

Increasing Participation through E-Voting

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Abstract

One of the most basic ways of realizing people's participation in the decision-making, planning and administration of community affairs is participation through elections; what has been emphasized by the constitution legislators in the constitutions of the countries of the world, including Iran. There are many factors involved in attracting or eliminating participation, but what is explicitly discussed in this paper is the impact of the use of new technologies, and in particular on electronic elections. In this essay we will take a look at the merits of electronic elections that are effective in attracting participation and the essential requirements we need to take into consideration the experience of leading and successful countries in this field. E-Voting increases participation in two steps; in the first step, cost reductions, reduction of fraud and errors, and synchronization with the international community are among the reasons why electronic elections increases participation. In the second step, electronic elections will increase participation through attract the lost votes, the possibility of becoming a culture and reviving direct democracy.

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