



Voter List Maintenance Background

Challenges of Voter List Maintenance



- Keeping pace with moving voters to maintain accuracy of voter rolls
- Meeting expectations of voters
- Being notified of address changes and relevant updates that impact voter registration
- Cost of upgrading list maintenance processes to latest technologies and available data

National Voter Registration Act (NVRA)



- Primary federal law governing voter address list maintenance, registration.
- Requires states to conduct general list maintenance.
- Establishes a process for states to keep voter registration lists accurate.



States Covered by NVRA



- Applies to 44 States and D.C.
- Exemptions
 - No voter registration requirement: ND
 - Election Day Registration at polling places as of Aug. 1, 1994: ID, MN, NH, WI, WY



Election Day Registration



No Voter Registration Requirement

NVRA List Maintenance Requirements



NVRA prohibits election officials from removing voters from voter registration lists:

- Within 90 days of a federal election.
- Solely due to a failure to vote.
- Without following an address confirmation procedure if mail is returned or undeliverable.



HAVA and Voter List Maintenance



- Applies to all states.
- Requires states to develop lists of registered voters and coordinate voter record with state entities.
- Clarifies when voters can and cannot be removed from a registration list.
- Mandates EAC to submit report to Congress assessing impact of NVRA every two years.

About Voter Registration Databases



- Databases should track a voter's registration through time, including:
 - Initial registrations
 - Verification of DL/SSN
 - Changes
 - Inactivity
 - Duplicate Registrations
 - Cancellations



Voter Registration Data Resources



Information Type	Third-party Source
Death Records	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vital Statistics• Health Department• Social Security Administration• Other Government Entities• Personal Knowledge Reports
Address Changes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reports from Other Election Officials• Returned Undeliverable Election Mail• USPS through the NCOA Program
Declarations of Mental Incapacitation (if applicable)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Courts
Convictions of Specific Disqualifying Crimes (if applicable)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Courts• Regional U.S. Attorney's Offices• Government Prosecutors• Departments of Correction



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EAC Resources and Programs

Latest EAC Resources



Voter List Maintenance Resources

- Best Practices Guide
- Fact Sheet
- Toolkit for Election Officials



Latest EAC Resources



Second Edition of Election Management Guidelines

- Includes 19 chapters on topics such as **list maintenance**, accessibility, voting system certification, system security, audits, ballot building, absentee voting, and recounts.

