Overview of Processes, Data Sources, and Volume
LEGAL FRAMEWORK

Federal Legislation – National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (NVRA)

State Legislation – Election Law, COMAR

State Board of Elections Procedures
LIST MAINTENANCE PROCESSES

- Voter Registration
- Voter Registration Updates
- Cancellation Without Confirmation
- Cancellation After Confirmation
- In-activation
- Re-activation
VOTER REGISTRATION

Requirements: citizenship, residency, age, no guardianship for mental disability, no conviction for buying/selling votes, served imprisonment.

Data source: Voters directly.

Registration options: online, in person, MVA, state designated agencies.

Data verified against MVA or SSA databases.

Follow up letters mailed if not verified.

Additions to Voter Registration since last election: 42,149.
VOTER REGISTRATION UPDATES

Change of address, name or party affiliation

Data source: Voters directly or indirectly via Government Agencies

Update options: online, in person, MVA, petitions, Courts, state designated agencies

Voter Update Form at the Polling Place
VOTER REGISTRATION UPDATES – VOLUME

- Party Affiliation changes: 14,425
- Address Changes: 52,363
- Name Changes: 36,847
CANCELLATION WITHOUT CONFIRMATION

Voter Request

Notice of Voter Registration from Another State

Death Notice from MD Department of Health
CANCELLATION AFTER CONFIRMATION

Example 1

If no response is received within two weeks from confirmation mailing date – voter’s status is changed to CANCELLED if confirmation mailing is triggered by:

- Data from Administrative Office of the Courts and Federal Courts (for felons)
- Data from Jury Commission (for deceased, non-citizens)
- ERIC Deceased List
If no response is received within two weeks from confirmation mailing date – voter’s status is changed to INACTIVE if confirmation mailing is triggered by:

- NCOA address updates (National Change of Address)
- Returned Mail
- Jury Commission (address change)
- ERIC (address changes)

Residential Confirmation Mailing sent since last election: 84,550
FROM INACTIVE TO CANCELLED

Example 1: Address Change

Data on address change received

Residential Confirmation Notice sent

Voter’s status is made INACTIVE if no signed confirmation received within two weeks

Voter’s registration is CANCELLED if voter does not update record or vote in two consecutive Federal Election
FROM INACTIVE TO CANCELLED

Example 2: Returned Mail

- Mailing returns as undeliverable
- Residential Confirmation Notice sent
- Voter’s status is made INACTIVE if no signed confirmation received within two weeks
- Voter’s registration is CANCELLED if voter does not update record or vote in two consecutive Federal Election
INACTIVE VOTERS

- INACTIVE voter retains the same rights as ACTIVE voter
- INACTIVE voters are listed in pollbooks
- INACTIVE voters vote standard ballot at the polls after affirming the residential address
- Voter Update Form is available at a polling place
- If they changed address, INACTIVE voters vote Provisional ballot
- INACTIVE voters' registration is cancelled if they do not update record or vote in two consecutive Federal Election
FROM INACTIVE TO ACTIVE

- Voter updates voter record
- Voter signs a petition
- Voter submits Vote-By-Mail request
- Voter votes in Statewide election
Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC)

Established in 2012
Maryland – one of seven states that pioneered the formation of ERIC
Currently 31 states and Washington DC participating
ericstates.org
ERIC Participating States

ERIC – shared and matched data

- Voter registration data from ERIC participating states
- Data from participating states’ Departments of Motor Vehicles
- Social Security Administration’s death records
- National Change of Address (NCOA) program
ERIC DATA

- In-State Address Changes
- In-State Duplicates
- Cross-State Address Changes
- Death Notifications
- NCOA Address Updates
ERIC: In-State Address Changes

- Received every even month from SBE
- Data is processed within 10 working days
- Records received since last election: 8,004
ERIC: In-State Duplicates

- Received every odd month from SBE
- Data is processed within 10 working days
- Records received since last election: 231
ERIC:
Cross-State Address Changes

- Received every even month from SBE
- Data is processed within 10 working days
- Records received since last election: 29,676
ERIC: Death Notifications

- Received every odd month from SBE
- Data is processed within 10 working days
- Records received since last election: 282
ERIC: NCOA Address Updates

National Change Of Address database

Received every even month from SBE

Data is processed within 10 working days

Records received since last election: 87,393
Administrative Office of the Courts

- Data received every month
- 5 working days to process
- Last data set received: 10
Maryland Department of Health

Data received every month

5 working days to process

Last data set received: 382
Jury Commission List

Data received every quarter

Processed within three weeks

Last data set received: 236
Proofing – in house process

State Board of Elections – review of ERIC processing

Cross-county review of processed:
- Additions to voter list
- Cancelled records
- Party affiliation changes
- AOC records
- MDH records
- Vote By Mail applications
CHALLENGES

Undeliverable Mail Not Returned

College Students

Transient Population

Federal Ballot Only Voters

Overlapping Data

States not participating in ERIC
Current Status

- Active Voters: 675,622
- In-Active Voters: 66,390
- 16- and 17-years old voters: 9,681
- Military and Overseas Voters in 2020 PG election: 8,972
- Federal Ballot Only Voters: 5,249
Current Status

Additions since last elections: 42,149

Subtractions from ACTIVE since last elections: 60,073

Subtractions from INACTIVE since last elections: 42,995

CANCELLED Voters since last elections: 44,636