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**From:** Katya Ehresman <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 17, 2023 12:19 PM  
**To:** Secretary  
**Cc:** Joe Esparza  
**Subject:** Attached coalition letter on confirmation & shared goals for increasing voter access  
**Attachments:** Letter on SOS Confirmation.docx

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Dear Secretary Nelson,

We wanted to first take a moment to congratulate you on your confirmation this week! The Texas Secretary of State is a critical office that faces a unique opportunity to help improve and invest in voter turnout for generations of Texans to come.

As non-partisan, grassroots organizations and leaders in the Texas election reform & voting rights movement – we have compiled recommendations that your office can take immediately to improve Texas voters’ access to their fundamental right to vote, and ask that you commit to adopting them.

We stand available to work with your office and be a resource in our shared goals to ensure every eligible, and registered Texan can cast their ballot, that our elections remain safe & secure, and that every young voter is encouraged to participate in our democracy.

We ask that you work to carry out that commitment by publicly pledging to adopt the set of recommendations laid out in this letter.

Best,  
Katya Ehresman  
Voting Rights Program Manager  
Common Cause Texas  
512-296-0171 | She/Hers

March 16, 2023

The Honorable Jane Nelson  
Secretary of State  
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Austin, TX 78711

Via email: [secretary@sos.texas.gov](mailto:secretary@sos.texas.gov)

Dear Secretary Nelson,

We are non-partisan, grassroots organizations who work across this state to support free and fair elections in Texas. Our democracy is built upon our universal freedom to vote, and that principle is further enshrined in the governance of our state when the framers wrote in the Texas Constitution that “all political power is inherent in the people.”<sup>1</sup> As you embark on your tenure as Secretary of State following your confirmation this week, **we are writing to suggest several ways the Secretary of State can improve Texas voters’ access to their fundamental right to vote, and ask that you commit to adopting them.**

In your testimony to the Senate Nominations Committee on February 27th, 2023 – you said that “it is important that we teach our young people about their important right [to vote]” and that voters become “encouraged, not discouraged” from participating in our elections. Unfortunately, millions of Texans have not been able to fulfill this goal, and exercise their political power that Article 2 consecrates, a result of systemic barriers erected by lawmakers and the chronic underfunding of our state’s election administration.

The most urgent decision you face as newly confirmed Texas Secretary of State is affirming that Texas will remain in the Electronic Registration Information Center, commonly known as ERIC. It is important for the office of Secretary of State to mitigate, not validate, misinformation about the non-partisan member organization created and managed by state election officials and which has been a critical tool in registering more eligible Americans to vote.

Texas lags behind the rest of the nation in turnout, and continues to lead as one of the hardest states in which to vote according to research conducted by States United Democracy Center and Northern Illinois University. As such, we believe your office faces a unique opportunity to act on the critical need for election reforms that help every eligible voter cast their ballot. **We have compiled a list of immediate changes that you could make under your existing authority as Texas Secretary of State.**

#### **Election Administration**

- Increase oversight of voting machine manufacturers and testing of voting machines to prevent glitches and design flaws from affecting voters. (Reports in 2022 indicated some voting machines did not accurately reflect voters’ preferences due to a design flaw on the machines’ touchscreens).<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Tex. Const. Art. II.

<sup>2</sup> Méndez, María. “No, Texas Voting Machines Aren’t Switching Your Votes”. *The Texas Tribune*, 2022, <https://www.texastribune.org/2022/10/28/texas-voting-machines/>. Accessed 10 Feb 2023.

- Track and disclose monthly the number of poll watchers who take the required training, as well as the pass and fail rates, with results provided on the statewide and county levels. We suggest also updating training to prevent spread of disinformation by poll watchers.
- Improve data sharing between agencies to ensure registration records include all relevant voter ID numbers for vote-by-mail verification.

### **Modernize Voter Registration**

- Release a county-level breakdown of the number of voters who have registered to vote at the Texas Department of Public Safety on a monthly basis, as well as the method of registration (in-person or online transaction, e.g.).
- Release on a monthly basis the number of high school voter registration forms requested, submitted, and accepted on a statewide and county level basis.
- Send each high school enough printed voter registration forms sufficient to register every eligible student at that school.
- Provide clear guidance for how college and high school campuses can set up voter registration events.
- Promote a culture of civic engagement by creating a system of awards for people, groups, high schools, and college campuses that perform excellent voter registration work.

### **Vote by Mail**

- Implement evidence-based design best practices for vote-by-mail applications, mail ballots, and carrier envelopes to reduce voter confusion. Design changes may include increasing font-sizes, left-aligning text, and reducing language complexity.
- Publish comprehensive voter education materials that provide clear instructions for completing mail ballots.
- Track and publish online for each election the number of VBM ballots that have been rejected and the reason for rejection, with numbers reported both on a statewide and county level basis.
- Improve data sharing between counties and SOS about rejected or defective VBM applications and ballots to enable faster updates to the VBM online tracker so that voters can timely cure their VBM ballots and applications ahead of the correction deadline.

### **Curbside Voting and Accessibility**

- Improve and expand on training for election judges and poll workers to increase compliance with the administration of curbside voting, including requirements for standardized, effective, and visible signage at every early voting and Election Day polling location.
- Amend poll worker training to require a “runner” to assist with timely curbside voting administration.
- Substantially bolster the support your office provides counties regarding curbside voting, including advocating for increased funding to allow for more community outreach and improved voter awareness of curbside voting. This work is in dire need, especially in communities of color which face disproportionate challenges by existing inequities for curbside voting.
- Ensure that counties have an ADA Coordinator on staff to ensure regular compliance with the [ADA Checklist for Polling Places](#) across Texas’ 254 counties, and who has the responsibility to implement polling place remediation ahead of the election period.

We were heartened by your stated commitment to increasing voting access and helping young eligible voters exercise their right to vote. We ask that you work to carry out that commitment by publicly pledging to adopt the set of recommendations laid out in this letter. We look forward to working with you and your office to ensure that our state can move forward in our shared commitment to serving the people of Texas.

Sincerely,

ADL - Austin Region  
ADL - Southwest Region  
Battleground Texas Engagement Fund  
Clean Elections Texas  
Common Cause Texas  
Every Texan  
Houston Area Urban League  
March to the Polls  
MOVE Texas  
Our Vote Texas  
Public Citizen  
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**From:** Cathy Jaster <[REDACTED]>  
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We should not be using our money to turn over our private information and to fund any organizations that are Soros founded. A Republican would not do that, a Democrat would.

Cathy Jaster  
317 Ridge View Dr

**From:** [Chuck Reynolds](#)  
**To:** [Secretary](#)  
**Subject:** Clean Voter Rolls - Cancel ERIC  
**Date:** Thursday, March 9, 2023 11:22:50 AM

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Secretary of State Jane Nelson,

Please cancel contract with corrupt ERIC. Please stand with the Texas Republican Platform on this topic as Texans across state, including Collin citizens worked diligently to get the truth out.

Please see details below.

***At least 5 states (Missouri, Florida, West Virginia, Alabama, Louisiana) have/are currently dropping ERIC completely, due to issues noted below.***

Respectfully,

Chuck Reynolds

### **BACKGROUND related to ERIC**

- For decades the Democrats and leftists have fought ferociously to prevent the cleanup of State voter registration rolls.

- *It has become widely recognized that inflated voter rolls, electronic equipment, mail in ballots, etc. are key enablers of election fraud.*

- In 2012 the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC) was formed as a cleanup and registration tool.

***- ERIC is now understood to essentially be a left wing voter registration drive disguised as voter roll clean up.***

***- At least 5 states have/are currently dropping ERIC completely, due to those issues.***

- ERIC located 17 million new voters for the 2020 election, for comparison, they only

found 5.7 million in 2012, Obama's reelection.

### ERIC database is scarily comprehensive

- Member States must not only provide all details on inactive and active voters to ERIC every 60 days.
- Member States must also provide every individual in their states Motor Vehicle Department database, both licensed and ID recipients.
- ***This combo of data is breathtaking and powerful. It's everyone who could generate a legal ballot. It includes those approaching voting age, even those here illegally yet issued an ID by their left leaning State.***

[This data includes names, addresses, DOB, License #, last 4 of social #, voter activity, phone, email, title and type of citizenship documentation, and much more!]

### ERIC and Non-CLEANUP of Rolls

- Oddly, ERIC has **no requirement or mandate that member States clean up their voter rolls**. States are only "strongly encouraged" to request ERIC's voter updates at least once a year.
- States are required by federal law (1993 NVRA) to report to Congress how many ineligible voters they removed from their voter rolls.
- Judicial Watch found some astonishing revelations. Over the recent 4 year reporting period, large counties in powerful states reported they **removed ZERO, ONE, or only TWO ineligible voters**.
- Judicial Watch' said: "About 10% of Americans move every year. Those counties should generate hundreds of thousands of canceled registrations.
- In 2020 Judicial Watch found 29 states had huge registration excesses. In 8 states, if you combined all counties, **their average registration for the entire State exceeded 100%. Seven of the 8 are long time members of ERIC**

### ERIC and Non-Citizens

- **ERIC does NOT want to know who is voting illegally**. Their rules explain that "Under no circumstances shall the members transmit any record indicating an individual is a non-citizen of the U.S." *Do we know if non-citizen voters from other states are voting in Texas?*

### ERIC Non-Transparency

- Adams says: "That's part of the smoke screen. ERIC learns who gets registered from their program, so they're able to micro target with whoever is partnered with ERIC. We don't know who their interfacing all this data with. It could be Catalist, the massive Democrat database organization. We just don't know and its secretive.
- Some Member States are currently using ERIC to hide their list maintenance data, citing it violates their ERIC contracts, even though Federal law mandates it be made public.

## ERIC Board Members

- Many ERIC board members are members of the controversial NASED or National Association of State Election Directors.
- Far left organization Fair Elections Center is giving the lectures for the members of ERIC/NASED.

## ERIC FOUNDING, LEADER, etc.

- Left leaning Pew was instrumental in getting ERIC off the ground, sponsoring a workgroup on voter registration improvements in 2009. The original funding of ERIC came from an “anonymous donor” and Pew Center On The States, who received grants from the Transparency & Integrity Fund of George Soros Open Society. **There is a very long trail of known leftist leaders involved in bringing ERIC to life and sustaining it.**

- David Becker, the current leader of ERIC, has a concerning reputation. In 2016 he founded Center for Election Innovation and Research CEIR . He distributed \$69.5 mil in Zuckerberg money in 2020, aligned with CTCL. Previously when working at the DOJ, Becker was reported to OPR (ethics). Brad Scholzman, head of DOJ Civil Rights Division stated, “It’s the most unethical thing I’ve ever seen. He’s a hard core leftist who couldn’t stand conservatives. Emails revealed nasty, disparaging remarks about Republicans...unethical and unprofessional”. In 2020 Becker’s CEIR gave \$20mil to Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson’s personal non profit (MCELA). She then directed \$11.8mil to two Democrat PR firms. TGP reported how Becker founded the (EOLDN) to help election officials with lawyers who would fend off legitimate claims of election fraud.

- John Lindback, currently on the ERIC board, was the first Executive Director of ERIC. He was also the Senior Officer in Elections Initiatives at left leaning Pew, and part of the original 2009 workgroup. He later worked as Senior Advisor for the left leaning CSME, a subsidiary of Soros funded dark money group New Venture Fund. CSME was closely aligned with CTCL (Zuck \$\$\$). Previously, Linback was the Director of Elections in Oregon for SOS Bradbury (D). He had a seat on the EAC Board, and was President of the controversial NASED.

- Ericka Haas is the System Engineer at ERIC, for 9 years now. She previously worked in the Oregon Secretary of State’s office with Lindback. In February 2018, DHS created the Elections Infrastructure Sector Coordinating Council (SCC). Haas shares a seat on this council with staff from Dominion, ES&S, Smartmatic, and Unisyn Voting. SCC represents 30 companies responsible for providing key components to our elections, including public policy. The SCC group rubs noses with GCC council, which includes CISA, EAC, NASS, NASED. Groups being overly intertwined is the result of former DHS Director Jeh Johnson declaring our elections “critical infrastructure”.



## Supporting Links

<https://www.thegatewaypundit.com/2022/01/cleaning-voter-rolls-soros-founded-funded-eric-now-used-31-states/>

<https://www.thegatewaypundit.com/2022/01/eric-investigation-part-2-largest-u-s-counties-removed-zero-two-ineligible-voters-voter-rolls-4-years/>

<https://www.thegatewaypundit.com/2022/01/eric-investigation-part-3-soros-open-society-founding-nations-largest-voter-roll-clean-operation/>

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<https://thefederalist.com/2022/09/21/complaint-michigan-secretary-of-state-broke-law-by-outsourcing-voter-roll-cleanup-to-left-wing-group/>

<https://thefederalist.com/2022/08/11/democratic-operatives-control-voter-rolls-in-31-states-report-shows/>

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<https://miamiindependent.com/breaking-report-electronic-registration-information-center-eric-may-not-be-doing-its-job-98k-possible-invalid-voters-discovered-on-miami-dade-rolls>

[https://verityvote.us/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/national-ERIC-data-sharing\\_VerityVote.pdf](https://verityvote.us/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/national-ERIC-data-sharing_VerityVote.pdf)

**From:** [Jennifer S. Blount](#)  
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Good Afternoon,

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Thank you for your time,  
Jennifer Blount  
Fort Worth

**From:** [REDACTED]  
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Karen Schroeder  
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**From:** [Donna Collins](#)  
**To:** [Secretary](#); [Info@gregabbott.com](mailto:Info@gregabbott.com); [SOSDirect](#)  
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Donna Collins  
3701 Shelby Dr  
Ft Worth

Donna Collins. 602-499-0210  
[REDACTED]

Theodore Roosevelt:

But during the last few years it has been the wealthy corruptionists of enormous fortune, and of enormous influence through their agents of the press, pulpit, colleges and public life, with whom I've had to wage bitter war.

Roosevelt to Arthur Hamilton Lee, Dec 16, 1907, in Morrison, ed., The Letters of Theodore Roosevelt (1952) vol. 6, p. 874.

**From:** [Pat Byrne](#)  
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Patrick Byrne  
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**From:** [Keith Laird](#)  
**To:** [Secretary](#); [Secretary](#)  
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Honorable Secretary Nelson,

-This message is related to a letter I wrote to you on Feb 28, 2023, and have not received a response.

- BPro's TotalVote & Centralized State-Wide Top-Down System & Plug-Ins; used in multiple states is internet connected, non-certified, connects with Dominion and ERIC, and allows Plug-Ins that can change election results.

- BPro-Knowink election software is being implemented across the country and yet it too is connected to the internet, it's not certified, likely not audited, and now we know it can backdate records as well.

-Another election system provider &dash; Tenex Software, like Knowink, connects to the internet, is not certified or audited, across numerous states.

- All of these have no Election Assistance Commission (EAC) certifications whatsoever. This means they do not comply with the Help America Vote Act and have never been tested by any accredited third party.

Does Texas utilize any of these systems. If so, why? And, what are you doing to ensure voter integrity? I request a response.  
Thank you.

J.Keith Laird  
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NRH, TX 76182

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**From:** Moreno, Delilah <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 24, 2023 2:59 PM  
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**Cc:** Joe Esparza  
**Subject:** Elections - Voter Registration - Nation Wide Data

**Importance:** High

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Hello Mrs. Nelson, first off Congrats on your role as Secretary of State, I am super excited for you and your new role. I'm sorry I missed you at the NASS DC conference in February, I did see some TX friendly faces which was great to see. I'm reaching out because Experian has been working in the Elections/Voter Registration space with list maintenance for some time now. We recently made some enhancements to our data set and have been helping states along with large counties with our nation-wide data to locate when voters have moved. I'd like to share how we are helping in this space along with share some references as well. I'm local, I live in Pflugerville and will be in the Austin downtown area all this week and would love to swing by, please let me know if there is a good time to pop my head in and say hi.

In general, our process is simple and at minimum the only data attributes we need to process through Experian's Data Accuracy solution called True Trace is just First Name, Last Name and Full Address. If you have other details like DOB that would help as well, but I understand that some election agencies may not have that info, which is ok.

Here are a few other bullet points about our data below:

- Accurate, up – to - date contact data – TrueTrace is updated more frequently and by more sources than any other service of its kind, putting up – to – date information, including best address and phone, at your fingertips to reach your voters. (Nation Wide data set, including NCOA, COA, Experian Rent Bureau & Payday lending Data sources, along with other vetted Data sources )
- Increased hit rates – During testing, Experian's new data sources show a minimum 10 percent lift in unique hits that provide more unique information.
- Cost Saving – TrueTrace reduces the number of returned mailings to drive cost savings
- Flexible / easy to use - Batch processing secure way to drop and pick up the file along with a Web Portal to access adhoc real time searches

Thank you and look forward to connecting with you this week.

**Delilah Moreno**

Experian Public Sector | Account Executive - Decision Analytics (DA)  
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Greetings,

Please find attached a letter regarding your membership with the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC).

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best,



**J. KENNETH BLACKWELL**

Chair  
*Center for Election Integrity*

[AMERICAFIRSTPOLICY.COM](http://AMERICAFIRSTPOLICY.COM)



March 20, 2023

Dear Secretary Nelson,

Many recent concerns surrounding the partisan structure and operations of the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC) have been exposed. In light of this, I encourage you to closely examine your state's affiliation with this organization and consider withdrawing from membership. As a former Secretary of State, I understand the challenges of maintaining voter roll integrity. However, many states have lost confidence in ERIC as the mechanism by which this should be accomplished.

In late 2022, Louisiana was the first state to withdraw following concern after open records requests and investigative reporting that raised concerns about ERIC's partisan ties, data sharing practices, and focus on voter registration rather than voter roll clean up. Since then, questions continue to be unanswered, and transparency has been lacking. As a result, Alabama, Florida, Missouri, West Virginia, and Ohio have all withdrawn. These states have cited issues of data privacy concerns, partisan funding and involvement, and citizen opposition.

States should consider alternative measures that do not have the side effect of compromised data and partisan influence, and that focus on cleaning voter rolls rather than registering voters. Maintaining accurate voter rolls is crucial to free, fair, and honest elections.

I encourage you as the Secretary of State to also explore new possibilities for interstate collaboration that do not involve ERIC.

Thank you for your time and for your careful consideration of this subject.

Best,

Honorable J. Kenneth Blackwell  
Chair, Center for Election Integrity (AFPI)  
Former Ohio Secretary of State

**From:** [Bill Fearer](#)  
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ERIC is a thoroughly corrupt system. It must be eliminated.

I am a Texas taxpayer and citizen voter and I object to the use of E.R.I.C. for voter roll maintenance. Stop sending the personal data of Texans to E.R.I.C. immediately! We CAN comply with the Texas Election Code and NVRA without E.R.I.C! "

Bill and Mary Ann Fearer  
2849 Manorwood Trail

**From:** [David S](#)  
**To:** [Secretary](#)  
**Subject:** End E.R.I.C.  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 7, 2023 12:40:57 PM  
**Importance:** High

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David St Martin  
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**From:** [Ralph Burton](#)  
**To:** [Secretary](#)  
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Dear Secretary of State Nelson,

ERIC is not properly maintaining the voter rolls as it should, and the rolls are inflated with hundreds of thousands of "phantom voters", which can be used (and likely have been used) to "win" elections.

This is a quote from an article in the Gateway Pundit:

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For example, Wisconsin is an ERIC State and has over 7 million registered voters in a state with less than 4 million eligible voters. The Wisconsin state election leader Sarah Whitt was hired by ERIC after performing such exemplary work in Wisconsin.

Obviously, ERIC is not working. The ERIC system is obsolete, inefficient, and has failed in its purpose. The Democrat party apparatus loves it for some reason.

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**[HUGE NEWS for Election Integrity! TWO MORE States Cut Ties with ERIC Voter Roll Systems – OHIO and IOWA Are Out!](#)**

So far, Louisiana, Alabama, Florida, West Virginia, Missouri, Ohio, and Iowa have withdrawn. Alaska is giving it serious consideration.

***TEXAS needs to get out of ERIC ASAP.***

Rep. Jacey Jetton (District 26) has introduced legislation to do just that (House Bill 2809).

<https://legiscan.com/TX/text/HB2809/2023>

Please take action to get Texas out of ERIC.

It is extremely important.

Best Regards,

Ralph Burton

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Secretary; info@GregAbbott.com](mailto:info@GregAbbott.com); [SOSDirect](#)  
**Subject:** ERIC  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 8, 2023 1:33:39 PM

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Pamela Woods  
926 Rosedale Dr Corpus Christi, TX 78411

**From:** [EC Holt](#)  
**To:** [Secretary](#); [Info@GregAbbott.com](mailto:Info@GregAbbott.com); [SOSDirect](#)  
**Subject:** eric  
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Eric Cortez Holt  
1915 W Jefferson

Thank you,

EC Holt  
AA Chemical & Supply  
(cell) 432-251-8084

**From:** [Belinda](#)  
**To:** [Secretary](#)  
**Cc:** [Jane Nelson](#)  
**Subject:** ERIC  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 1, 2023 1:47:42 PM

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Kim,

Thank you for directing me to the [secretary@sos.texas.gov](mailto:secretary@sos.texas.gov) email address.

Just checking to see if this email is good before I send it out to my contacts.  
We are going to be contacting the Governor and SOS Nelson regarding the ERIC system.

I want to make sure we use the most effective email for us and for you.

Can you respond back and let me know you got this?,

Thank you.

Belinda Darling  
Fort Worth

Thanks you.



**From:** [David Secret](#)  
**To:** [Secretary; Joe Esparza](#)  
**Subject:** ERIC  
**Date:** Monday, February 27, 2023 9:55:12 AM

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Does the state of Texas still use this compromised voter registration/verification system?

If so, we should get rid of it and find a better way to maintain our voter rolls.

David Secret

Lampasas, Texas

**From:** [Stephanie Long](#)  
**To:** [Secretary](#)  
**Subject:** ERIC  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 25, 2023 9:44:07 AM

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Are you going to be the one who finally gets Texas off the ERIC system? No one can answer why we are still using it, and why we are not eliminating it as other States have been. Texas should have been the first to toss it. It would be nice to get an answer, no one seems to have the time to respond to this question, other than my rep, who said "They're trying and has no idea why they want to keep it."

Stephanie Puthoff  
Arlington, TX

**From:** [Georgia Keysor](#)  
**To:** [Secretary](#)  
**Subject:** ERIC  
**Date:** Monday, June 19, 2023 4:11:45 PM

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I support our continuation of our membership in ERIC. Please do what you can to maintain our involvement with this important project. Thank you.

**From:** [Rick Dale](#)  
**To:** [Secretary](#)  
**Subject:** FW: ERIC - Unauthorized sharing of my personal information  
**Date:** Monday, March 6, 2023 8:57:19 AM  
**Importance:** High

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Mrs. Secretary,

I sent this message to your predecessor and was essentially dismissed. I'd like to express my concerns to you and give you the opportunity to see how ERIC is an utter failure and that the State of Texas can't afford to continue participation in such a deeply flawed voter roll "maintenance" system. In addition to the articles linked in my original message, please take a sincere look at [this article](#). I hope it opens your eyes if they aren't already.

Thank you for your attention this matter...

A very concerned constituent,

Rick Dale

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**From:** Rick Dale  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 20, 2022 10:13 AM  
**To:** [secretary@sos.texas.gov](mailto:secretary@sos.texas.gov)  
**Subject:** ERIC - Unauthorized sharing of my personal information  
**Importance:** High

Mr. Secretary,

Is the information in this article (linked below) true? Is the State of Texas sharing my, and others', personally identifiable information with a non-government third-party organization without my / our permission. Are you aware that this organization, ERIC (Electronic Registration Information Center) accepts funds from George Soros, The Rockefeller Fund, and others who are associated with efforts to undermine fair elections and conservative values? I find the State of Texas' participation in such efforts unpalatable and potentially in violation of State and Federal law. Please explain why the state chose to participate in this organization shortly after the most questionable election in modern US history. How was this allowed to happen without the consent of the voters whose information is now shared with 30+ other states' representatives without consent? I strongly urge you to stop participating in this organization, and I want to go on record that I do not approve of the State of Texas or its agents sharing of any of my personal data with ERIC or any other private organization.

Also, there are some serious concerns regarding ERIC membership and transparency of voter role maintenance. See the information regarding the lawsuit filed against the District of Columbia (linked

below). It'd like to see the text of the contract the State signed with ERIC. Will that require a FOIA request or can to provide a copy?

From where I sit, this is a huge violation of my privacy and appears to be an effort to manipulate the voter rolls by obstructing transparency via contractual obligations that seem to violate Federal statutes. Also, it looks like a smoke screen to cover the largest ballot harvesting effort ever seen. It is very concerning that lack of transparency by ERIC member states is resulting in litigation to reveal voter role maintenance logs, and to enforce federally mandated voter role maintenance, particularly in the area of removal of deceased voters.

I anxiously await your response...

The "receipts":

[Who's "Cleaning" Our Voter Rolls? Soros Founded and Funded ERIC Is Now Used In 31 States](#)  
[Leaked Documents Reveal Expansive Soros Funding to Manipulate Federal Elections](#)  
[PILF SUES THE D.C. BOARD OF ELECTIONS FOR FAILURE TO PROVIDE VOTER LIST MAINTENANCE RECORDS](#)

Thank you!

**Rick Dale**  
**LINC Network Services**  
**T:** 214.306.5377  
**C:** 972.898.8701

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Secretary](#)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Fwd: ERIC  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 29, 2023 1:45:05 PM

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Good Day Secretary Nelson,

As of today, I have not received a response addressing my question if ERIC is being used in Texas elections. My first email was on February 27, 2023, and submitted to: [elections@sos.texas.gov](mailto:elections@sos.texas.gov) (Please see below communications I've submitted below.)

Can you please tell me if ERIC is still in use for Texas elections? There is a growing number of Texans who do not want ERIC used in upcoming Texas elections. More states are doing away with ERIC, due to inaccurate voter rolls. If ERIC is no longer being used, what system will Texas be using?

Your assistance regarding this matter is greatly appreciated, and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Timothy (Tim.) Potwin

-----Original Message-----

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [elections@sos.texas.gov](mailto:elections@sos.texas.gov) <[elections@sos.texas.gov](mailto:elections@sos.texas.gov)>  
**Sent:** Sun, Mar 19, 2023 8:52 am  
**Subject:** Fwd: ERIC

Good day,

I am not sure if you received my below email to your office on Feb. 27th. I am demanding an answer about what you are doing to get rid of the ERIC system.

Why has Texas allowed ERIC to continue, being a RED state? Please do something as I, like many of my friends and family are wanting to know what you are doing about the problem, especially before the 2024 elections.

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]  
To: elections@sos.texas.gov <elections@sos.texas.gov>  
Cc: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Mon, Feb 27, 2023 10:22 am  
Subject: ERIC

Hello,

I am looking to see any information pertaining to ERIC (Election Registration Information Center).

For decades the Democrats and leftists have fought ferociously to prevent the cleanup of State voter registration rolls. Recognizing a potential niche, left wing activists created ERIC to clean voter rolls their way, using their rules. So in 2012 the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC) was formed as a membership organization primarily for blue States. ERIC is essentially a left wing voter registration drive disguised as voter roll clean up. But it's been gaining traction in Red States too. Originally funded by the Soros Open Society, it is now responsible for cleaning the voter rolls in 31 states, plus D.C. A top election official from each member State is appointed a seat on the ERIC Board or as an Officer, all unpaid positions.

Shane Hamlin, the Executive Director at ERIC the outdated and inefficient voter roll maintenance program founded by far-left activist David Becker. The ERIC system is now used in 32 states despite the fact that voter rolls in those states are more bloated with phantom voters than ever in US history.

Oddly, ERIC has no requirement or mandate that member States clean up their voter rolls. States are only "strongly encouraged" to request ERIC's voter updates at least once a year. If a member fails to make a request in 425 days, the data will be sent automatically. What's even more odd, and seemingly corrupt, is that ERIC does **NOT** want to know who is voting illegally. Their rules explain that "Under no circumstances shall the members transmit any record indicating an individual is a non-citizen of the U.S."

ERIC in short is outdated, and has a very left leaning operation of 'cleaning' voter rolls. John Christian Adams is an American attorney and conservative, who was

formerly employed by the United States Department of Justice under George W. Bush administration. Mr. Adams recently discussed ERIC in a John Fredericks Radio Show interview. He said, “That’s part of the smoke screen. ERIC learns who gets registered from their program, so they’re able to micro target with whoever is partnered with ERIC. We don’t know who their interfacing all this data with. It could be Catalist, the massive Democrat database organization. We just don’t know. I’ve talked to some ERIC Board Members who are Secretary of States. They don’t even know what ERIC is doing. They’ve asked questions and can’t get answers.”

I am asking for you to please look into these concerns. Given the above information perhaps ERIC is no longer needed in Texas, as it has been removed in two other states.

Thank you for taking the time to read my email, and my apologies for the length.

Sincerely,

Timothy Potwin



**From:** [Paul Gregory](#)  
**To:** [Secretary](#); [Info@gregabbott.com](mailto:Info@gregabbott.com); [SOSDirect](#)  
**Subject:** Get E.R.I.C. out of Texas NOW!  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 7, 2023 3:24:41 PM

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**From:** [Peter Smith](#)  
**To:** [Secretary](#); [Info@GregAbbott.com](mailto:Info@GregAbbott.com); [SOSDirect](#)  
**Subject:** Get E.R.I.C. Out of Texas!  
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Regards,  
Peter Smith  
30911 Carrington Dr, Magnolia TX 77354

**From:** [eaglelawyer](#)  
**To:** [Secretary](#); [Info@GregAbbott.com](mailto:Info@GregAbbott.com); [SOSDirect](#)  
**Subject:** Get ERIC out of Texas!  
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Esther Lum  
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**From:** [Bill and Ginny Elder](#)  
**To:** [Secretary](#); [Info@GregAbbott.com](mailto:Info@GregAbbott.com); [SOSDirect](#)  
**Subject:** Get Rid of E.R.I.C  
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William Elder  
180 Creekway Bnd  
Southlake, TX 76092

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Secretary](#)  
**Subject:** Get rid of ERIC voter roll system and Voting Machines  
**Date:** Monday, March 20, 2023 6:45:23 PM

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If we are to have fair elections we must do 2 things!

1. Get Rid of ERIC. This system was sold to Texas as a way to clean up voter rolls. It does just the opposite, it dirty ups the voter rolls making it easier to have illegal voters.
- 2 . We must get rid of the electronic voting machines. We must use secure paper ballots, with Serial Numbers, and a Security Thread. Counted at the local precincts.

Please take action on these items!

*Terry Freeman*

**From:** [Belinda](#)  
**To:** [Secretary](#); [Info@GregAbbott.com](mailto:Info@GregAbbott.com); [SOSDirect](#)  
**Subject:** Get Texas out of ERIC now!  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 7, 2023 12:24:56 PM

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Belinda Darling  
Fort Worth, Texas

Sent with [Proton Mail](#) secure email.

**From:** [Charles Simmons](#)  
**To:** [Secretary](#)  
**Subject:** Get Texas Out of ERIC  
**Date:** Monday, March 20, 2023 6:52:55 PM

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A corrupt system!

And fire Keith Ingram!

Sincerely,

Charles Simmons

**From:** [texaswhipper](#)  
**To:** [Secretary](#)  
**Subject:** Im not in support of E.R.I.C.  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 7, 2023 4:28:03 PM

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Please do whatever it takes to prevent E.R.I.C. from being instituted in Texas.

Thank you,

Dana Posey  
6745 Central Park Dr.  
Corpus Christi Texas 78414

Sent from Proton Mail for iOS



**From:** [Amy Sherman](#)  
**To:** [GeneralCounsel](#); [Secretary](#)  
**Subject:** is Texas dropping out of ERIC  
**Date:** Monday, April 17, 2023 10:38:59 AM

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Hi Texas SoS office: For PolitiFact I am writing a story about ERIC. Here are my questions:

- Has Texas given notice to ERIC that it is dropping out? If not, is Texas considering dropping out and if so why?
- Since Texas has been a member of ERIC, how many eligible but not registered voters did Texas contact with information about voter registration and did that contact consist of sending an email, a letter or some other form of communication? Did Texas track how many of those contacts led to an individual registering to vote?
- As a member of ERIC, how many ineligible voters did Texas remove from the rolls between which dates?
- If Texas drops out of ERIC, how do you plan on replacing that information you received from ERIC to keep the voter rolls up to date?

Please respond by Tuesday at noon.

Thanks - Amy

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Amy Sherman

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**Cc:** [cjaster](mailto:cjaster)  
**Subject:** Leave E.R.I.C. NOW! we never should have been a part of this  
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We should not be using our money to turn over our private information and to fund any organizations that are Soros founded. A Republican would not do that, a Democrat would.

Cathy Jaster  
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**From:** Christiana.Keeler <[REDACTED]>  
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**Attachments:** Travis County Voter Roll Challenges 98K email 061923.pdf

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Secretary Nelson,

Hello, hope you have had a good week. I am sending you this email as follow up to a letter I sent you last week. I contacted Kim Berbmann earlier this week and she had not seen the letter. I've pasted the letter below and attached the summary of voter roll challenges outlined in the email below. The reason I am sending to you is because we are getting no where with the current required process. In Travis County over 11% of our voter rolls are challenged and 24% of those ineligible voters are still voting in elections.

Thank you for your time on this important issue.  
Christiana

Dear Secretary Nelson,

As Secretary of State you have full oversight of elections for the state of Texas. This letter and attached summary is to inform you of serious unresolved **voter registration issues in Travis County**. We believe these issues are statewide given that Texas has been utilizing ERIC.

In the attached summary, you will see the following types of voter registration issues:

1. Voters who have moved primary residence without updating voter registration including those that moved out of the county or state,
2. Voters who are ineligible to vote based on the location at which they are registered being a post office box, hotel, rehab facility, etc,
3. Voters who have more than one voter registration number (VUID) and are, therefore, on the rolls more than once.

A total of 98,000 voter registration challenges were submitted to Travis County between **January 2022 and May 2022**. However, to date the county has addressed only approximately 1,500 by sending the voter the requisite post card asking them to confirm/correct their registration information. At this rate, the Travis County rolls will never be up to date. After over a year delay by Travis County in addressing these challenges, complaint #574 was submitted to your office on March 28, 2023 for Travis's violation of Texas election code section 16.039, but to date no action has been taken on this complaint.

#### **Travis County Voter Registration Issues Summary**

- 875,156 Registered Voters
- 11.2% or 98,000 voters ineligibly registered in Travis County, TX
- 24% or 24,217 of these ineligibly registered voters, voted in recent elections (2022 and 2023)
- **Net impact: 2.77% incorrect election results in any given election;** the Federal Election Commission permits a .00008% error rate (a 2.77% error rate may not affect federal election results but local elections are certainly impacted)
- Only approximately 1,500 challenges have been sent a postcard by the county to date

This is very concerning to all citizens of Travis County. We need to be assured that our vote truly counts and that only eligible Travis County citizens are registered to vote so they can vote in only the appropriate election races.

We understand that the Secretary of State's office and Texas County offices may have depended on ERIC to manage voter rolls. SB1070 was signed by Governor Abbott on Sunday removing Texas from using ERIC. However, the damage has been done and the rolls are materially inaccurate leaving citizens without confidence in election results. We need to be assured that you and the Secretary of State's Office restore the integrity of our election results by ensuring the voter rolls are accurate.

Would you be open to:

- 1) Discussing a way for “qualified” citizens to be part of an advisory committee to review the ERIC replacement? These citizens could report progress and newly designed processes to the community which would go a long way to rebuilding trust in Texas elections.
- 2) Addressing the lack of timeliness in counties concerning voter registration challenges submitted to them; citizens need to know their efforts to clean up voter rolls is valued and acted upon, in order to rebuild trust with them.

Next week I will reach out to Kim Bergmann to see what next steps you recommend.

Regards,

Christiana Keeler  
Concerned Citizen, Travis County

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## Summary

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From L R W Lee [REDACTED] >

To [REDACTED] >

Date Monday, June 19th, 2023 at 11:36 AM

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Christiana,

I spent most of the day yesterday going through the 98k challenges to see what's been addressed or not. It's not an encouraging report, but this is the current status of things that could use some help in motivating Gretchen Nagy, Travis County Voter Registration Director to do her job

The 98k challenges fall in 5 separate buckets which I iterate in order of size:

1) As of 6/13/23, of the 86,601 challenges submitted relating to NCOA address changes (9/23/22 NCOA list) Travis County has processed only 1,010 of these changes since January 2023 (that is to say these voters have been put in suspense BUT NOT fixed yet and can still vote). Of these that have been put in suspense, 606 voted (60%) some time in 2022 or 2023

Of the 86k, 21,932 voted some time in 2022 or 2023 (25.3%)

Of the 86K movers, 4,014 moved out of the county/state (4.6%) and 50.5% of these voted in Travis AFTER their NCOA move date

Please note that my NCOA data is as of 9/23/22 so is 9 months old so this does not include anyone who has moved since then

2) Ineligibly registered voters

As of 6/13/23 of the 7,640 voters registered at ineligible locations in January 2023 (part of 98k challenges) Travis County has put 463 in suspense. I reran the analysis for voters registered at ineligible locations as of 6/13/23 and I now show 7,344. Of this, 2285 voted in the Nov 2022 election (31.1%)

3) Duplicates

In Jan 2023 there were 2031 duplicate voters (one duplicated 3 times). I just reran the duplicate VUIDNOs and 24 were addressed from Jan but there are 20 new dups.

4) None of the 40 pre-March 31, 1976 voters needing to be cleaned up were. That's the date Travis went to computerized rolls. These 40 are keying entry errors that are just sloppy and need to be cleaned up so these aren't affecting election results but should be fixed.

5) None of the 2,835 TEC Sec 13.002(c)(1),(2) & (7) were addressed. These are ineligible voters based upon data missing in their registration.

Summary

Complaints Voted

86,601 21,932 NCOA

7,640 2,285 Ineligibly reg

2,031 Duplicates (Half 1,015)

40 Clean up

2,835 Sec 13.002

98,131 24,217

24.7%

98k challenges = 11.2% of total Travis County roll of 875,156 registered voters at 6/13/23

So there you have it. Roughly 25% of the voters I challenged, voted in 2022 or 2023. That means 2.77% (11.2% x 24.7%) of the result of these elections are flat out wrong. The Federal Election Code permits an error rate of .0008% or 1/125,000 votes to be "wrong" in some way. Travis isn't in the same universe.

I look forward to strategizing with you re: how to get Travis to clean up the rolls before Nov 2024.

Warmly,

Linda

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**To:** [Secretary](#)  
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Hi there,

Hope you're well, and happy Friday! Apologies for the late email, but I'm writing a story today on some of the legislation that would move Texas away from ERIC. I'm wondering if you may be able to answer the following by COB (but Monday would be OK if need be): How much has Texas paid for its ERIC membership, both by year and in total?

Additionally, I saw Sec. Nelson announced earlier this month that Keith Ingram would serve in a new post to develop and manage another interstate voter registration crosscheck program. Would you like to provide comment on those efforts and what the new program will look like?

Please let me know. Thank you!

All the best,  
Cayla

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Hello Sec. Nelson,

My name is Shawn Fleetwood and I'm a staff writer with The Federalist and have an inquiry I was hoping you could respond to. Recently, the secretaries of state of Missouri, Florida, and West Virginia [announced](#) they would be leaving the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC), an interstate alliance controlled by Democrat operatives that encourages partisan outreach efforts under the guise of simple voter roll maintenance. Some of the [reasons](#) for these departures include allegations that ERIC refused to "require member states to participate in addressing multi-state voter fraud" and unnecessarily restricting how states utilize data reports.

If you or someone from your office could respond to the following questions by 6 pm CT today, Tuesday, March 14, I would greatly appreciate it.

- Is Texas reconsidering its relationship with ERIC? Why or why not?
- Do you share any of the issues raised by states like Missouri, Florida, and West Virginia? Why or why not?
- Do you have concerns about ERIC's ties with David Becker, a notable left-wing activist who now runs the Center for Election Innovation and Research? Why or why not?

From,  
Shawn Fleetwood



**From:** [Nancy Harris](#)  
**To:** [Secretary](#); [Info@gregabbott.com](mailto:Info@gregabbott.com); [SOSDirect](#)  
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Ms Jane Nelson,

You were my state senator before Tan Parker.

I am emailing with concern about considering pulling out of the national system for securing elections, ERIC, that has no problems or issues, to make a Texas system. That doesn't sound very economical and I don't understand why it is necessary: "don't fix what ain't broke" is a good rule.

I know you as a prudent person. Please do not succumb to political pressures and sully your reputation just to appease those who believe there was an issue in the 2018 election voting. Certainly you don't believe that; even the Fox commentators didn't believe it.

Please do an honorable job as Secretary of State for Texas.

Becky

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**To:** [Secretary](#)  
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Secretary Nelson,

Here is an editorial from the Dallas Morning News, pointing out what I think, that leaving the national system for elections and Texas making its own is just not an easy way to go. Please use your office to figure out a compromise perhaps. Do what is just, without bowing to politics.

### On Voter Rolls, Texas Could Go It Alone

State may leave national voter fraud protection group while still rebuilding trust from 2019 cleanup blunder

Texas' likely withdrawal from a nationwide consortium designed to clean up voter rolls while boosting public participation in elections could be a setback for democracy in the state.

But it may happen if members of the multistate group, Electronic Registration Information Center, or ERIC, fail to agree this week on reforms to address concerns that the group leans too far left.

If that happens, and new Texas Secretary of State Jane Nelson chooses to pull out of the consortium as expected, she has signaled the state will go it alone. Texas will then work with "other states and jurisdictions" to develop its own interstate cross-check system, her spokesman, Sam Taylor, tells us.

That's a tall order. We still have bad memories of 2019, when one of Nelson's predecessors bungled a voter-roll cleanup and damaged public trust. At the time, the secretary of state's office sent a list of potential noncitizen voters to counties. That list used bad data that mistakenly flagged tens of thousands of people who were actually citizens. But the state told counties to figure out on their own the citizenship status of people on the list.

Nelson, who was confirmed by the Senate on Wednesday and who has enjoyed bipartisan support so far, would do well to remember the previous blunder if she launches her own voter fraud prevention system.

If she takes on this important effort, the former Republican lawmaker from Flower Mound should be fully transparent in how she plans to carry out cross-checks of voter rolls with other states, and any voter purges.

About 30 states and the District of Columbia are members of ERIC.

Since its inception in 2012, the nonprofit has cross-matched states' voter records, motor vehicle data, death certificates and other information to help member states purge millions of ineligible voters from rolls.

It has also identified millions more who were eligible to vote but not yet

registered.

Up until last year, the group, the only one of its kind in the country, enjoyed bipartisan praise from secretaries of state nationwide. But that changed late last year when some far-right Republicans began floating concerns about the group's funding and purpose.

Among the complaints of some member states, including Texas, is a requirement that they notify eligible but unregistered voters of their ability to register. Critics want this provision to be optional after an initial contact. They also have privacy concerns.

ERIC executive director Shane Hamlin, a former election official in the state of Washington, has tried to allay the concerns, but to no avail.

So far this year, Louisiana, Alabama, Florida, Missouri and West Virginia have announced plans to withdraw from ERIC. And some big states, such as California and New York, aren't members.

We hope ERIC doesn't collapse and that member states can work out their concerns. Any voter fraud protection program must operate free from partisan politics.

Becky

**From:** [Amy Woodward](#)  
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There has to be a better way! I'm all in favor of cleaning up voter rolls.

I am a Texas taxpayer and citizen voter and I object to the use of E.R.I.C. for voter roll maintenance. E.R.I.C. is expensive, invasive and is not politically neutral. There are other free and low-cost options available now. Stop sending the personal data of Texans to E.R.I.C. immediately! We CAN comply with the Texas Election Code and NVRA without E.R.I.C! "

Amy Woodward  
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**From:** [servenclan](#)  
**To:** [Secretary](#); [Info@gregabbott.com](mailto:Info@gregabbott.com); [SOSDirect](#)  
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I am a Texas taxpayer and citizen voter and I object to the use of E.R.I.C. for voter roll maintenance. There are now 5 states who have gotten out of the program; we want to join with Louisiana, Alabama, Florida, Missouri and West Virginia.

E.R.I.C. is expensive, invasive and is not politically neutral. There are other free and low-cost options available now. Stop sending the personal data of Texans to E.R.I.C. immediately! We CAN comply with the Texas Election Code and NVRA without E.R.I.C! "

Cheryl Serven  
Precinct Chair #446  
Hays County

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I am a Texas taxpayer and a Republican Precinct Chair in the most conservative county in Texas — Montgomery County, and I strongly object to the use of E.R.I.C. for voter roll maintenance.

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**From:** [Amy Sherman](#)  
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Hi Texas SoS office: For PolitiFact I am writing a story about ERIC. Here are my questions:

- Has Texas given notice to ERIC that it is dropping out? If not, is Texas considering dropping out and if so why?
- Since Texas has been a member of ERIC, how many eligible but not registered voters did Texas contact with information about voter registration and did that contact consist of sending an email, a letter or some other form of communication? Did Texas track how many of those contacts led to an individual registering to vote?
- As a member of ERIC, how many ineligible voters did Texas remove from the rolls between which dates?
- If Texas drops out of ERIC, how do you plan on replacing that information you received from ERIC to keep the voter rolls up to date?

Please respond by Friday at noon.

Thanks - Amy

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Amy Sherman

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## Notice of Demand to Texas Government Workers to Cease & Desist ERIC Contract

Email Should Reply Be Desired From Respondent



Sender Melissa Jean Major

City, State, Zip Mascot, TN 37806

Signature

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Melissa Jean Major".

Date 03/07/2023

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## Notice of Demand to Texas Government Workers to Cease & Desist ERIC Contract

### Notice to Principal is Notice to Agent and Notice to Agent is Notice to Principal

I, one of the people of Texas (a constitutional republic) *Sui Juris*, do serve this notice, that you may provide the People with clarity and immediate due care:

**Please first take notice that** all Texas elected and appointed government officers have sworn an indenture of trust to the people to preserve, protect and defend the Texas and U.S. Constitutions, and know that following the constitution is mandatory:

#### **Texas Constitution Article 16 Section 1 (a):**

All elected and appointed officers, before they enter upon the duties of their offices, shall take the following Oath or Affirmation:

“I, [name], do solemnly swear (or affirm), that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of [title] of the State of Texas, and will **to the best of my ability preserve, protect, and defend the constitution and laws of the United States and of this State**, so help me God.” [Emphasis Added]

**Please take notice that** *preservation of the people’s common rights is the foundational duty of government trustee/servants*; and that trespass against the people’s God-given rights by a government officer is repugnant to the constitution, rendering such act null and void:

**Maxim of Law 51p.** The main object of government is the protection and preservation of personal rights, private property, and public liberties, and upholding the law of God. (Sourced from Charles A. Weisman, A Selection of Maxims of Law, 1990)

**Maxim of Law 62b.** A repugnant act cannot be brought into being, i.e., cannot be made effectual. Plowd. 355. (Sourced from Charles A. Weisman, A Selection of Maxims of Law, 1990)

**Maxim of Law 46d.** Where the law prescribes a form, the nonobservance of it is fatal to the proceeding, and the whole becomes a nullity. Best, Ev. Introd. s. 59. (Sourced from Charles A. Weisman, A Selection of Maxims of Law, 1990)

**Please take notice that** in 2019 the State of Texas contracted for election data services with Electronic Record Information Center (ERIC), a non-governmental agent with no trustee relationship to the people. Said State contract with ERIC binds Texas government entities to transfer the people’s private property out of trusteeship, *e.g., voter registration data, motor vehicle records, and additional sensitive data such as voter history and ballot tallies*, into the control of the various external agents in the employ of ERIC. *ERIC’s activities are NOT made transparent to the Texas government nor to the people of Texas who created government.* **Thus, ERIC is an adversarial state supplier, whose agents are authorized by government entities to receive, store, modify, and transfer the people’s private personal information.** *This taking of people’s liberty and property without constitutional due process constitutes deprivation of rights by government fiat:*

#### **Texas Constitution Article 1 Section 19:**

No citizen of this State shall be deprived of life, **liberty, property**, privileges or immunities, or in any manner disfranchised, except by the due course of the law of the land. [Emphasis Added]

**Please take notice that** government operates ONLY upon the authority granted by its people, and exercise of power *not granted* is nowhere allowed:

**Maxim of Law 11f.** Power can never be delegated which the authority said to delegate never possessed itself. (Sourced from Charles A. Weisman, A Selection of Maxims of Law, 1990)

**Please take notice that** the people’s servants/trustees are committing maladministration by exercising a government contract that is unconstitutional on its face; **Government officers have mandated distribution of the people’s constitutionally protected property outside the lawful election chain of custody, and into various non-governmental agencies across the nation.** Said action is knowingly attacking the Texas people’s liberty and security.

**Please take notice of the following list of systemic, Government maladministration surrounding the ERIC contract:**

**Executive branch’s lack of rigor in allowing Bar Association Attorneys to scope ERIC contract ‘terms & conditions’ in neglect of the people’s common rights as seen under the highest law- the Texas Constitution**

**The Legislative Body’s failure to exercise their plenary accountability as various state entities abrogated statutory election duties & obligations**

**The County’s grossly inadequate assurance to the people that ONLY legal voters were allowed to advance**

**The County’s grossly inadequate reporting to the people of compliance to statute, including schedule adherence**

**The County’s unwillingness to identify and enact prosecution of illegal behavior before, during, and after the election, potentially nullifying the State’s vital act of certifying the people’s election choices**

**Please take notice that,** as the ERIC contract remains in force, wreaking a dangerous breach of state representatives' trusteeship, it continues to damage the liberty and security of the free people of Texas.

**Maxim of Law 34h.** A neglected duty often works as much against the interests as a duty wrongfully performed. Keim. v U.S., 177 U.S. 290, 295. (Sourced from Charles A. Weisman, A Selection of Maxims of Law, 1990)

**Please take final notice that:**

*it is my wish, order, and demand* the following three actions be taken immediately by Trustees in the offices of the Texas Legislature (House & Senate), Secretary of State, Attorney General, and Counties:

1. Immediately cease and desist all operational contact with ERIC and its assigns
2. Place all functions surrounding the **cleansing of voter rolls & registration of validated legal voters** within appropriate government (trusteed) entities, and within an engineered, formal election process, including published key metrics
3. Communicate with ALL people of Texas how their constitutional rights to liberty & security are being restored

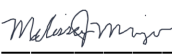
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This notice is sent to you in peace and in the love of Christ, so that you may provide due care to those who have all political power, the People.

Sender: Melissa Jean Major

City, State, Zip: Mascot, TN 37806

Email: [REDACTED]

Autograph:  Signed at: 2023-03-07 04:42:45

Date: 03/07/2023

<b>Respondents</b>	<b>cc:</b>
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Bexar County Elections Administrator Jacque Callanen	
Travis County Tax Assessor Bruce Elfant	

**From:** Jotform <noreply@jotform.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 8, 2023 1:45 PM  
**To:** info@gregAbbott.com; info@kenPaxton.com; Secretary; info@danpatrick.org; Dade.Phelan@house.Texas.gov; ADA@vote.hctx.net; dallascountyvotes@dallascounty.org; votebyemail@tarrantcounty.com; BexarCountyElections@bexar.org; TaxOffice@TravisCountyTX.gov  
**Subject:** Re: Notice of Demand to Texas Government Workers to Cease & Desist ERIC Contract  
**Attachments:** 5541138844902791871-Notice-of-Demand-to-Texas-Government-Workers-to-Cease-Desist-ERIC-Contract.pdf; 5541138844902791871\_signature\_10.png

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## Notice of Demand to Texas Government Workers to Cease & Desist ERIC Contract

Sender Gina Johann

City, State, Zip Madison Indiana 47250

Signature

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gina Johann".

Date 03/08/2023

You can [edit this submission](#) and [view all your submissions](#) easily.

## Notice of Demand to Texas Government Workers to Cease & Desist ERIC Contract

### Notice to Principal is Notice to Agent and Notice to Agent is Notice to Principal

I, one of the people of Texas (a constitutional republic) *Sui Juris*, do serve this notice, that you may provide the People with clarity and immediate due care:

**Please first take notice that** all Texas elected and appointed government officers have sworn an indenture of trust to the people to preserve, protect and defend the Texas and U.S. Constitutions, and know that following the constitution is mandatory:

#### **Texas Constitution Article 16 Section 1 (a):**

All elected and appointed officers, before they enter upon the duties of their offices, shall take the following Oath or Affirmation:

“I, [name], do solemnly swear (or affirm), that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of [title] of the State of Texas, and will **to the best of my ability preserve, protect, and defend the constitution and laws of the United States and of this State**, so help me God.” [Emphasis Added]

**Please take notice that** *preservation of the people’s common rights is the foundational duty of government trustee/servants*; and that trespass against the people’s God-given rights by a government officer is repugnant to the constitution, rendering such act null and void:

**Maxim of Law 51p.** The main object of government is the protection and preservation of personal rights, private property, and public liberties, and upholding the law of God. (Sourced from Charles A. Weisman, A Selection of Maxims of Law, 1990)

**Maxim of Law 62b.** A repugnant act cannot be brought into being, i.e., cannot be made effectual. Plowd. 355. (Sourced from Charles A. Weisman, A Selection of Maxims of Law, 1990)

**Maxim of Law 46d.** Where the law prescribes a form, the nonobservance of it is fatal to the proceeding, and the whole becomes a nullity. Best, Ev. Introd. s. 59. (Sourced from Charles A. Weisman, A Selection of Maxims of Law, 1990)

**Please take notice that** in 2019 the State of Texas contracted for election data services with Electronic Record Information Center (ERIC), a non-governmental agent with no trustee relationship to the people. Said State contract with ERIC binds Texas government entities to transfer the people’s private property out of trusteeship, *e.g., voter registration data, motor vehicle records, and additional sensitive data such as voter history and ballot tallies*, into the control of the various external agents in the employ of ERIC. *ERIC’s activities are NOT made transparent to the Texas government nor to the people of Texas who created government.* **Thus, ERIC is an adversarial state supplier, whose agents are authorized by government entities to receive, store, modify, and transfer the people’s private personal information.** *This taking of people’s liberty and property without constitutional due process constitutes deprivation of rights by government fiat:*

#### **Texas Constitution Article 1 Section 19:**

No citizen of this State shall be deprived of life, **liberty, property**, privileges or immunities, or in any manner disfranchised, except by the due course of the law of the land. [Emphasis Added]

**Please take notice that** government operates ONLY upon the authority granted by its people, and exercise of power *not granted* is nowhere allowed:

**Maxim of Law 11f.** Power can never be delegated which the authority said to delegate never possessed itself. (Sourced from Charles A. Weisman, A Selection of Maxims of Law, 1990)

**Please take notice that** the people’s servants/trustees are committing maladministration by exercising a government contract that is unconstitutional on its face; **Government officers have mandated distribution of the people’s constitutionally protected property outside the lawful election chain of custody, and into various non-governmental agencies across the nation.** Said action is knowingly attacking the Texas people’s liberty and security.

**Please take notice of the following list of systemic, Government maladministration surrounding the ERIC contract:**

**Executive branch’s lack of rigor in allowing Bar Association Attorneys to scope ERIC contract ‘terms & conditions’ in neglect of the people’s common rights as seen under the highest law- the Texas Constitution**

**The Legislative Body’s failure to exercise their plenary accountability as various state entities abrogated statutory election duties & obligations**

**The County’s grossly inadequate assurance to the people that ONLY legal voters were allowed to advance**

**The County’s grossly inadequate reporting to the people of compliance to statute, including schedule adherence**

**The County’s unwillingness to identify and enact prosecution of illegal behavior before, during, and after the election, potentially nullifying the State’s vital act of certifying the people’s election choices**

**Please take notice that,** as the ERIC contract remains in force, wreaking a dangerous breach of state representatives' trusteeship, it continues to damage the liberty and security of the free people of Texas.

**Maxim of Law 34h.** A neglected duty often works as much against the interests as a duty wrongfully performed. Keim. v U.S., 177 U.S. 290, 295. (Sourced from Charles A. Weisman, A Selection of Maxims of Law, 1990)

**Please take final notice that:**

*it is my wish, order, and demand* the following three actions be taken immediately by Trustees in the offices of the Texas Legislature (House & Senate), Secretary of State, Attorney General, and Counties:

1. Immediately cease and desist all operational contact with ERIC and its assigns
2. Place all functions surrounding the **cleansing of voter rolls & registration of validated legal voters** within appropriate government (trusteed) entities, and within an engineered, formal election process, including published key metrics
3. Communicate with ALL people of Texas how their constitutional rights to liberty & security are being restored

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This notice is sent to you in peace and in the love of Christ, so that you may provide due care to those who have all political power, the People.

Sender: Gina Johann

City, State, Zip: Madison Indiana 47250

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Autograph:  Signed at: 2023-03-08 13:44:45

Date: 03/08/2023

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Tarrant County Elections Administrator Heider Garcia	
Bexar County Elections Administrator Jacque Callanen	
Travis County Tax Assessor Bruce Elfant	

**From:** [Gary Boren](#)  
**To:** [Secretary](#); [Info@GregAbbott.com](mailto:Info@GregAbbott.com); [SOSDirect](#)  
**Subject:** Remove E.R.I.C. as the voter role maintenance system in Texas  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 7, 2023 4:40:25 PM

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I am a Texas taxpayer and citizen voter and I object to the use of E.R.I.C. for voter roll maintenance. E.R.I.C. is expensive, invasive and is not politically neutral. There are other free and low-cost options available now. Stop sending the personal data of Texans to E.R.I.C. immediately! We CAN comply with the Texas Election Code and NVRA without E.R.I.C! "

Gary & Jeanie Boren  
3502 Brookshire Run



**From:** [Horsewhisperer](#)  
**To:** [Secretary](#)  
**Subject:** Remove ERIC  
**Date:** Sunday, February 26, 2023 10:59:49 AM

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You have the power to cancel the contract now. Please do so. Along with Keith Ingram and Christina Atkins. You must clean house so We The People can start trusting our election process again.

Marcia Strickler  
Williamson County  
Pct Chair 340  
GOP Delegate

Sent from Proton Mail for iOS

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**From:** Diamante, Reena [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2023 7:17 PM  
**To:** Secretary  
**Subject:** Spectrum News Inquiry 5/15

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Hi there –

Hope all is well. My name is Reena Diamante, I'm a reporter reaching out from Spectrum News' Capital Tonight. We'll be following House Floor debate on SB 1070 tomorrow. I read that the Secretary Nelson regardless of legislature action plans on working ok withdrawing from ERIC regardless. Could you clarify that that's the case and how does the secretary plan on avoiding what happened in 2019 when it came to voter roll cleanups? Any statement or background information would be much appreciated by May 16 at 3 p.m. central.

Please feel free to reach me at (737) 701-2644.

Thank you,  
Reena



**Reena Diamante** | Spectrum News Washington Reporter  
737-701-2644 (C)

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 7, 2023 12:58 PM  
**To:** Secretary; Info@GregAbbott.com  
**Subject:** Stop Using E.R.I.C. NOW!

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We are Texas taxpayers and citizen voters and we object to the use of E.R.I.C. for voter roll maintenance. E.R.I.C. stands for Electronic Registration Information Center and was developed by political activist, David Becker. While we do need to clean our voter rolls, E.R.I.C. is the wrong solution. E.R.I.C. is expensive, invasive and it is not politically neutral.

Stop sending the personal data of Texans to E.R.I.C. immediately! We CAN comply with the Texas Election Code and NVRA without E.R.I.C! There are other free and low-cost options available now. See the link to an article on fractal technology which far exceeds ERIC's capabilities: <https://www.thegatewaypundit.com/2023/02/an-open-letter-from-omega4america-to-eric-systems-on-fractal-technology-and-its-superior-features-in-voter-roll-maintenance-and-erics-outdated-capabilities/>

Mr. and Mrs, William Michie  
9111 S. Fitzgerald Way  
Missouri City Texas 77459

**From:** [Maryann W](#)  
**To:** [Secretary](#); [Info@gregabbott.com](mailto:Info@gregabbott.com); [SOSDirect](#)  
**Subject:** Take E.R.I.C. Out of Texas!  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 7, 2023 7:58:11 PM

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Maryann Wylie

**From:** [M Zebell](#)  
**To:** [Secretary](#)  
**Subject:** Texas must withdraw membership from ERIC  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 24, 2023 5:20:04 PM

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Madam Secretary.

I understand the 88th session of the Texas Legislature has a robust agenda, addressing many topics important to Texans. But I would like for you to consider one that does not appear to be on the list of items to discuss, and that is the Texas membership in the ERIC Voter Roll System.

Anyone who exercises a modest amount of due diligence will easily uncover the fact that ERIC was dreamed up by, managed by, and partially funded by, left-wing activist who are operating a left-wing voter drive, disguised as a voter roll clean up system. These individuals include but are not limited to, George Soros, David Becker, and Mark Zuckerberg.

ERIC requires every member state to provide the personal data of every individual within the state's Motor Vehicle Department database, both licensed and ID recipients.

This data includes names, addresses, DOB, License number, last 4 of a person's social security number, voter activity, their phone number, their email address, title (if applicable) and the type of citizenship documentation, and more!

I am a citizen of Texas and I do not appreciate my personal info being shared across multiple states, recorded in a left-wing database and even more egregiously, my Texas tax dollars paying for it. Yes, ERIC is a left-wing voter registration drive all paid for by the States, not the Democrat Party. The membership fee is \$25,000 but costs can run into the millions to fund the activities and membership dues.

This needs to end. There is no benefit to the State of Texas so great, to justify compromising the personal data of its citizens, much less allowing the left a backdoor into the Texas election system.

We all know the left will lie, cheat and steal at every opportunity and if they can find a way to influence the outcome of Texas elections using the ERIC system, they darn sure will.

Please take seriously this threat to the integrity of Texas elections, and to the personal data of Texas citizens, and work with your colleagues in the legislature to withdraw Texas's membership from ERIC.

Respectfully,

Michael Zebell  
Golden, Texas

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 28, 2023 2:44 PM  
**To:** Secretary  
**Cc:** Joe Esparza; Elections Internet; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Third Attempt For An Answer - ERIC

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Good afternoon,

Please see my emails below as it relates to the Elections Registration Information Center and it is still being used in Texas. This will make my third attempt at getting an answer from your office.

To date no one from either the Secretary of State (Jane Nelson) or her Acting Director Christina Adkins has responded to my emails (see below). I'm not even sure they are aware of my previous emails to the Secretary of State's office.

As a long time Texan I want to know why ERIC is still being used, when it has proven not to be effective at clearing out voter rolls. That is more states are no longer using it. I would encourage your office take a deeper look into other companies with a proven record of clean voter rolls and resign ERIC in Texas.

I look forward to hearing a response to my inquiries regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Timothy (Tim.) Potwin

-----Original Message-----

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [secretary@sos.texas.gov](mailto:secretary@sos.texas.gov) <[secretary@sos.texas.gov](mailto:secretary@sos.texas.gov)>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wed, Mar 29, 2023 1:44 pm  
**Subject:** Fwd: ERIC

Good Day Secretary Nelson,

As of today, I have not received a response addressing my question if ERIC is being used in Texas elections. My first email was on February 27, 2023, and submitted to: elections@sos.texas.gov (Please see below communications I've submitted below.)

Can you please tell me if ERIC is still in use for Texas elections? There is a growing number of Texans who do not want ERIC used in upcoming Texas elections. More states are doing away with ERIC, due to inaccurate voter rolls. If ERIC is no longer being used, what system will Texas be using?

Your assistance regarding this matter is greatly appreciated, and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Timothy (Tim.) Potwin

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED] t  
To: elections@sos.texas.gov <elections@sos.texas.gov>  
Sent: Sun, Mar 19, 2023 8:52 am  
Subject: Fwd: ERIC

Good day,

I am not sure if you received my below email to your office on Feb. 27th. I am demanding an answer about what you are doing to get rid of the ERIC system. Why has Texas allowed ERIC to continue, being a RED state? Please do something as I, like many of my friends and family are wanting to know what you are doing about the problem, especially before the 2024 elections.

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]  
To: elections@sos.texas.gov <elections@sos.texas.gov>  
Cc: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Mon, Feb 27, 2023 10:22 am  
Subject: ERIC

Hello,

I am looking to see any information pertaining to ERIC (Election Registration Information Center).

For decades the Democrats and leftists have fought ferociously to prevent the cleanup of State voter registration rolls. Recognizing a potential niche, left wing activists created ERIC to clean voter rolls their way, using their rules. So in 2012 the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC) was

formed as a membership organization primarily for blue States. ERIC is essentially a left wing voter registration drive disguised as voter roll clean up. But it's been gaining traction in Red States too. Originally funded by the Soros Open Society, it is now responsible for cleaning the voter rolls in 31 states, plus D.C. A top election official from each member State is appointed a seat on the ERIC Board or as an Officer, all unpaid positions.

Shane Hamlin, the Executive Director at ERIC the outdated and inefficient voter roll maintenance program founded by far-left activist David Becker. The ERIC system is now used in 32 states despite the fact that voter rolls in those states are more bloated with phantom voters than ever in US history.

Oddly, ERIC has no requirement or mandate that member States clean up their voter rolls. States are only "strongly encouraged" to request ERIC's voter updates at least once a year. If a member fails to make a request in 425 days, the data will be sent automatically. What's even more odd, and seemingly corrupt, is that ERIC does **NOT** want to know who is voting illegally. Their rules explain that "Under no circumstances shall the members transmit any record indicating an individual is a non-citizen of the U.S."

ERIC in short is outdated, and has a very left leaning operation of 'cleaning' voter rolls. John Christian Adams is an American attorney and conservative, who was formerly employed by the United States Department of Justice under George W. Bush administration. Mr. Adams recently discussed ERIC in a John Fredericks Radio Show interview. He said, "That's part of the smoke screen. ERIC learns who gets registered from their program, so they're able to micro target with whoever is partnered with ERIC. We don't know who their interfacing all this data with. It could be Catalist, the massive Democrat database organization. We just don't know.. I've talked to some ERIC Board Members who are Secretary of States. They don't even know what ERIC is doing. They've asked questions and can't get answers."

I am asking for you to please look into these concerns. Given the above information perhaps ERIC is no longer needed in Texas, as it has been removed in two other states.

Thank you for taking the time to read my email, and my apologies for the length.

Sincerely,

Timothy Potwin



From: [Matt Braynard](#)  
To: [Secretary](#)  
Subject: Today's Webinar & 2023 Public Policy Analysis Report Card  
Date: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 3:04:55 PM  
Attachments: [LAA\\_RS\\_2023\\_Report\\_Card.pdf](#)

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Good morning,

### LAA Releases 2023 Public Policy Analysis Report Card

2023 is shaping up to overtake 2020-2022 in the number of bills introduced, and we are excited to see items previously ignored being taken up, and even introduced federally.

We hope that our supporters and volunteers will continue to push these items through to their legislators to tighten up election integrity and get better laws passed. We are punching way above our weight as a small nonprofit organization can only imagine what we could get if every one of our volunteers from 2020 worked with us to pass these in their own states.

To read the full report, see attached or visit <https://LookAheadAmerica.org/2023ReportCard>.

Look Ahead America's six election integrity objectives, visit <https://LookAheadAmerica.org/integrity>.

### TODAY! February Beginning Community Organizer Training Interactive Webinar

Sign up before 3 PM Eastern for our Community Organizer Training Webinar (Tuesday, 7 PM Eastern / 4 PM Pacific).

Registration is limited to the first 100 people and as a supporter of our organization, we invite you to attend for only \$5. Please schedule up to three hours; time varies depending on the number of participants. You must register in advance and attend the full webinar in order to earn the Community Organizer - Basic Certification.

Please register here: <https://lookaheadamerica.org/bcot/>.

### Sunday Movie Nights

Your best channel for movies? The LAA GUIDED SERVER!

Join us for Sunday movie nights, 5 PM P / 8 PM E. <http://guilded.gg/Look-Ahead-America>

March 5 • *Tucker Carlson Originals: Battle for the Border & The Illegal Invasion*

March 12 • *Border Patrol Agents: Risk Takers (Episode 1)*

March 19 • *Cartel Country: The Untold Story of America's Black Market on the Border*; and *Tucker Carlson Originals: Hunting MS13*

March 26 • *The Mule with Clint Eastwood*

Guided video tutorial <https://youtu.be/hTrP6YQBq1c>

### Monday Book Nights

Join us for Monday Online Book Club Voice Channel, 5:30 PM P / 8:30 PM E. <http://guilded.gg/Look-Ahead-America>

*The Shadow of the Torturer* by Gene Wolfe (first of four volumes in The Book of the New Sun series)

March 6 • Chapters 1-9

March 13 • Chapters 10-18

March 20 • Chapters 19-27

March 27 • Chapters 28-35

### Jobs for #J6

Look Ahead America has advocated for the political prisoners of January 6th with rallies, candlelight vigils, and our Political Prisoner Podcast.

"Jobs for #J6" serves as a connection for employers able to employ those seeking work who've lost their livelihoods—not for what they have done but for what they believe.

If you are a Political Prisoner of #J6 or able to offer employment to one, please go to <https://lookaheadamerica.org/jobsforj6/> to join our movement to help them rebuild their lives.

### Please Help!

All of our audits, training conferences, national programs, and research are entirely dependent on our many small dollar donors. Please help us continue our America First work with a contribution today at <https://lookaheadamerica.org/donate/>.

### America First, America Forever.

Matt Braynard  
Executive Director  
Look Ahead America

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# Election Integrity Reforms Report Card 2023

February 28, 2023

**Written By:**

**Matt Braynard, Executive Director**

**Ian Camacho, Research Director**

**The LAA Research Group**

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AHEAD  
AMERICA**  
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## Summary and Background

Look Ahead America (LAA) formed six public policy objectives relating to elections based on the findings of the Voter Integrity Project (VIP) in the aftermath of the 2020 General Election, hundreds of ideas suggested by the public, and decades of experience administering elections.

Each of these policy objectives satisfies three key requirements:

- (1) eliminating vulnerabilities in our election system,
- (2) practicality of implementation, and
- (3) harmony with current state and federal laws and established legal precedence.

Details on these objectives appear later in this report.

LAA believes that by passing these six election integrity policy objectives through all 50 U.S. state legislatures, five territories (American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands), and in the District of Columbia, these will restore trust in America’s electoral process while simultaneously addressing various vulnerabilities and weaknesses currently in the election system.

In the 2023 legislative sessions, thus far state legislators have introduced 35 bills that addressed LAA's six election integrity objectives. This is already half of the amount of bills introduced between the 2020-2022 legislative sessions, and the year is not even a quarter completed yet.

From the 2020-2022 legislative sessions, various states introduced 70 bills which related to the LAA public policy objectives. Of these 70 bills, 12 passed into law without loopholes. When considering that there are six objectives per state, the five territories, and Washington D.C., then simple math shows that a total of at least 336 bills will need to pass into law without loopholes. Additionally, LAA has since revised its definition of an objective obtained based on the items becoming officially enshrined in state law as opposed to the categorization from 2022, which resulted in the removal of one previous "award" given to Arizona.

Therefore, LAA has reached 3.57% percent of its goal to get all six items passed in all parts of the United States without any loopholes. When considering the limited budget of LAA, which started this effort in late 2020 as the VIP, these successful bill passages are in no small part attributed to its base of highly-motivated volunteers and generous small donors.

In addition to these 12 bills without loopholes, another 17 state bills passed albeit with loopholes, and this is not including resolutions passed in another four counties: three in Wisconsin and one in Michigan. These have no legal weight but may indicate things to come.

Furthermore, two of these bills came directly from LAA's volunteers. Although the first bill in New Jersey S4162 would have banned black box voting equipment, it failed to pass in 2021. That said, New Jersey State Senator Pennacchio has reintroduced the bill as S4162 in the 2022-23 legislative session as the idea of open source voting equipment has gained traction over the last two years. In fact, United States Representative Paul Gosar of Arizona recently introduced a bill which would include a study to consider incorporating it into the 2028 General Election.

In contrast, South Carolina passed SB 108 in 2021-22, which addresses two election integrity objectives with the help of Senator Chip Campsen. Although the bill has loopholes, LAA believes that it is better to have a law in place with loopholes that legislators can close later as opposed to nothing in place at all.

It should also be noted that Denise Bolognese of New Jersey and Lori Boddy of South Carolina undertook the enormous tasks of bringing these to their respective state senators and should be commended for their work. Even if a bill fails, it is now in the public sphere and consciousness, as seen with the New Jersey bill reintroduced with greater potentiality of becoming law as the ideas behind the bill(s) get traction. Additionally, they serve as potential templates and reference legislation for other states considering introducing similar measures.

Arizona no longer leads the pack that meet our election integrity objectives passed into law, as the Election Integrity Unit formed under former Attorney General Mark Brnovich has since pivoted focus from election integrity to expanded voting rights under the current Governor and

former Secretary of State’s direction Katie Hobbs. This underscores the reason for making such units enshrined into law, as Florida did, and with which it is tied at two bills each.

That said, Look Ahead Arizona led the effort to get these reforms introduced and passed; the 2022 Arizona session passed HB 2492, using public policy objective #2 language almost verbatim for example. If any other states incorporated a Look Ahead America division within them just as Arizona did from 2021-22, then LAA would be able to the state successfully pass a significantly larger number of election integrity laws.

## Takeaways from the Data

Upon reviewing, updating, and incorporating the legislative data since 2020 it appears that five things stood out with the revised data and presentation:

- (1) Most states from 2020-22 targeted private funds and NGO funds to prevent a repeat of “Zuckerbucks” (Mark Zuckerberg donated over \$300 million to states to influence the 2020 election, which LAA reported in <https://LookAheadAmerica.org/Rigged>). One can see this reflected in the high incidence of bills regarding election objective #6 from 2020-22.
- (2) Starting in 2023, the legislatures have shifted their focus to laws that clarify, regulate, and mandate use of shared interstate databases and official tools to clean up the voter rolls. This reflects in the higher number of bills in 2023 regarding election objective #2.
- (3) LAA researchers also observed the introduction of bills approximating objective #4 for the first time this year. Previously, no states had addressed this, whereas this year New Mexico and Pennsylvania are leading the way.
- (4) LAA researchers also observed the introduction of bills on a Federal and national level involving public policy objectives #2 and #3 specifically. Should these pass into law, then this would essentially bypass the need to pass them on a state level, at least as far as Federal elections are concerned. Of course, for ideal and uniform election integrity from top to bottom, states should pass these objectives for their state and local elections.
- (5) As mentioned previously, Arizona lost a previously awarded objective as it was not made into law. Specifically, the Election Integrity Unit was funded but not made into a formal office nor division, nor were its aims and goals enshrined into law. For this reason, new administrations can either dissolve them or modify them for their own agendas.<sup>1</sup> States such as Texas and Virginia are at risk of losing these should they fail to become official and defined by the state legislatures. Furthermore, the power they currently wield has been challenged as unconstitutional.<sup>2</sup> Fortunately, some states like Ohio are working to pass this item into law.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.azmirror.com/2023/02/23/election-integrity-units-pivot-has-both-sides-questioning-whether-it-should-exist-at-all/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.texastribune.org/2022/09/28/attorney-general-ken-paxton-voter-fraud/>

## Disclaimer

LAA's Director of Research, Ian Camacho, and the Research Group volunteers did their best to review all these bills for accuracy, and scoured multiple sources to verify dates of passage, status, and to ensure that they missed nothing.

Nevertheless, as we are all human it is possible that we missed something. If you know of any state level bills not listed in the following report but are directly related to one of LAA's six election integrity objectives, then please send the relevant state, session, bill number, and corresponding objective(s) to [ian.camacho@lookaheadamerica.org](mailto:ian.camacho@lookaheadamerica.org).

## Election Integrity Objectives Review

### 1. Thumbprint Authentication of Absentee Ballots.

A single machine-readable thumbprint on the affidavit envelope of an absentee ballot will limit the ability of an individual other than the voter of record to cast that ballot. Multiple ballots cast by a single individual will be easily detectable.

Pairing a thumbprint requirement with an absentee ballot request or as part of the voter registration process would practically eliminate fraudulent absentee ballots as well as problems with ballot signature verification, witness signatures, and unscrupulous ballot harvesting.

The state would encrypt the captured thumbprints as alphanumeric values with a one-way hash using a secure key and would be prohibited from sharing raw thumbprint data with any other government agency.

### 2. Mandated and Public Voter List Hygiene.

The state will be required to engage in several processes to ensure only those legally eligible to cast ballots are on voter registration lists and lists remain current.

Further, whether or not these processes result in a voter record's removal, the findings of these processes will be reflected in the publicly available voter list (not applicable to Social Security numbers). This will allow citizens or organizations to use this information to take additional steps to ensure only legal ballots are cast.

These processes will include, but are not limited to:

*Shared Interstate Residency Databases.* The state will cooperate with other states to build a secure, transactional database to detect when an individual has registered in another state or taken other steps that would indicate a loss of residency and therefore voter privileges. This

database will rely on a match of name, date of birth and the last four digits of the Social Security number. Any records matched through this process must be publicly flagged in the state's voter database.

*Non-Citizen Matching Using the USCIS's SAVE Database.* The state will take advantage of the USCIS's SAVE database to flag non-citizens and remove them from the voter list. Any records matched through this process must be publicly flagged in the state's voter database.

*National Change of Address, Social Security Death Index, and Master Death File Matching.* The state will match the voter list against the NCOA permanent moves, SSDI, and MDF on a monthly basis. Any matches will require a follow-up to ensure whether the voter is still eligible to cast a ballot and, if not, they will be removed from the voter list. Any records matched through this process must be publicly flagged in the state's voter database.

### 3. Ban on the Use of "Black Box" Voting Equipment.

"Black Box" voting equipment uses proprietary, non-public software and hardware designs. According to a study by Princeton University, this equipment is highly susceptible to undetected hacking and manipulation.

The alternative is to mandate that all election equipment use open-source software and design that is available for inspection and review by the public and technology organizations to ensure the validity and accuracy of vote counting.

Open-source election software and hardware, paired with paper ballots, will remove the potential for tampering as well as the suspicion of tampering.

More information can be found at <https://lookaheadamerica.org/blackbox/>.

### 4. Appointment of a Citizens Elections Supervisory Committee.

The public must have mechanisms through which they are assured elections are conducted in accordance with the law to facilitate trust in election officials and to confirm the integrity of election officials.

The committee shall consist of trusted citizens who represent various political parties as well as non-partisan organizations. Each committee member will be granted access to the election process equivalent to the state's election director and any county election director. These representatives will have the responsibility of documenting the lawful execution of the election at every level.

## 5. Creation and Sufficient Funding for a Dedicated Voter Fraud Investigation Division within the State’s Attorney General’s Office.







Many states have little to no standing effort to investigate voter fraud. Dedicating sufficient staffing and funding to a permanent division within the state’s attorney general’s office will help defend the integrity of our elections.

## 6. Equitable Distribution of Private Contributions to Election Operations.

While private individuals and corporations may choose to sponsor improvements to election operations with direct donations of funding or material to government election agencies, these contributions may not be geographically targeted and must be equitably distributed throughout a state based on voter populations.

This restriction will only be applicable to liquid contributions to allow incidental contributions to continue, such as a club allowing its headquarters to be used as a polling place.

### Key

	LAA Public Policy Objective(s) Passed Into Law
	LAA Public Policy Objective(s) Passed Into Law, But With Loopholes [* = county only]
	Objective(s) Progressing, No Loopholes
	Objective(s) Progressing With Loopholes
	Objective(s) Attempted But Failed
	No Attempts Made

### Summary at a Glance

State and Objective(s)
AZ (#2, #6), FL (#5, #6), GA (#5), ID (#6), IA (#6), MS (#6), OK (#6), PA (#6), SD (#6), TN (#6)
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AK (#2), ID (#3), KY (#2), MT (#6), NJ (#3), OH (#5), TX (#1), USA (#2), WI (#6)
AK (#3, #5), AZ (#2, #3), AR (#2), HI (#3), IL (#2), KS (#2), MO (#2), NH (#2), NM (#4), OK (#2), PA (#2, #4), SD (#2), TN (#2), TX (#2, #3, #5), USA (#3), VA (#2, #5), WI (#2)
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CA, CO, CT, DE, ME, MD, MA, NV, NY, OR, RI, VT, WA



## Detailed States with Election Integrity Objectives (as of 02/26/2023)

Item	State	Session	Bill (Description)	Status	What's missing
#1	Pennsylvania	2021-22	<a href="#">HB 30</a> (Thumbprint verification of absentee ballot.)	Referred to state government 6/3/21, died	Nothing
#1	Texas	2021-22	<a href="#">HB 3080</a> (Requires a thumbprint in addition to signature on absentee mail in ballots.)	Failed 4/27/21	Nothing
#1	Texas	2023-24	<a href="#">HB 1448</a> (Redo of TX HB 3080)	Introduced 1/19/23	Nothing
#2	Alaska	2023-24	<a href="#">SB 5</a> (Allows for removal based on information received by the division including NCOA, MDF, SSDI, USCIS SAVE, jury duty, property and tax records, etc.)	Referred to State Affairs Committee 1/18/23	Nothing
#2	Arizona	2022	<a href="#">HB 2492</a> (Allows for removal based on information received by the division including NCOA, MDF, SSDI, USCIS SAVE, etc.)	Law 3/30/22	Nothing
#2	Arizona	2023	<a href="#">HB 2560</a> (Counties required to publish a voter list not later than 10 days before each election to help clean rolls, publish ballot images, cast vote records/CVRs.)	Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus 2/21/23	Does not clean rolls, but provides public option to review and challenge.
#2	Arkansas	2023	<a href="#">HB 1407</a> (Creation of interstate database to compare voters who died, moved, non-citizens, felons, etc.)	Sent to Senate, Read first time, rules suspended, read second time, referred to State Agencies & Gov't Affairs-Senate 2/21/23	NCOA, USCIS SAVE, etc.
#2	Illinois	2023-24	<a href="#">SB 1270</a> (Automatic voter registration within 90 days of NCOA notice for people moving into IL not out. Might alert other ERIC states of voter's IL registration and cancel voter's prior state registrations.)	Introduced 2/3/23	No auto removal using NCOA. No SSDI, MDF, USCIS SAVE, etc.
#2	Illinois	2023-24	<a href="#">HB 1149</a> (Basically a companion bill to IL SB 1270.)	Referred to Rules	No auto removal using NCOA. No

				Committee 1/12/23	SSDI, MDF, USCIS SAVE, etc.
#2	Kansas	2023-24	<a href="#">HB 2052</a> (Jury duty exclusions based on non-citizenship status removes/blocks ineligible voters.)	Introduced and Referred to Committee on Elections 1/18/23	SSDI, MDF, USCIS SAVE, etc.
#2	Kentucky	2023	<a href="#">HB 230</a> (In addition to NCOA, MDF, SSDI, it handles anomalies including high voter counts at addresses, and also any at vacant lots, business addresses, minor name variations.)	Introduced and Referred to Committee on Committees 2/8/23	Nothing
#2	Missouri	2023	<a href="#">SB 44</a> (Allows for use of postal service contractors utilizing NCOA to canvass voters who did and didn't vote in last election.)	On Informal Calendar S Bills for Perfection 2/22/23	SSDI, MDF, USCIS SAVE, etc.
#2	New Hampshire	2023	<a href="#">SB 223</a> (Requires use of the NCOA to correct voter list.)	Referred to Senate Committee 2/14/23	SSDI, MDF, USCIS SAVE, etc.
#2	New Jersey	2022-23	<a href="#">A356</a> (Permits county clerk to remove voters from vote-by-mail lists using NCOA)	Introduced 1/11/21, died	SSDI, MDF, USCIS SAVE, etc.
#2	New Jersey	2022-23	<a href="#">S2557</a> (Mirror of NJ A356)	Introduced and brought to committee 5/22/22, died	SSDI, MDF, USCIS SAVE, etc.
#2	Oklahoma	2023	<a href="#">HB 2052</a> (Rules for joining a shared multistate voter database, keeps NCOA but removes ERIC.)	Pass Elections and Ethics Committee 2/15/23	SSDI, MDF, USCIS SAVE, etc.
#2	Pennsylvania	2023-24	<a href="#">SB 193</a> (Registrars will cancel registration of a dead voter within seven days of notice, not 30 as current.)	Referred to State Government Committee 1/19/23	SSDI, MDF, NCOA, USCIS SAVE, etc.
#2	South Carolina	2021-22	<a href="#">SB 108</a> (Requirements to clean voter rolls including removal of ineligible voters within seven days of discovery such as noncitizens.)	Law 5/13/22	NCOA, SAVE, SSDI, MDF databases. Allows interstate data sharing.
#2	South Dakota	2023	<a href="#">SB 140</a> (Requires review of the SSDI, MDF, and jury duty exemptions like moved, non-US citizens, felons, incompetent.)	Scheduled for hearing H.J. 1 2/22/23	NCOA, USCIS SAVE, etc.

#2	South Dakota	2023	<a href="#">SB 123</a> (Requires review of the SSDI, MDF, and jury duty exemptions like moved, non-US citizens, felons, incompetent.)	State Affairs Deferred to the 41st legislative day, Passed 2/15/23	NCOA, USCIS SAVE, etc.
#2	South Dakota	2023	<a href="#">SB 124</a> (Requires review of county property tax records to determine if a nonresidential location of registration, able to use and check a multistate voter database, NCOA, SSN, citizenship database.)	State Affairs Deferred to the 41st legislative day, Passed 2/15/23	USCIS SAVE, etc.
#2	South Dakota	2023	<a href="#">HB 1106</a> (Requires SSDI, MDF, and mental incompetence records, but removes NCOA notice.)	Scheduled for hearing 2/24/23	NCOA, USCIS SAVE, etc.
#2	Tennessee	2023-24	<a href="#">HB 0246</a> (Requires that the coordinator of elections consult the SSDI and MDF to remove voters with 60 days before an election.)	Assigned to s/c Elections & Campaign Finance Subcommittee 1/24/23	NCOA, USCIS SAVE, etc.
#2	Tennessee	2023-24	<a href="#">SB 0136</a> (Mirror of TN HB 0246.)	Sponsor Added 1/31/23	NCOA, USCIS SAVE, etc.
#2	Texas	2023-24	<a href="#">SB 1070</a> (Alternative to ERIC, sets up a private interstate data sharing system for voter verification.)	Filed by Senate 2/21/23	NCOA, SSDI, MDF, USCIS SAVE, etc.
#2	Texas	2023-24	<a href="#">SB 260</a> (If a voter's residence is a commercial residence or P.O. Box the registrar must send the voter an address confirmation notice, if they have reason to believe the voter lives elsewhere, or the voter doesn't vote in the last 25 months.)	Referred to State Affairs 2/15/23	NCOA, SSDI, MDF, USCIS SAVE, etc.
#2	Virginia	2023	<a href="#">HB 1377</a> (Cancellation of a voter in seven days if they are known to be dead, felons, incapacitated, or USCIS SAVE notices.)	Passed by indefinitely in Privileges and Elections 2/14/23	NCOA, SSDI, MDF mentions.
#2	Wisconsin	2023-24	<a href="#">SB 26</a> (Allows for removal of voters only if an "official notification by the appropriate election administrative authority of another state, territory, or possession" informs a clerk that the voter has registered there.)	Rep. Rozar added as cosponsor 2/9/23	No NCOA, SSDI, MDF, USCIS SAVE, etc. and not transparent.

#2	Wisconsin	2023-24	<a href="#">AB 21</a> (Mirror of WI SB 26.)	Rep. Rozar added as coauthor 2/9/23	No NCOA, SSDI, MDF, USCIS SAVE, etc. and not transparent.
#2	USA	2023-24	<a href="#">HB 156</a> (Automatic voter registration, must opt out. Use of NCOA from USPS and also SSDI/MDF, would use Soc. Security Agency to check citizenship.)	Referred to the Committee on House Administration 1/9/23	Nothing
#3	Alabama	2022	<a href="#">SB 47</a> (Requires hand marked paper ballots.)	Senate passed 2/2/22, died in House 2/16/22	Does not apply to tabulators.
#3	Alaska	2023-24	<a href="#">SB 6</a> (Voting machine or vote tally system must use only open-source software technology or commercial off-the-shelf software and firmware.)	Referred to State Affairs 1/18/23	Off-the-shelf software is proprietary and not transparent.
#3	Arizona	2023	<a href="#">HB 2560</a> (Counties will be required to publish a voter list not later than ten days before each election to help clean rolls, publish ballot images, cast vote records/CVRs.)	Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus 2/21/23	Not open source software, but open records of ballots a step in the right direction.
#3	Hawaii	2023	<a href="#">HB 132</a> (Requires paper ballots or voter verified paper audit trails aka a printout of what one voted and cast; audits will be done using ballot scanned images or by voter verified paper audit trails.)	Passed Second Reading as amended in HD 1 2/21/23	Voter verified audit trails are not paper ballots, nor is auditing voter verified paper audit trails or ballot scans the same as hand counting or machine counting a paper ballot.
#3	Hawaii	2023	<a href="#">SB 180</a> (Mirror bill of HI HB 132.)	Referred to JDC 1/23/23	Same as above.
#3	Idaho	2023	<a href="#">SB 1110</a> (Requires open-source code, tally system will stamp each ballot counted by the machine with an ID and a time stamp to the nearest 1/100 of a second, and the county clerk to post a sample ballot, the open-source software was used, the compiler was used to convert to machine language, and machine language used.)	Referred to State Affairs 2/23/23	Nothing

#3	Illinois	2021-22	<a href="#">SB 2038</a> (Hand marked paper ballots only.)	Introduced 2/26/2021, session sine die 1/10/23	Scanned ballots OK
#3	Missouri	2022	<a href="#">HB 2633</a> (Bans machines from counting or casting ballots.)	Introduced 2/1/22, died in committee 3/23/22	Nothing
#3	New Hampshire	2022	<a href="#">HB 1064</a> (Hand marked paper ballots and hand counted, bans machines in elections.)	Introduced 11/2/21, died in committee 3/23/22	Nothing
#3	New Jersey	2020-21	<a href="#">S4162</a> (Requires open source voting systems and paper ballots.)	Failed 11/22/21	Nothing
#3	New Jersey	2022-23	<a href="#">S238</a> (Requires open source voting equipment and paper ballots, redo of NJ S4162.)	Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism & Historic Preservation Committee 1/11/23	Nothing
#3	Texas	2023-24	<a href="#">SB 512</a> (Bans electronic voting items: signature roster, poll lists, ballot marking devices, and combinations.)	Referred to State Affairs Committee 2/17/23	No ban on tabulators or scanners, not open source.
#3	USA	2023-24	<a href="#">HR 466</a> (Requires voter verified paper ballots, no more digital only ballots, and requires a study for open source voting software.)	Referred to the Committee on House Administration 1/24/23	Does not exclude QR codes or barcodes, which are not human readable.
#4	New Mexico	2023	<a href="#">HB 86</a> (Voter education and elections task force, which allows four citizens, two per major party, to be granted access to the elections process and have input on legislation and processes.)	Sent to HCPAC - Referrals: HCPAC/HGEIC 1/18/23	This is a temporary task force and a study for future elections.
#4	Pennsylvania	2023-24	<a href="#">SB 127</a> (Allows local counties to oversee election boards and that those election boards must contain minority party members.)	Referred to State Gov't Committee 1/18/23	No non-partisan orgs, still a good first step.

#5	Arizona	n/a	<a href="https://www.azag.gov/criminal/eiu">https://www.azag.gov/criminal/eiu</a>	Founded 2019	Not in law, goals not clear, currently being reformed to focus on voting rights.
#5	Florida	2022	<a href="#">SB 524</a> (Establishes the Office of Election Crimes and Security in the Department of State.)	Law 4/25/22	Though not under AG, it fits the policy objective.
#5	Georgia	2021-22	<a href="#">SB 441</a> (Provides the Georgia Bureau of Investigation with jurisdiction to investigate election fraud and crimes and subpoena power for such investigations.)	Law 4/28/22	Though not under AG, it fits the policy objective.
#5	Ohio	2023-24	<a href="#">SB 51</a> (Establish Secretary of State Election Integrity Division.)	Referred to committee: General Government 2/8/23	Though not directly under AG, it seems to fit the integrity item.
#5	Texas	n/a	<a href="https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/initiatives/election-integrity">https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/initiatives/election-integrity</a>	Announced 10/18/21	Not in law, could easily be overturned.
#5	Virginia	n/a	<a href="https://www.oag.state.va.us/media-center/news-releases/2452-september-9-2022-attorney-general-miyares-announces-new-election-integrity-unit">https://www.oag.state.va.us/media-center/news-releases/2452-september-9-2022-attorney-general-miyares-announces-new-election-integrity-unit</a>	Announced 9/9/22	Not in law, could easily be overturned.
#6	Alabama	2022	<a href="#">HB 74</a> (Prohibits solicitation, receipt, or use of private funds to administer an election.)	Introduced 1/11/22, died in committee	Nothing
#6	Alabama	2022	<a href="#">HB 194</a> (Prohibits the solicitation, receipt, or use of private funds to administer an election, with exceptions.)	Law 4/7/22	Does not cover contractors or government.
#6	Alaska	2021-22	<a href="#">HB 368</a> (Election division may not accept funding or material assistance for the administration of an election from a corporation, an individual, a foundation, an organization, or government, including the federal government.)	Introduced 2/22/22, died in committee	Nothing
#6	Arizona	2021	<a href="#">HB 2569</a> (Bans any state or public body that conducts or administers elections from receiving or giving private funds for election-related purposes, including registering voters.)	Law 4/9/21	Nothing

#6	Arkansas	2021	<a href="#">H 1866 / Act 961</a> (Prohibits election officials from accepting any non-governmental source.)	Law 4/27/21	Only for county and state board of elections.
#6	Florida	2021	<a href="#">SB 90</a> (Prohibits state and local officials and certain agencies from accepting or using private funds for election-related expenses.)	Law 5/6/21	Nothing
#6	Florida	2022	<a href="#">SB 524</a> (Prohibits state and local officials who conduct elections from soliciting, accepting, or using private or NGO money for election-related expenses.)	Law 4/25/22	Nothing
#6	Georgia	2021-22	<a href="#">SB 202</a> (Prohibits election superintendents and boards of registrars from accepting private funds.)	Law 3/25/21	Other roles and state can accept private funds.
#6	Georgia	2021-22	<a href="#">HB 1402</a> (No state department or agency, county, municipality, consolidated government, state-wide or local authority, or other state or local government entity, nor any officer, agent, employee, or elected official of any such entity shall take, solicit, or accept any donations, funding, grants, or gifts from any private individual or nongovernmental entity for any purpose related to elections.)	Introduced 2/17/22, died in committee 2/24/22	Nothing
#6	Idaho	2021	<a href="#">SB 1168</a> (Prohibits any county clerk, local elections office, or government body conducting an election from accepting or giving any grant, gift, or funding to or from a private entity.)	Law 4/26/21	Nothing
#6	Indiana	2022	<a href="#">SB 134</a> ("A political subdivision that conducts or administers an election may not accept private money donations to prepare, administer, or conduct elections or to employ individuals on a temporary basis for preparing, administering, or conducting elections, including registering voters. Requires all state agencies to submit to the budget agency a report of each individual state employee employed by the state agency whose salary is funded in whole or in part from donated money.)	Law 3/11/22	SOS may use private funds for elections via political subdivisions.

#6	Iowa	2021-22	<a href="#">SSB 3143</a> (replaced by HF 2526 & SF 2343.)	Introduced 2/15/22, Committee approved roll over 2/23/22, died 4/7/22	Nothing
#6	Iowa	2021-22	<a href="#">HSB 719</a> (renumbered as HF 2526.)	Introduced 2/15/22, Committee approved roll over 2/23/22, died 4/7/22	Nothing
#6	Iowa	2021-22	<a href="#">HF 2526</a> (Bans contributions from private sources: “The state commissioner, a county commissioner, or a political subdivision of the state shall not accept or expend a grant, gift, or other source of funding from a source other than those listed in subsection, including from a private person, corporation, partnership, political party, nonparty political organization, committee as defined in section 868A.102, or other organization for the purpose of conducting an election.”)	Introduced 2/23/22, died in chamber 4/7/22	Nothing
#6	Iowa	2021-22	<a href="#">SF 2343</a> (Mirror of IA HF 2526.)	Introduced 2/17/22, died in chamber 4/7/22	Nothing
#6	Iowa	2021-23	<a href="#">HF 2589</a> (Election officials shall not accept money from private sources.)	Law 6/21/22	Nothing
#6	Kansas	2021-22	<a href="#">HB 2183</a> (Prohibits receipt and expenditure of private moneys by election officials.)	Gov. Laura Kelly (D) veto overridden; Law 5/3/21, effective 7/1/21	State and counties can receive private funds.
#6	Kentucky	2022	<a href="#">HB 153</a> (Prohibits state governmental body employees from accepting anything of value to assist with election administration.)	Introduced 12/10/21, died in committee 1/4/22	Lawful contracts for goods and services allow private money.



#6	Kentucky	2022	<a href="#">HB 301</a> (Requires all election administration costs and expenses paid for by public funds.)	Law 3/24/22; Gov. Andy Beshear (D) did not sign	Lawful contracts for goods and services allow private money.
#6	Louisiana	2021	<a href="#">HB 20</a> (Prohibits any state or local official overseeing elections from accepting private donations.)	Gov. Bel Edwards (D) vetoed 6/7/21, Floor debate scheduled 6/9/21 never happened	Nothing
#6	Louisiana	2022	<a href="#">HB 811</a> (Stops elections offices from accepting private funding for elections.)	Passed state house 5/18/22, died in Senate 6/6/22	Nothing
#6	Michigan	2021	<a href="#">SB 0303</a> (Requires elections to be funded with public money.)	Gov. Gretchen Whitmer (D) vetoed 10/29/21	Nothing
#6	Michigan*	2022	<a href="#">Livingston County first county in state to ban private monies for administering elections.</a>	Passed board of elections on 6/13/22	Grants can still be applied for and approved under strict scrutiny, though only one county.
#6	Minnesota	2021-22	<a href="#">SF 3333</a> (Bans counties, municipalities, and school districts “from accepting certain contributions for election expenses”.)	Introduced 2/21/22, died in committee 2/24/22	Nothing
#6	Mississippi	2022	<a href="#">HB 1365</a> (Prohibits state and local election officials from soliciting and accepting private funds for elections.)	Law 4/1/22, Effective 7/1/22	Nothing
#6	Missouri	2021	<a href="#">SB 333</a> (Bans private organizations from contributing funds or in-kind donations to state and local elections offices.)	Died in Committee 5/13/21	Language somewhat vague
#6	Missouri	2022	<a href="#">HB 1878</a> (“[N]either the state of Missouri nor any political subdivision thereof that conducts elections shall receive or expend private moneys, excluding in-kind donations, for preparing, administering, or conducting an election, including registering voters.”)	Law 5/18/22	Not enforced if insufficient appropriation of state funds to proportionally compensate counties.

#6	Montana	2021	<a href="#">SB 335</a> (Prohibits elections officials from accepting private funding for elections.)	Died in Committee 4/29/21	Nothing
#6	Montana	2023	<a href="#">SB 117</a> (Prohibits election offices from accepting private funding.)	Passed Senate and Transmitted to House 2/17/23	Nothing
#6	Nebraska	2021-22	<a href="#">LB 843</a> (The Secretary of State, election commissioners, and county clerks shall not accept or use any gift, grant, or donation from any private entity for the purpose of preparing for, administering, or conducting an election unless the money received as a result of such gift, grant, or donation is appropriated to the Secretary of State for such use by the Legislature.)	Law 4/19/22	Allows for private funds if the legislature approves and appropriated to the SOS.
#6	North Carolina	2021	<a href="#">S 725</a> (Prohibits state and county boards of elections, and county commissioners from accepting private funding.)	Vetoed by Gov. Roy Cooper (D) 12/9/21	Only for county or state boards of elections or commissioners.
#6	North Dakota	2021	<a href="#">HB 1256</a> (Prohibits state and local officials for accepting or spending private contributions for elections.)	Law 4/16/21	Companies can still donate.
#6	Ohio	2021-22	<a href="#">HB 110</a> (Bars private funding of elections.)	Law 7/1/21	Contractors & governments ok.
#6	Oklahoma	2022	<a href="#">HB 3046</a> (Requires elections be paid for with public funds.)	Law 5/4/22	Nothing
#6	Pennsylvania	2021-22	<a href="#">HB 1300</a> (Does not prohibit private funding for elections. Instead, the bill will make it secretary of the commonwealth's duty to receive private funding and distribute it equally across the counties of Pennsylvania with the oversight of the Election Law Advisory Board.)	Vetoed by Gov. Tom Wolf (D) 6/31/21	Nothing
#6	Pennsylvania	2021-22	<a href="#">SB 982</a> (Prohibits private, nongovernmental funding for elections.)	Law 7/11/22	Nothing
#6	South Carolina	2021-22	<a href="#">H 3877</a> (Prohibits state and election officials from accepting private donations for elections.)	Introduced 2/11/21, died in committee 6/21/21	Only state election commission and county boards of voter registration and elections.

#6	South Carolina	2021-22	<a href="#">SB 108</a> (Prohibits the state election commission and county election offices from accepting money from private individuals and groups.)	Law 5/13/22	Only state election commission and county boards of voter registration and elections.
#6	South Dakota	2022	<a href="#">SB 122</a> (Bars private funding of elections except gifts of nominal and intrinsic value.)	Law 3/28/22	Nothing
#6	Tennessee	2021-22	<a href="#">HB 0966</a> (Prohibits state and local elections officials from accepting outside funding for elections.)	Law 5/4/21	Nothing
#6	Tennessee	2021-22	<a href="#">SB 1534</a> (A person shall not contribute, including in-kind contributions, donate, pay, or otherwise transfer money or equipment to the state election commission or the coordinator of elections, a county election commission, local government, administrator, registrar, or other election official for purposes of conducting state or local elections in this state.)	Law 5/4/21	Nothing
#6	Texas	2021-22	<a href="#">SB 7</a> (Prohibits county officials accepting any donation larger than \$1,000, unless it is approved by the secretary of state, governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the state House.)	Law 5/30/21	SOS may approve private donations of over \$1,000
#6	Texas	2021	<a href="#">HB 2283</a> (County officials can't accept donations over \$1,000, unless SOS, Gov., Lt. Gov., and speaker of the House OK it.)	Law 6/18/21	Government officials may approve private donations of over \$1,000 unrelated to election spaces
#6	Utah	2022	<a href="#">SB 0219</a> (This bill prohibits an election officer from soliciting, accepting, or using funds donated for an election by a person other than a government entity.)	Law 3/23/22	Covers only elections officers
#6	Virginia	2022	<a href="#">SB 80</a> (Bars state and local elections officials from soliciting, accepting, using, or disposing of money, grants, property, or services from an individual or NGO for voter education, outreach, registration programs, or other election costs.)	Law 4/11/22	Only covers certain boards

#6	West Virginia	2021	<a href="#">SB 565</a> (Prohibits elections officials from accepting private donations for elections.)	Senate passed 3/24/21 but died in committee	State Election Commission prior written approval allows private funds
#6	West Virginia	2022	<a href="#">HB 4097</a> (Donations from private individuals and entities go into a state fund the State Election Commission uses.)	Law 3/30/22	Private funds can go into treasury with approval.
#6	Wisconsin	2021-22	<a href="#">AB 173</a> (Prohibits election officials from accepting private funds without permission from state Elections Commission. If permission given, then donation must be distributed to municipalities per capita. The Joint Committee on Finance must oversee any dispersions of money.)	Vetoed by Gov. Tony Evers (D) 6/30/21, died in Rules Committee 11/15/21, Senate Joint Resolution 101 passed 2/22/22 but failed 5/17/22	Nothing
#6	Wisconsin	2021-22	<a href="#">SJR 101</a> (Constitutional amendment proposed: (1) No state agency or officer or employee in state government and no political subdivision of the state or officer or employee of a political subdivision may apply for or accept any donation or grant of private resources for purposes of election administration, and no donation or grant of private resources may be used for purposes of election administration. (2) No individual other than an election official designated by law may perform any task in election administration.)	Passed legislature 2/22/22, enrolled in <a href="#">Joint Resolution 17</a> must pass a second time and then citizens vote to add it to the constitution	Nothing
#6	Wisconsin	2021-22	<a href="#">SB 935</a> (No official or agent of a state agency, county, city, village, or town may apply for or accept any donation or grant of moneys, equipment, materials, or personnel from an individual or NGO for election administration, unless election statutes authorize.)	Vetoed by Gov. Tony Evers (D) 4/8/22	Nothing
#6	Wisconsin*	n/a	<a href="#">Walworth County first to ban private monies for administering elections.</a>	Passed local board of supervisors on 4/21/22	Resolution is symbolic; municipalities hold elections.

#6	Wisconsin*	n/a	<a href="#">Kenosha County bans NGO/private monies.</a>	Resolution passed 6/16/22	Resolution is symbolic; municipalities hold elections.
#6	Wisconsin*	n/a	<a href="#">Ozaukee County resolution to ban private monies.</a>	Resolution passed 7/6/22	Resolution is symbolic; municipalities hold elections
#6	Wyoming	2021	<a href="#">SF 0142</a> (Prohibits elections officials from accepting private funding for elections.)	Died in committee 4/1/21	Nothing

## About Look Ahead America

Look Ahead America is an America First nonprofit dedicated to standing up for patriotic Americans who have been forgotten by our government.

We aren't just talk; we're action. That action means deploying our R.E.T. (Register, Educate, Turnout to Vote) field programs across the country. It means leading Patriot Actions and training citizens to lobby their state and local governments for America First causes. Finally, it means ensuring voter integrity by investigating cases of illegal ballots and advocating for election reform to prevent them from being cast.

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## How to Support Look Ahead America

If you can volunteer in your state and are willing to speak with your state representatives to pass bills into law, then please sign up at <https://LookAheadAmerica.org/Volunteer>

If you wish to continue to support our research, then please consider making a fully tax-deductible contribution at <https://LookAheadAmerica.org/Donate>

You can also join our Guilded community server at <https://guilded.gg/Look-Ahead-America> or learn how to sign up at <https://LookAheadAmerica.org/Guided>

# Election Integrity Reforms Report Card 2023

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## Summary and Background

Look Ahead America (LAA) formed six public policy objectives relating to elections based on the findings of the Voter Integrity Project (VIP) in the aftermath of the 2020 General Election, hundreds of ideas suggested by the public, and decades of experience administering elections.

Each of these policy objectives satisfies three key requirements:

- (1) eliminating vulnerabilities in our election system,
- (2) practicality of implementation, and
- (3) harmony with current state and federal laws and established legal precedence.

Details on these objectives appear later in this report.

LAA believes that by passing these six election integrity policy objectives through all 50 U.S. state legislatures, five territories (American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands), and in the District of Columbia, these will restore trust in America’s electoral process while simultaneously addressing various vulnerabilities and weaknesses currently in the election system.

In the 2023 legislative sessions, thus far state legislators have introduced 35 bills that addressed LAA's six election integrity objectives. This is already half of the amount of bills introduced between the 2020-2022 legislative sessions, and the year is not even a quarter completed yet.

From the 2020-2022 legislative sessions, various states introduced 70 bills which related to the LAA public policy objectives. Of these 70 bills, 12 passed into law without loopholes. When considering that there are six objectives per state, the five territories, and Washington D.C., then simple math shows that a total of at least 336 bills will need to pass into law without loopholes. Additionally, LAA has since revised its definition of an objective obtained based on the items becoming officially enshrined in state law as opposed to the categorization from 2022, which resulted in the removal of one previous "award" given to Arizona.

Therefore, LAA has reached 3.57% percent of its goal to get all six items passed in all parts of the United States without any loopholes. When considering the limited budget of LAA, which started this effort in late 2020 as the VIP, these successful bill passages are in no small part attributed to its base of highly-motivated volunteers and generous small donors.

In addition to these 12 bills without loopholes, another 17 state bills passed albeit with loopholes, and this is not including resolutions passed in another four counties: three in Wisconsin and one in Michigan. These have no legal weight but may indicate things to come.

Furthermore, two of these bills came directly from LAA's volunteers. Although the first bill in New Jersey S4162 would have banned black box voting equipment, it failed to pass in 2021. That said, New Jersey State Senator Pennacchio has reintroduced the bill as S4162 in the 2022-23 legislative session as the idea of open source voting equipment has gained traction over the last two years. In fact, United States Representative Paul Gosar of Arizona recently introduced a bill which would include a study to consider incorporating it into the 2028 General Election.

In contrast, South Carolina passed SB 108 in 2021-22, which addresses two election integrity objectives with the help of Senator Chip Campsen. Although the bill has loopholes, LAA believes that it is better to have a law in place with loopholes that legislators can close later as opposed to nothing in place at all.

It should also be noted that Denise Bolognese of New Jersey and Lori Boddy of South Carolina undertook the enormous tasks of bringing these to their respective state senators and should be commended for their work. Even if a bill fails, it is now in the public sphere and consciousness, as seen with the New Jersey bill reintroduced with greater potentiality of becoming law as the ideas behind the bill(s) get traction. Additionally, they serve as potential templates and reference legislation for other states considering introducing similar measures.

Arizona no longer leads the pack that meet our election integrity objectives passed into law, as the Election Integrity Unit formed under former Attorney General Mark Brnovich has since pivoted focus from election integrity to expanded voting rights under the current Governor and



former Secretary of State’s direction Katie Hobbs. This underscores the reason for making such units enshrined into law, as Florida did, and with which it is tied at two bills each.

That said, Look Ahead Arizona led the effort to get these reforms introduced and passed; the 2022 Arizona session passed HB 2492, using public policy objective #2 language almost verbatim for example. If any other states incorporated a Look Ahead America division within them just as Arizona did from 2021-22, then LAA would be able to the state successfully pass a significantly larger number of election integrity laws.

## Takeaways from the Data

Upon reviewing, updating, and incorporating the legislative data since 2020 it appears that five things stood out with the revised data and presentation:

- (1) Most states from 2020-22 targeted private funds and NGO funds to prevent a repeat of “Zuckerbucks” (Mark Zuckerberg donated over \$300 million to states to influence the 2020 election, which LAA reported in <https://LookAheadAmerica.org/Rigged>). One can see this reflected in the high incidence of bills regarding election objective #6 from 2020-22.
- (2) Starting in 2023, the legislatures have shifted their focus to laws that clarify, regulate, and mandate use of shared interstate databases and official tools to clean up the voter rolls. This reflects in the higher number of bills in 2023 regarding election objective #2.
- (3) LAA researchers also observed the introduction of bills approximating objective #4 for the first time this year. Previously, no states had addressed this, whereas this year New Mexico and Pennsylvania are leading the way.
- (4) LAA researchers also observed the introduction of bills on a Federal and national level involving public policy objectives #2 and #3 specifically. Should these pass into law, then this would essentially bypass the need to pass them on a state level, at least as far as Federal elections are concerned. Of course, for ideal and uniform election integrity from top to bottom, states should pass these objectives for their state and local elections.
- (5) As mentioned previously, Arizona lost a previously awarded objective as it was not made into law. Specifically, the Election Integrity Unit was funded but not made into a formal office nor division, nor were its aims and goals enshrined into law. For this reason, new administrations can either dissolve them or modify them for their own agendas.<sup>1</sup> States such as Texas and Virginia are at risk of losing these should they fail to become official and defined by the state legislatures. Furthermore, the power they currently wield has been challenged as unconstitutional.<sup>2</sup> Fortunately, some states like Ohio are working to pass this item into law.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.azmirror.com/2023/02/23/election-integrity-units-pivot-has-both-sides-questioning-whether-it-should-exist-at-all/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.texastribune.org/2022/09/28/attorney-general-ken-paxton-voter-fraud/>

## Disclaimer

LAA's Director of Research, Ian Camacho, and the Research Group volunteers did their best to review all these bills for accuracy, and scoured multiple sources to verify dates of passage, status, and to ensure that they missed nothing.

Nevertheless, as we are all human it is possible that we missed something. If you know of any state level bills not listed in the following report but are directly related to one of LAA's six election integrity objectives, then please send the relevant state, session, bill number, and corresponding objective(s) to [ian.camacho@lookaheadamerica.org](mailto:ian.camacho@lookaheadamerica.org).

## Election Integrity Objectives Review

### 1. Thumbprint Authentication of Absentee Ballots.

A single machine-readable thumbprint on the affidavit envelope of an absentee ballot will limit the ability of an individual other than the voter of record to cast that ballot. Multiple ballots cast by a single individual will be easily detectable.

Pairing a thumbprint requirement with an absentee ballot request or as part of the voter registration process would practically eliminate fraudulent absentee ballots as well as problems with ballot signature verification, witness signatures, and unscrupulous ballot harvesting.

The state would encrypt the captured thumbprints as alphanumeric values with a one-way hash using a secure key and would be prohibited from sharing raw thumbprint data with any other government agency.

### 2. Mandated and Public Voter List Hygiene.

The state will be required to engage in several processes to ensure only those legally eligible to cast ballots are on voter registration lists and lists remain current.

Further, whether or not these processes result in a voter record's removal, the findings of these processes will be reflected in the publicly available voter list (not applicable to Social Security numbers). This will allow citizens or organizations to use this information to take additional steps to ensure only legal ballots are cast.

These processes will include, but are not limited to:

*Shared Interstate Residency Databases.* The state will cooperate with other states to build a secure, transactional database to detect when an individual has registered in another state or taken other steps that would indicate a loss of residency and therefore voter privileges. This

database will rely on a match of name, date of birth and the last four digits of the Social Security number. Any records matched through this process must be publicly flagged in the state's voter database.

*Non-Citizen Matching Using the USCIS's SAVE Database.* The state will take advantage of the USCIS's SAVE database to flag non-citizens and remove them from the voter list. Any records matched through this process must be publicly flagged in the state's voter database.

*National Change of Address, Social Security Death Index, and Master Death File Matching.* The state will match the voter list against the NCOA permanent moves, SSDI, and MDF on a monthly basis. Any matches will require a follow-up to ensure whether the voter is still eligible to cast a ballot and, if not, they will be removed from the voter list. Any records matched through this process must be publicly flagged in the state's voter database.

### 3. Ban on the Use of “Black Box” Voting Equipment.

“Black Box” voting equipment uses proprietary, non-public software and hardware designs. According to a study by Princeton University, this equipment is highly susceptible to undetected hacking and manipulation.

The alternative is to mandate that all election equipment use open-source software and design that is available for inspection and review by the public and technology organizations to ensure the validity and accuracy of vote counting.

Open-source election software and hardware, paired with paper ballots, will remove the potential for tampering as well as the suspicion of tampering.

More information can be found at <https://lookaheadamerica.org/blackbox/>.

### 4. Appointment of a Citizens Elections Supervisory Committee.

The public must have mechanisms through which they are assured elections are conducted in accordance with the law to facilitate trust in election officials and to confirm the integrity of election officials.

The committee shall consist of trusted citizens who represent various political parties as well as non-partisan organizations. Each committee member will be granted access to the election process equivalent to the state's election director and any county election director. These representatives will have the responsibility of documenting the lawful execution of the election at every level.

## 5. Creation and Sufficient Funding for a Dedicated Voter Fraud Investigation Division within the State’s Attorney General’s Office.







Many states have little to no standing effort to investigate voter fraud. Dedicating sufficient staffing and funding to a permanent division within the state’s attorney general’s office will help defend the integrity of our elections.

## 6. Equitable Distribution of Private Contributions to Election Operations.

While private individuals and corporations may choose to sponsor improvements to election operations with direct donations of funding or material to government election agencies, these contributions may not be geographically targeted and must be equitably distributed throughout a state based on voter populations.

This restriction will only be applicable to liquid contributions to allow incidental contributions to continue, such as a club allowing its headquarters to be used as a polling place.

### Key

	LAA Public Policy Objective(s) Passed Into Law
	LAA Public Policy Objective(s) Passed Into Law, But With Loopholes [* = county only]
	Objective(s) Progressing, No Loopholes
	Objective(s) Progressing With Loopholes
	Objective(s) Attempted But Failed
	No Attempts Made

### Summary at a Glance

State and Objective(s)
AZ (#2, #6), FL (#5, #6), GA (#5), ID (#6), IA (#6), MS (#6), OK (#6), PA (#6), SD (#6), TN (#6)
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CA, CO, CT, DE, ME, MD, MA, NV, NY, OR, RI, VT, WA

## Detailed States with Election Integrity Objectives (as of 02/26/2023)

Item	State	Session	Bill (Description)	Status	What's missing
#1	Pennsylvania	2021-22	<a href="#">HB 30</a> (Thumbprint verification of absentee ballot.)	Referred to state government 6/3/21, died	Nothing
#1	Texas	2021-22	<a href="#">HB 3080</a> (Requires a thumbprint in addition to signature on absentee mail in ballots.)	Failed 4/27/21	Nothing
#1	Texas	2023-24	<a href="#">HB 1448</a> (Redo of TX HB 3080)	Introduced 1/19/23	Nothing
#2	Alaska	2023-24	<a href="#">SB 5</a> (Allows for removal based on information received by the division including NCOA, MDF, SSDI, USCIS SAVE, jury duty, property and tax records, etc.)	Referred to State Affairs Committee 1/18/23	Nothing
#2	Arizona	2022	<a href="#">HB 2492</a> (Allows for removal based on information received by the division including NCOA, MDF, SSDI, USCIS SAVE, etc.)	Law 3/30/22	Nothing
#2	Arizona	2023	<a href="#">HB 2560</a> (Counties required to publish a voter list not later than 10 days before each election to help clean rolls, publish ballot images, cast vote records/CVRs.)	Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus 2/21/23	Does not clean rolls, but provides public option to review and challenge.
#2	Arkansas	2023	<a href="#">HB 1407</a> (Creation of interstate database to compare voters who died, moved, non-citizens, felons, etc.)	Sent to Senate, Read first time, rules suspended, read second time, referred to State Agencies & Gov't Affairs-Senate 2/21/23	NCOA, USCIS SAVE, etc.
#2	Illinois	2023-24	<a href="#">SB 1270</a> (Automatic voter registration within 90 days of NCOA notice for people moving into IL not out. Might alert other ERIC states of voter's IL registration and cancel voter's prior state registrations.)	Introduced 2/3/23	No auto removal using NCOA. No SSDI, MDF, USCIS SAVE, etc.
#2	Illinois	2023-24	<a href="#">HB 1149</a> (Basically a companion bill to IL SB 1270.)	Referred to Rules	No auto removal using NCOA. No

				Committee 1/12/23	SSDI, MDF, USCIS SAVE, etc.
#2	Kansas	2023-24	<a href="#">HB 2052</a> (Jury duty exclusions based on non-citizenship status removes/blocks ineligible voters.)	Introduced and Referred to Committee on Elections 1/18/23	SSDI, MDF, USCIS SAVE, etc.
#2	Kentucky	2023	<a href="#">HB 230</a> (In addition to NCOA, MDF, SSDI, it handles anomalies including high voter counts at addresses, and also any at vacant lots, business addresses, minor name variations.)	Introduced and Referred to Committee on Committees 2/8/23	Nothing
#2	Missouri	2023	<a href="#">SB 44</a> (Allows for use of postal service contractors utilizing NCOA to canvass voters who did and didn't vote in last election.)	On Informal Calendar S Bills for Perfection 2/22/23	SSDI, MDF, USCIS SAVE, etc.
#2	New Hampshire	2023	<a href="#">SB 223</a> (Requires use of the NCOA to correct voter list.)	Referred to Senate Committee 2/14/23	SSDI, MDF, USCIS SAVE, etc.
#2	New Jersey	2022-23	<a href="#">A356</a> (Permits county clerk to remove voters from vote-by-mail lists using NCOA)	Introduced 1/11/21, died	SSDI, MDF, USCIS SAVE, etc.
#2	New Jersey	2022-23	<a href="#">S2557</a> (Mirror of NJ A356)	Introduced and brought to committee 5/22/22, died	SSDI, MDF, USCIS SAVE, etc.
#2	Oklahoma	2023	<a href="#">HB 2052</a> (Rules for joining a shared multistate voter database, keeps NCOA but removes ERIC.)	Pass Elections and Ethics Committee 2/15/23	SSDI, MDF, USCIS SAVE, etc.
#2	Pennsylvania	2023-24	<a href="#">SB 193</a> (Registrars will cancel registration of a dead voter within seven days of notice, not 30 as current.)	Referred to State Government Committee 1/19/23	SSDI, MDF, NCOA, USCIS SAVE, etc.
#2	South Carolina	2021-22	<a href="#">SB 108</a> (Requirements to clean voter rolls including removal of ineligible voters within seven days of discovery such as noncitizens.)	Law 5/13/22	NCOA, SAVE, SSDI, MDF databases. Allows interstate data sharing.
#2	South Dakota	2023	<a href="#">SB 140</a> (Requires review of the SSDI, MDF, and jury duty exemptions like moved, non-US citizens, felons, incompetent.)	Scheduled for hearing H.J. 1 2/22/23	NCOA, USCIS SAVE, etc.

#2	South Dakota	2023	<a href="#">SB 123</a> (Requires review of the SSDI, MDF, and jury duty exemptions like moved, non-US citizens, felons, incompetent.)	State Affairs Deferred to the 41st legislative day, Passed 2/15/23	NCOA, USCIS SAVE, etc.
#2	South Dakota	2023	<a href="#">SB 124</a> (Requires review of county property tax records to determine if a nonresidential location of registration, able to use and check a multistate voter database, NCOA, SSN, citizenship database.)	State Affairs Deferred to the 41st legislative day, Passed 2/15/23	USCIS SAVE, etc.
#2	South Dakota	2023	<a href="#">HB 1106</a> (Requires SSDI, MDF, and mental incompetence records, but removes NCOA notice.)	Scheduled for hearing 2/24/23	NCOA, USCIS SAVE, etc.
#2	Tennessee	2023-24	<a href="#">HB 0246</a> (Requires that the coordinator of elections consult the SSDI and MDF to remove voters with 60 days before an election.)	Assigned to s/c Elections & Campaign Finance Subcommittee 1/24/23	NCOA, USCIS SAVE, etc.
#2	Tennessee	2023-24	<a href="#">SB 0136</a> (Mirror of TN HB 0246.)	Sponsor Added 1/31/23	NCOA, USCIS SAVE, etc.
#2	Texas	2023-24	<a href="#">SB 1070</a> (Alternative to ERIC, sets up a private interstate data sharing system for voter verification.)	Filed by Senate 2/21/23	NCOA, SSDI, MDF, USCIS SAVE, etc.
#2	Texas	2023-24	<a href="#">SB 260</a> (If a voter's residence is a commercial residence or P.O. Box the registrar must send the voter an address confirmation notice, if they have reason to believe the voter lives elsewhere, or the voter doesn't vote in the last 25 months.)	Referred to State Affairs 2/15/23	NCOA, SSDI, MDF, USCIS SAVE, etc.
#2	Virginia	2023	<a href="#">HB 1377</a> (Cancellation of a voter in seven days if they are known to be dead, felons, incapacitated, or USCIS SAVE notices.)	Passed by indefinitely in Privileges and Elections 2/14/23	NCOA, SSDI, MDF mentions.
#2	Wisconsin	2023-24	<a href="#">SB 26</a> (Allows for removal of voters only if an "official notification by the appropriate election administrative authority of another state, territory, or possession" informs a clerk that the voter has registered there.)	Rep. Rozar added as cosponsor 2/9/23	No NCOA, SSDI, MDF, USCIS SAVE, etc. and not transparent.

#2	Wisconsin	2023-24	<a href="#">AB 21</a> (Mirror of WI SB 26.)	Rep. Rozar added as coauthor 2/9/23	No NCOA, SSDI, MDF, USCIS SAVE, etc. and not transparent.
#2	USA	2023-24	<a href="#">HB 156</a> (Automatic voter registration, must opt out. Use of NCOA from USPS and also SSDI/MDF, would use Soc. Security Agency to check citizenship.)	Referred to the Committee on House Administration 1/9/23	Nothing
#3	Alabama	2022	<a href="#">SB 47</a> (Requires hand marked paper ballots.)	Senate passed 2/2/22, died in House 2/16/22	Does not apply to tabulators.
#3	Alaska	2023-24	<a href="#">SB 6</a> (Voting machine or vote tally system must use only open-source software technology or commercial off-the-shelf software and firmware.)	Referred to State Affairs 1/18/23	Off-the-shelf software is proprietary and not transparent.
#3	Arizona	2023	<a href="#">HB 2560</a> (Counties will be required to publish a voter list not later than ten days before each election to help clean rolls, publish ballot images, cast vote records/CVRs.)	Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus 2/21/23	Not open source software, but open records of ballots a step in the right direction.
#3	Hawaii	2023	<a href="#">HB 132</a> (Requires paper ballots or voter verified paper audit trails aka a printout of what one voted and cast; audits will be done using ballot scanned images or by voter verified paper audit trails.)	Passed Second Reading as amended in HD 1 2/21/23	Voter verified audit trails are not paper ballots, nor is auditing voter verified paper audit trails or ballot scans the same as hand counting or machine counting a paper ballot.
#3	Hawaii	2023	<a href="#">SB 180</a> (Mirror bill of HI HB 132.)	Referred to JDC 1/23/23	Same as above.
#3	Idaho	2023	<a href="#">SB 1110</a> (Requires open-source code, tally system will stamp each ballot counted by the machine with an ID and a time stamp to the nearest 1/100 of a second, and the county clerk to post a sample ballot, the open-source software was used, the compiler was used to convert to machine language, and machine language used.)	Referred to State Affairs 2/23/23	Nothing



#3	Illinois	2021-22	<a href="#">SB 2038</a> (Hand marked paper ballots only.)	Introduced 2/26/2021, session sine die 1/10/23	Scanned ballots OK
#3	Missouri	2022	<a href="#">HB 2633</a> (Bans machines from counting or casting ballots.)	Introduced 2/1/22, died in committee 3/23/22	Nothing
#3	New Hampshire	2022	<a href="#">HB 1064</a> (Hand marked paper ballots and hand counted, bans machines in elections.)	Introduced 11/2/21, died in committee 3/23/22	Nothing
#3	New Jersey	2020-21	<a href="#">S4162</a> (Requires open source voting systems and paper ballots.)	Failed 11/22/21	Nothing
#3	New Jersey	2022-23	<a href="#">S238</a> (Requires open source voting equipment and paper ballots, redo of NJ S4162.)	Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism & Historic Preservation Committee 1/11/23	Nothing
#3	Texas	2023-24	<a href="#">SB 512</a> (Bans electronic voting items: signature roster, poll lists, ballot marking devices, and combinations.)	Referred to State Affairs Committee 2/17/23	No ban on tabulators or scanners, not open source.
#3	USA	2023-24	<a href="#">HR 466</a> (Requires voter verified paper ballots, no more digital only ballots, and requires a study for open source voting software.)	Referred to the Committee on House Administration 1/24/23	Does not exclude QR codes or barcodes, which are not human readable.
#4	New Mexico	2023	<a href="#">HB 86</a> (Voter education and elections task force, which allows four citizens, two per major party, to be granted access to the elections process and have input on legislation and processes.)	Sent to HCPAC - Referrals: HCPAC/HGEIC 1/18/23	This is a temporary task force and a study for future elections.
#4	Pennsylvania	2023-24	<a href="#">SB 127</a> (Allows local counties to oversee election boards and that those election boards must contain minority party members.)	Referred to State Gov't Committee 1/18/23	No non-partisan orgs, still a good first step.

#5	Arizona	n/a	<a href="https://www.azag.gov/criminal/eiu">https://www.azag.gov/criminal/eiu</a>	Founded 2019	Not in law, goals not clear, currently being reformed to focus on voting rights.
#5	Florida	2022	<a href="#">SB 524</a> (Establishes the Office of Election Crimes and Security in the Department of State.)	Law 4/25/22	Though not under AG, it fits the policy objective.
#5	Georgia	2021-22	<a href="#">SB 441</a> (Provides the Georgia Bureau of Investigation with jurisdiction to investigate election fraud and crimes and subpoena power for such investigations.)	Law 4/28/22	Though not under AG, it fits the policy objective.
#5	Ohio	2023-24	<a href="#">SB 51</a> (Establish Secretary of State Election Integrity Division.)	Referred to committee: General Government 2/8/23	Though not directly under AG, it seems to fit the integrity item.
#5	Texas	n/a	<a href="https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/initiatives/election-integrity">https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/initiatives/election-integrity</a>	Announced 10/18/21	Not in law, could easily be overturned.
#5	Virginia	n/a	<a href="https://www.oag.state.va.us/media-center/news-releases/2452-september-9-2022-attorney-general-miyares-announces-new-election-integrity-unit">https://www.oag.state.va.us/media-center/news-releases/2452-september-9-2022-attorney-general-miyares-announces-new-election-integrity-unit</a>	Announced 9/9/22	Not in law, could easily be overturned.
#6	Alabama	2022	<a href="#">HB 74</a> (Prohibits solicitation, receipt, or use of private funds to administer an election.)	Introduced 1/11/22, died in committee	Nothing
#6	Alabama	2022	<a href="#">HB 194</a> (Prohibits the solicitation, receipt, or use of private funds to administer an election, with exceptions.)	Law 4/7/22	Does not cover contractors or government.
#6	Alaska	2021-22	<a href="#">HB 368</a> (Election division may not accept funding or material assistance for the administration of an election from a corporation, an individual, a foundation, an organization, or government, including the federal government.)	Introduced 2/22/22, died in committee	Nothing
#6	Arizona	2021	<a href="#">HB 2569</a> (Bans any state or public body that conducts or administers elections from receiving or giving private funds for election-related purposes, including registering voters.)	Law 4/9/21	Nothing

#6	Arkansas	2021	<a href="#">H 1866 / Act 961</a> (Prohibits election officials from accepting any non-governmental source.)	Law 4/27/21	Only for county and state board of elections.
#6	Florida	2021	<a href="#">SB 90</a> (Prohibits state and local officials and certain agencies from accepting or using private funds for election-related expenses.)	Law 5/6/21	Nothing
#6	Florida	2022	<a href="#">SB 524</a> (Prohibits state and local officials who conduct elections from soliciting, accepting, or using private or NGO money for election-related expenses.)	Law 4/25/22	Nothing
#6	Georgia	2021-22	<a href="#">SB 202</a> (Prohibits election superintendents and boards of registrars from accepting private funds.)	Law 3/25/21	Other roles and state can accept private funds.
#6	Georgia	2021-22	<a href="#">HB 1402</a> (No state department or agency, county, municipality, consolidated government, state-wide or local authority, or other state or local government entity, nor any officer, agent, employee, or elected official of any such entity shall take, solicit, or accept any donations, funding, grants, or gifts from any private individual or nongovernmental entity for any purpose related to elections.)	Introduced 2/17/22, died in committee 2/24/22	Nothing
#6	Idaho	2021	<a href="#">SB 1168</a> (Prohibits any county clerk, local elections office, or government body conducting an election from accepting or giving any grant, gift, or funding to or from a private entity.)	Law 4/26/21	Nothing
#6	Indiana	2022	<a href="#">SB 134</a> ("A political subdivision that conducts or administers an election may not accept private money donations to prepare, administer, or conduct elections or to employ individuals on a temporary basis for preparing, administering, or conducting elections, including registering voters. Requires all state agencies to submit to the budget agency a report of each individual state employee employed by the state agency whose salary is funded in whole or in part from donated money.)	Law 3/11/22	SOS may use private funds for elections via political subdivisions.

#6	Iowa	2021-22	<a href="#">SSB 3143</a> (replaced by HF 2526 & SF 2343.)	Introduced 2/15/22, Committee approved roll over 2/23/22, died 4/7/22	Nothing
#6	Iowa	2021-22	<a href="#">HSB 719</a> (renumbered as HF 2526.)	Introduced 2/15/22, Committee approved roll over 2/23/22, died 4/7/22	Nothing
#6	Iowa	2021-22	<a href="#">HF 2526</a> (Bans contributions from private sources: “The state commissioner, a county commissioner, or a political subdivision of the state shall not accept or expend a grant, gift, or other source of funding from a source other than those listed in subsection, including from a private person, corporation, partnership, political party, nonparty political organization, committee as defined in section 868A.102, or other organization for the purpose of conducting an election.”)	Introduced 2/23/22, died in chamber 4/7/22	Nothing
#6	Iowa	2021-22	<a href="#">SF 2343</a> (Mirror of IA HF 2526.)	Introduced 2/17/22, died in chamber 4/7/22	Nothing
#6	Iowa	2021-23	<a href="#">HF 2589</a> (Election officials shall not accept money from private sources.)	Law 6/21/22	Nothing
#6	Kansas	2021-22	<a href="#">HB 2183</a> (Prohibits receipt and expenditure of private moneys by election officials.)	Gov. Laura Kelly (D) veto overridden; Law 5/3/21, effective 7/1/21	State and counties can receive private funds.
#6	Kentucky	2022	<a href="#">HB 153</a> (Prohibits state governmental body employees from accepting anything of value to assist with election administration.)	Introduced 12/10/21, died in committee 1/4/22	Lawful contracts for goods and services allow private money.

#6	Kentucky	2022	<a href="#">HB 301</a> (Requires all election administration costs and expenses paid for by public funds.)	Law 3/24/22; Gov. Andy Beshear (D) did not sign	Lawful contracts for goods and services allow private money.
#6	Louisiana	2021	<a href="#">HB 20</a> (Prohibits any state or local official overseeing elections from accepting private donations.)	Gov. Bel Edwards (D) vetoed 6/7/21, Floor debate scheduled 6/9/21 never happened	Nothing
#6	Louisiana	2022	<a href="#">HB 811</a> (Stops elections offices from accepting private funding for elections.)	Passed state house 5/18/22, died in Senate 6/6/22	Nothing
#6	Michigan	2021	<a href="#">SB 0303</a> (Requires elections to be funded with public money.)	Gov. Gretchen Whitmer (D) vetoed 10/29/21	Nothing
#6	Michigan*	2022	<a href="#">Livingston County first county in state to ban private monies for administering elections.</a>	Passed board of elections on 6/13/22	Grants can still be applied for and approved under strict scrutiny, though only one county.
#6	Minnesota	2021-22	<a href="#">SF 3333</a> (Bans counties, municipalities, and school districts “from accepting certain contributions for election expenses”.)	Introduced 2/21/22, died in committee 2/24/22	Nothing
#6	Mississippi	2022	<a href="#">HB 1365</a> (Prohibits state and local election officials from soliciting and accepting private funds for elections.)	Law 4/1/22, Effective 7/1/22	Nothing
#6	Missouri	2021	<a href="#">SB 333</a> (Bans private organizations from contributing funds or in-kind donations to state and local elections offices.)	Died in Committee 5/13/21	Language somewhat vague
#6	Missouri	2022	<a href="#">HB 1878</a> (“[N]either the state of Missouri nor any political subdivision thereof that conducts elections shall receive or expend private moneys, excluding in-kind donations, for preparing, administering, or conducting an election, including registering voters.”)	Law 5/18/22	Not enforced if insufficient appropriation of state funds to proportionally compensate counties.

#6	Montana	2021	<a href="#">SB 335</a> (Prohibits elections officials from accepting private funding for elections.)	Died in Committee 4/29/21	Nothing
#6	Montana	2023	<a href="#">SB 117</a> (Prohibits election offices from accepting private funding.)	Passed Senate and Transmitted to House 2/17/23	Nothing
#6	Nebraska	2021-22	<a href="#">LB 843</a> (The Secretary of State, election commissioners, and county clerks shall not accept or use any gift, grant, or donation from any private entity for the purpose of preparing for, administering, or conducting an election unless the money received as a result of such gift, grant, or donation is appropriated to the Secretary of State for such use by the Legislature.)	Law 4/19/22	Allows for private funds if the legislature approves and appropriated to the SOS.
#6	North Carolina	2021	<a href="#">S 725</a> (Prohibits state and county boards of elections, and county commissioners from accepting private funding.)	Vetoed by Gov. Roy Cooper (D) 12/9/21	Only for county or state boards of elections or commissioners.
#6	North Dakota	2021	<a href="#">HB 1256</a> (Prohibits state and local officials for accepting or spending private contributions for elections.)	Law 4/16/21	Companies can still donate.
#6	Ohio	2021-22	<a href="#">HB 110</a> (Bars private funding of elections.)	Law 7/1/21	Contractors & governments ok.
#6	Oklahoma	2022	<a href="#">HB 3046</a> (Requires elections be paid for with public funds.)	Law 5/4/22	Nothing
#6	Pennsylvania	2021-22	<a href="#">HB 1300</a> (Does not prohibit private funding for elections. Instead, the bill will make it secretary of the commonwealth's duty to receive private funding and distribute it equally across the counties of Pennsylvania with the oversight of the Election Law Advisory Board.)	Vetoed by Gov. Tom Wolf (D) 6/31/21	Nothing
#6	Pennsylvania	2021-22	<a href="#">SB 982</a> (Prohibits private, nongovernmental funding for elections.)	Law 7/11/22	Nothing
#6	South Carolina	2021-22	<a href="#">H 3877</a> (Prohibits state and election officials from accepting private donations for elections.)	Introduced 2/11/21, died in committee 6/21/21	Only state election commission and county boards of voter registration and elections.

#6	South Carolina	2021-22	<a href="#">SB 108</a> (Prohibits the state election commission and county election offices from accepting money from private individuals and groups.)	Law 5/13/22	Only state election commission and county boards of voter registration and elections.
#6	South Dakota	2022	<a href="#">SB 122</a> (Bars private funding of elections except gifts of nominal and intrinsic value.)	Law 3/28/22	Nothing
#6	Tennessee	2021-22	<a href="#">HB 0966</a> (Prohibits state and local elections officials from accepting outside funding for elections.)	Law 5/4/21	Nothing
#6	Tennessee	2021-22	<a href="#">SB 1534</a> (A person shall not contribute, including in-kind contributions, donate, pay, or otherwise transfer money or equipment to the state election commission or the coordinator of elections, a county election commission, local government, administrator, registrar, or other election official for purposes of conducting state or local elections in this state.)	Law 5/4/21	Nothing
#6	Texas	2021-22	<a href="#">SB 7</a> (Prohibits county officials accepting any donation larger than \$1,000, unless it is approved by the secretary of state, governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the state House.)	Law 5/30/21	SOS may approve private donations of over \$1,000
#6	Texas	2021	<a href="#">HB 2283</a> (County officials can't accept donations over \$1,000, unless SOS, Gov., Lt. Gov., and speaker of the House OK it.)	Law 6/18/21	Government officials may approve private donations of over \$1,000 unrelated to election spaces
#6	Utah	2022	<a href="#">SB 0219</a> (This bill prohibits an election officer from soliciting, accepting, or using funds donated for an election by a person other than a government entity.)	Law 3/23/22	Covers only elections officers
#6	Virginia	2022	<a href="#">SB 80</a> (Bars state and local elections officials from soliciting, accepting, using, or disposing of money, grants, property, or services from an individual or NGO for voter education, outreach, registration programs, or other election costs.)	Law 4/11/22	Only covers certain boards

#6	West Virginia	2021	<a href="#">SB 565</a> (Prohibits elections officials from accepting private donations for elections.)	Senate passed 3/24/21 but died in committee	State Election Commission prior written approval allows private funds
#6	West Virginia	2022	<a href="#">HB 4097</a> (Donations from private individuals and entities go into a state fund the State Election Commission uses.)	Law 3/30/22	Private funds can go into treasury with approval.
#6	Wisconsin	2021-22	<a href="#">AB 173</a> (Prohibits election officials from accepting private funds without permission from state Elections Commission. If permission given, then donation must be distributed to municipalities per capita. The Joint Committee on Finance must oversee any dispersions of money.)	Vetoed by Gov. Tony Evers (D) 6/30/21, died in Rules Committee 11/15/21, Senate Joint Resolution 101 passed 2/22/22 but failed 5/17/22	Nothing
#6	Wisconsin	2021-22	<a href="#">SJR 101</a> (Constitutional amendment proposed: (1) No state agency or officer or employee in state government and no political subdivision of the state or officer or employee of a political subdivision may apply for or accept any donation or grant of private resources for purposes of election administration, and no donation or grant of private resources may be used for purposes of election administration. (2) No individual other than an election official designated by law may perform any task in election administration.)	Passed legislature 2/22/22, enrolled in <a href="#">Joint Resolution 17</a> must pass a second time and then citizens vote to add it to the constitution	Nothing
#6	Wisconsin	2021-22	<a href="#">SB 935</a> (No official or agent of a state agency, county, city, village, or town may apply for or accept any donation or grant of moneys, equipment, materials, or personnel from an individual or NGO for election administration, unless election statutes authorize.)	Vetoed by Gov. Tony Evers (D) 4/8/22	Nothing
#6	Wisconsin*	n/a	<a href="#">Walworth County first to ban private monies for administering elections.</a>	Passed local board of supervisors on 4/21/22	Resolution is symbolic; municipalities hold elections.



#6	Wisconsin*	n/a	<a href="#">Kenosha County bans NGO/private monies.</a>	Resolution passed 6/16/22	Resolution is symbolic; municipalities hold elections.
#6	Wisconsin*	n/a	<a href="#">Ozaukee County resolution to ban private monies.</a>	Resolution passed 7/6/22	Resolution is symbolic; municipalities hold elections
#6	Wyoming	2021	<a href="#">SF 0142</a> (Prohibits elections officials from accepting private funding for elections.)	Died in committee 4/1/21	Nothing

## About Look Ahead America

Look Ahead America is an America First nonprofit dedicated to standing up for patriotic Americans who have been forgotten by our government.

We aren't just talk; we're action. That action means deploying our R.E.T. (Register, Educate, Turnout to Vote) field programs across the country. It means leading Patriot Actions and training citizens to lobby their state and local governments for America First causes. Finally, it means ensuring voter integrity by investigating cases of illegal ballots and advocating for election reform to prevent them from being cast.

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Without the volunteers working daily to introduce and pass legislation in their states, we would not be able to report on the continued progress and success; your work has helped to influence other states' legislation and bring attention to these six key policy objectives, thank you.

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**From:** [Angela Tolliver](#)  
**To:** [Secretary](#)  
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I would like to express my DEEP concern regarding the ERIC system. It needs to be IMMEDIATELY removed. If this is not done, I will know that you are complicit in election fraud. It's that simple.

Please do the right thing.

Angela Tolliver

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**From:** John Lowe [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 13, 2023 11:15 PM  
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Madam Secretary;

Is the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC) system still used to manage voter rolls in Texas? If so, do you plan to replace it this year? I have serious concerns about this system and the role it plays in our politics. This company is ran by a bunch of left-wing zealots and are affiliated with George Soros and a back door for Zuckerberg and other left-wing funded organizations to take over voter rolls in the US. There has got to be a better solution than relying on these left-wing organizations that just want to tear down Texas.

John Lowe

**From:** [Dolores Hailey](#)  
**To:** [Secretary; info@gregabbott.com](mailto:info@gregabbott.com); [sosdirect@sos.state](mailto:sosdirect@sos.state)  
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I am a Texas taxpayer and citizen voter, and I object to the use of E.R.I.C. for voter roll maintenance. E.R.I.C. is expensive, invasive and is not politically neutral. There are other free and low-cost options available now. Please STOP SENDING my information and the personal data of other Texans to E.R.I.C. We can comply with the Texas Election Code and NVRA without E.R.I.C.

Thank you, Dolores Hailey

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Secretary; Info@GregAbbott.com; SOSDirect](#)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]; "Holly Fox"  
**Subject:** We Want E.R.I.C. Out of Texas and every state in the U.S.  
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John & Holly Fox  
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Dear Governor Abbot, Secretary of State Jane Nelson,

I am a Texas taxpayer and citizen voter and I STRONGLY object to the use of ERIC for voter roll maintenance.

ERIC is expensive, invasive and is not politically neutral. It's ALSO not doing what it is intended to do!

For example: While depending on ERIC to clean voter rolls, Wisconsin's voter rolls ballooned to 7 million while the entire state only had 4 million legitimate voters!

For example: E.R.I.C. requires Texas to send the following information to them, every 60 days: names, addresses, DOB, license #, last 4 of social #, voter activity, phone, email, title and type of citizenship documentation. They claim to compare this information to national change of address files.

Do we even know who has access to our private data once we give it to ERIC? This is outrageous.

Get rid of ERIC and make the Tax Assessor be responsible for the voter rolls. They are the logical entity that keeps accurate information on all residents of Texas.

Stop sending the personal data of Texans to ERIC immediately! We CAN comply with the Texas Election Code and NVRA without ERIC.

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**Cc:** [Secretary](#)  
**Subject:** Withdrawing Alabama from the ERIC Voter Registration System  
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Although I am not an Alabama resident, thank you for keeping your campaign promise to protect elections and secure the personal information of Alabama residents. Many of us in Texas appreciate you!!!

As the Gateway Pundit reports, we, too, expect big things from you, including transparency about organizations like NASS. Controlled by leftists, NASS has been influencing the Secretary's of State and our election policies **across America** for a long time. In fact, the newly elected SOS's were provided a "**new member orientation**" last week to learn about NASS. Of course Microsoft hosted and sponsored the reception afterwards. NASS has a long list of **58 corporations** (some noted: Meta, TransUnion, Comcast, Amazon Web Services, Legal Zoom, Smartmatic, etc.) who are involved in swaying election officials and policies. This must stop.

Thank you again.