

**NCSL Standing Committee on Elections and Redistricting  
POLICY BOOK  
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1 **COMMITTEE: ELECTIONS AND REDISTRICTING**

2 **POLICY: ELECTION MAIL**

3 **TYPE: RESOLUTION (NEW- Committee Work Product)**

4 **WHEREAS**, all states send crucial election information through the mail, including voter  
5 registration cards, information about upcoming elections, and absentee/mail ballots; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the United States Postal Service plays an essential role in supporting state  
7 administration of accurate, accessible and secure elections; and

8 **WHEREAS**, reliable and consistent postal operations help state-run elections meet  
9 legal requirements and voter expectations; and

10 **WHEREAS**, a fully funded postal service is a prerequisite to well-run elections; and

11 **WHEREAS**, many states require election mail to be postmarked by set deadlines to be  
12 accepted; and

13 **WHEREAS**, recent changes in USPS operations to consolidate mail processing and  
14 application of postmarks to regional centers rather than at local post offices will result in  
15 delays in the postmarking of election mail, which could result in the rejection of timely  
16 mailed voter registration forms and mail in ballots; and

17 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, NCSL urges Congress to appropriate  
18 sufficient funds to the USPS to ensure the organization is fully operational and meets  
19 the needs of all U.S. voters, including those in rural areas, underserved communities  
20 and residing and serving the nation overseas.

21 **LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED**, NCSL supports the use of all available USPS  
22 resources to ensure the delivery of all official election-related mail to and from voters  
23 and urges that USPS take all necessary actions to ensure that valid cast ballots  
24 entering the mail stream are delivered timely and expeditiously to the appropriate  
25 election office for processing and counting.

26 **LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED**, NCSL urges USPS to promptly and regularly inform  
27 customers of the lag time between mail drop off and postmarking and provide  
28 reasonable estimates of mail timing to ensure voters know when they must drop off  
29 election mail.

1 **COMMITTEE: ELECTIONS AND REDISTRICTING**

2 **POLICY: VOTER REGISTRATION LIST MAINTENANCE**

3 **TYPE: RESOLUTION (RENEWAL)**

4 **WHEREAS**, the maintenance of accurate and updated voter rolls through effective,  
5 thorough, nonpartisan and secure systems is vital to strengthening trust and confidence  
6 in the election process;

7 **WHEREAS**, states hold the principal responsibility for updating these official records;

8 **WHEREAS**, no comprehensive voter record maintenance system for state and territorial  
9 voter rolls exists today;

10 **WHEREAS**, timely upkeep of voter file information is imperative because voter data is  
11 not static. Every day, people die, register to vote for the first time, move across state  
12 lines, or have other events that impact voter eligibility;

13 **WHEREAS**, coordination among the states and with the federal government will identify  
14 and remove deceased or ineligible voters and update eligible voters' records;

15 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, NCSL urges the U.S. Election Assistance  
16 Commission to conduct a 2-year study on the feasibility of creating a platform for states  
17 to voluntarily share voter roll information safely and securely with other states to ensure  
18 accurate voter registration list maintenance while respecting the role of states as the  
19 stewards of voter data; and

20 **LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED**, NCSL urges Congress to support the EAC's study  
21 in order to assist states, territories, and the District of Columbia in ensuring effective  
22 voter data maintenance to increase the accuracy of official records and voter confidence  
23 in the election process.