



Registrar of Voters

WASHOE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

VOTER LIST MAINTENANCE PRESENTATION

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Washoe County Registrar of Voters Mission Statement:

The mission of the Washoe County Registrar of Voters Department is to ensure that each citizen of Washoe County who is eligible to register and vote is able to do so; that Washoe County's Elections are operated with the utmost integrity, transparency, and accountability; and that the department is known for excellence in customer service and the administration of elections.



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VOTER REGISTRATION LIST MAINTENANCE

Voter list maintenance activities are all performed in **strict accordance with Federal and State laws** and in conjunction with established conforming policies and procedures.

- National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (NVRA)
Section 8 of the Act creates the requirements for voter registration list maintenance for states
- Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA)
Subchapter III, Part A
- Nevada Revised Statutes
NRS 293.525 – 293.548 & 293.675
- Nevada Administrative Code
NAC 293.454 – 293.476



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Highlights of the laws as they apply to Voter List Maintenance Programs:

States are required to keep voter registration lists accurate and current but at the same time must incorporate specific safeguards and remain in compliance with the National Voting Rights Act of 1993(NVRA).

- **Any program or activity must be uniform and nondiscriminatory**
- Completed not later than 90 days prior to a federal election
- The Act allows for removal of voters from registration lists:
 - Upon request of the voter;
 - They have been convicted of a disqualifying crime or;
 - Adjudged mentally incapacitated, where such removals are allowed by state law.



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Additional Requirements

Voters must be sent a forwardable confirmation card before any action to inactive or remove the voter from the voting rolls and if,

- any notification, correspondence or election materials are returned as undeliverable,
- their new address provided by the United States Postal Service (USPS) or Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC) is outside of the jurisdiction in which they are currently registered (out of county or state),
- residence discrepancy information is provided to the office from the public.
 - If the confirmation card is not returned or returned undeliverable, the status is changed to inactive
 - If voter does not update or appear to vote for 2 general elections for Federal Office, the voters record is then canceled.
 - ❖ If the voter responds to the confirmation notice sent, their record is then updated accordingly.



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National Voter Registration Act Safeguards

The NVRA also provides additional safeguards under which registered voters can vote notwithstanding a change in address in certain circumstances.

- For example, voters who move within a district or a precinct will retain the right to **vote even if they have not re-registered at their new address for one last election.**
- The removal of voters for non-voting or for having moved can only be done after meeting certain requirements provided in the Act.
 - Voters cannot be removed for failure to vote except in the event that an individual has not been in contact with the applicable election official (in person or in writing) or responded to a forwardable notice sent **AND** has not voted in 2 or more consecutive general elections for Federal Office.



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- **Daily maintenance:** Activities include duplicate/ineligible voters, cross-county/state movers, and deceased voter notifications. These are received daily through reports provided by the Secretary of State's office (HAVA Services), mail notices from other states, obituaries, or various other sources.
- **NCOA (National Change of Address)** mailings from reports provided by USPS.
- **Inactive voter** mailings, and cancelation of voters who have been in inactive status through two Federal elections cycles.

ERIC Maintenance Reports (Electronic Registration Information Center)

- **In-State Updates**
List of individuals registered in Nevada who appear to have moved to a different address within our county or another county within the state
 - **Cross-State Updates**
List of records of individuals registered in Nevada who appear to have registered to vote in one of the other member states
 - **Duplicates**
List of duplicate records within our county and within the state
 - **Deceased**
List of records of individuals registered in Nevada who are likely deceased based on the SSA death index
- These voter maintenance activities are all performed in accordance with Federal and State laws.



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VOTER REGISTRATION LIST MAINTENANCE

➤ **Daily maintenance** activities include:

- Voter registration applications
 - New registrations and updates to existing records
- Mail notices from other states indicating that a voter has registered in their jurisdiction
- Obituaries

HAVA (Help America Vote Act) SERVICES REPORTS – Provided to counties through the Office of the Secretary of State

- duplicate/ineligible voters,
- cross-county/in-state movers, and
- deceased voter notifications.



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Non-election years (odd numbered years):

- ERIC (Electronic Registration Information Center) reports (prior twice a year but will be increasing to every two months)
- NCOA (National Change of Address) mailings from reports provided by the USPS
- Inactive voter mailings, and cancelation of voters who have been in inactive status through two Federal elections cycles.

Election years (even numbered years),

- ERIC will be done twice during the election year
- Sample/Mail-In/Absentee ballots undeliverable



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VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION

- **Voter Registration Application** received into Registrar of Voters office
 - Entered into the database and uploaded nightly to Secretary of State
 - DMV, SSA, and crossed check against statewide registration rolls
 - Received reports daily from Secretary of State
 - Cross checked with street file
- **Voter Notification Card** is mailed to voter which is non-forwardable
- **Sample Ballot** is mailed to voter and vendor cross checks with USPS
- **Absentee/Mail-In Ballot** if sent to voter is not forwardable
- **List Maintenance Projects** which encompasses the entire database crossed checked against ERIC, NCOA, HAVA. Confirmation cards mailed to voters that are forwardable



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VOTER REGISTRATION LIST MAINTENANCE

As reported on the Federal Survey (required):

2019/2020 Voting Roll Changes

- Total number of notices sent to voters: 72,599
- Confirmations Returned: 40,403
- Received back with affirmation of cancellation: 14,568
- Returned undeliverable: 12,147
- Status unknown: 5,481

- Total number of voters canceled: 29,506
 - Moved out of Washoe County: 15,414
 - Death: 4,796
 - Failure to respond: 8,426
 - Guardianship: 27
 - Voter requested removal: 423
 - Other: 420



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