves same-day voter registration.
- ✓ **Michigan** passes straight-ticket voting, Automatic Voter Registration, same-day registration, and early voting with "no-excuse."
- ✓ **Nevada** passes Automatic Voter Registration.
- ✓ **New Mexico** passes a constitutional amendment to create an Independent Ethics Commission.
- ✓ **North Dakota** passes rules to increase accountability, root out conflicts of interest, restrict lobbyist gifts, tighten campaign-finance laws transparency, and more.

Citizens in **8** cities and **1** county pass pro-democracy measures…

- ✓ **Baltimore** and **Denver** create small-donor matching fund programs for qualifying candidates.
- ✓ **Fargo** adopts Approval Voting for municipal elections whereby voters approve as many candidates as they wish and the candidate with most approval win.
- ✓ **Long Beach** and **Santa Barbara County** create independent redistricting commissions to draw municipal districts.
- ✓ **Memphis** votes to keep Ranked Choice Voting for municipal elections.
- ✓ **New York** strengthens its public finance matching system by raising its public match from 6 to 1 to 8 to 1 and lowered the maximum contribution a donor can make to a campaign.
- ✓ **Phoenix** passes a requirement that individuals and organizations disclose donations of more than $1,000.
- ✓ **Portland, OR** sets new limits on campaign contributions and independent expenditures.

Note: *Most passed by more than 60%.*
This list doesn't include numerous democracy advisory resolutions.

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