

VOTER LIST MAINTENANCE

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 data bases

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

CANCELLATION AFTER CONFIRMATION

Example 2

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

Alabama	Alaska	Arizona	Colorado	Connecticut	Delaware	Florida	Georgia
Illinois	Iowa	Kentucky	Louisiana	Maine	Maryland	Michigan	Minnesota
Missouri	Nevada	New Mexico	Ohio	Oregon	Pennsylvania	Rhode Island	South Carolina
Texas	Utah	Vermont	Virginia	Washington	Washington DC	West Virginia	Wisconsin

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

PROCESSES QUALITY CONTROL

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