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**Secretary of State Jim Condos Applauds House Gov't Operations
Actions to Improve Voter Registration**

Montpelier, VT – Secretary of State Jim Condos today applauds the House Government Operations committee for its strong and unanimous bi-partisan vote to pass out H.458 - Automatic Voter Registration introduced by Representative Chris Pearson.

“AVR saves time and money by making voter registration easy for eligible voters. It will increase the accuracy of our statewide voter checklist and curb the potential for fraud, protecting the integrity of our elections,” says Secretary Condos.

This proposal is poised to streamline the federally mandated voter registration at the DMV with a new process in which the state identifies and automatically provides the data for eligible Vermonters to be added to the voter checklist electronically with confirmation from the local town clerk.

This will add more eligible voters to the Vermont rolls, cementing Vermont’s ranking as a state with one of the highest registration rates in the country.

“Democracy works best when more people participate, so I once again applaud the House Government Operations Committee for their hard work and support of this important initiative,” said Secretary of State Jim Condos.

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