

## Klobuchar, Tester introduce legislation to make voting easier for all Americans

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*Bill requires states to allow people to register to vote on the same day as the election*

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senators Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) and Jon Tester (D-MT) introduced legislation to help make voting easier for all Americans on Tuesday, March 12. The *Same Day Registration*

Act would require states to allow people to register to vote for a federal election on the same day as the election.

"The right to vote is the cornerstone of American democracy, and we should be doing everything in our power to make sure people can have their voices heard," Klobuchar said. "Minnesota has long had same day registration and has some of the highest voter participation rates in the nation. This legislation would help ensure that no one is turned away from the voting booth due to a failure to register."



"America was built on the idea that everyone should have a say in deciding the future of our country. Allowing folks nationwide to register and vote on Election Day — like we do in Montana — strengthens a fundamental right that millions of Americans have fought to earn and protect," Tester said.

Klobuchar recently traveled to Alabama with Congressman John Lewis and visited several key sites of the civil rights movement including the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma. Klobuchar also spoke to Attorney General Eric Holder at a Senate Judiciary hearing last week about protecting the right to vote and encouraging voter participation.

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Minnesota has allowed same-day voter registration for many years and has one of the highest voter turnouts in the country. Seventeen percent of all Minnesota voters registered on election day in 2012. If these voters had not been allowed to register, Minnesota's turnout would have dropped by 14 points.