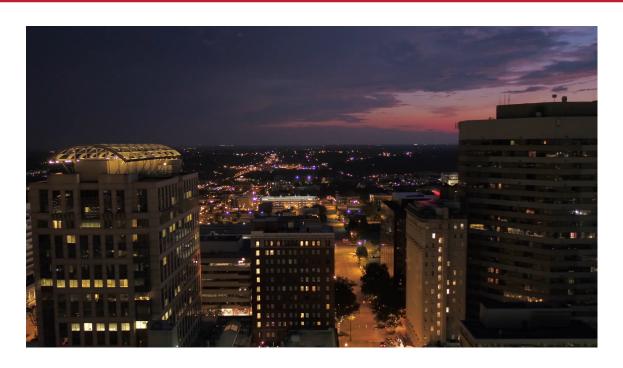
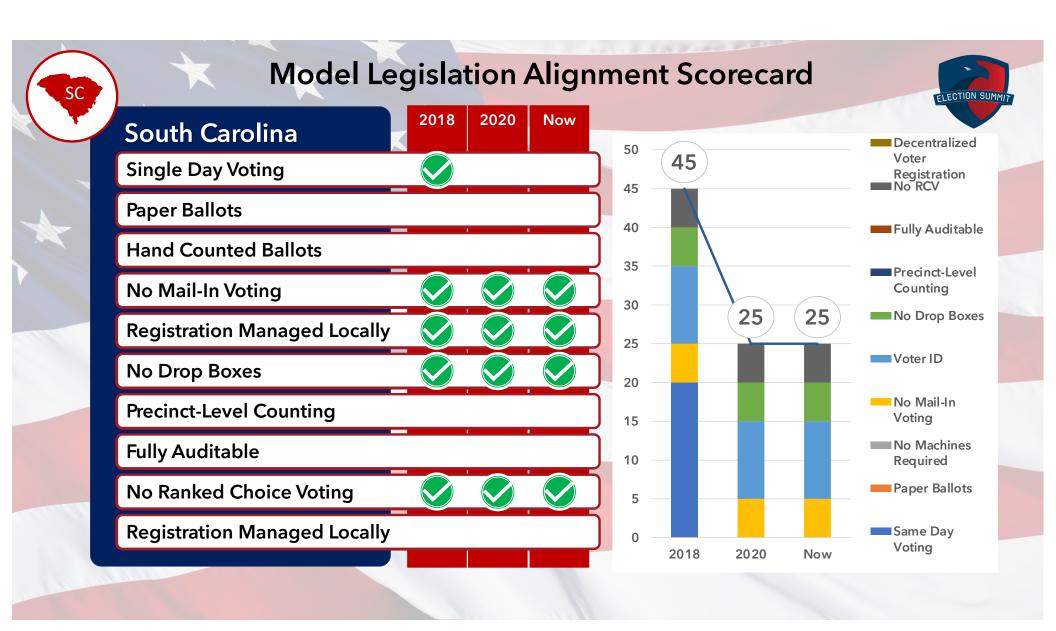


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Reason for Hope



South Carolina

- Voters in SC have a desire to go to a paper ballot system
- 3 bills in the House Subcommittee would greatly enhance Election Integrity
 - Hand Count Audit Act
 - Voter Access and Transparency Act
 - Clean Voter Roll Act
- A dozen amendments from above bills will be added to other election bills to enhance transparency
- Current laws against ballot harvesting: An authorized person can request and deliver up to 5 ballots
- Legal win may help motivate legislature to enhance transparency
- Awareness raised re: lack of transparency with hand count audit process



Reason for Hope: Lawsuit Success



South Carolina

- Lawsuit to Gain Access to Cast Vote Records
 - FOIA challenge
 - Filed suit in August '22 (SC Election Commission and 8 county Boards of Elections) and was granted an injunction that preserved the 2020 data in 8 counties
 - Defendants filed countersuit to disallow any further FOIA requests and investigations into the 2020 election
 - This is egregiously unconstitutional. It goes far beyond a mere "chilling effect" on First Amendment rights and
 - (1) seeks a prior restraint to bar free speech (such as requesting election records), and further,
 - (2) seeks a prior restraint to bar investigation (e.g., of elections), which we believe both the 8th and 10th circuits have held to be unconstitutional.

