



**U.S. Election Assistance Commission**  
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## **U.S. ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION VOTER MAINTENANCE LIST STUDY**

The U.S. Election Assistance Commission (“EAC”) is conducting a study pursuant to the Help America Vote Act Section 241, 52 USC § 20981. Section 241 permits EAC to conduct studies regarding election administration issues, including “[m]ethods of voter registration, maintaining secure and accurate lists of registered voters (including the establishment of a centralized, interactive, statewide voter registration list linked to relevant agencies and all polling sites), and ensuring that registered voters appear on the voter registration list at the appropriate polling site.” (52 USC § 20981(b)(3)).

The EAC is providing study participants access to a credit reporting bureau’s data for purposes of a voter list maintenance study (the “Study”). The EAC is asking participating jurisdictions to provide information as a condition of participation.

### **Allowable Uses**

We are asking participants in this Study, to agree to the following allowable uses:

- The participating jurisdiction will ensure that its use of the data complies with the relevant and applicable Federal, state, and local laws and policies.
- The participating jurisdiction will only use access to the data platform for voter list maintenance purposes.
- The participating jurisdiction may use the data platform to run its voter list for new, best addresses.
- The participating jurisdiction may use addresses obtained through the data platform for voter list maintenance purposes, including contacting voters found through the system (either at their current address or at the new one), and engaging in changes in their voter registration database based on information generated by the platform.
- The participating jurisdiction may state that they are participating in the Study and may share data generated for their jurisdiction, per applicable and relevant Federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

### **Onboarding and Training**

To participate in the Study and gain access to the data platform and data from the credit reporting bureau, participating jurisdictions must attend all required on-boarding sessions and training sessions with the credit reporting bureau. Additionally, participating jurisdictions must complete all paperwork required by the credit reporting bureau and EAC to access the data platform.

## **Data and Information**

Participating jurisdictions are asked to share data and information with the EAC, such as:

- Records of how many addresses and voters are entered into the data platform.
- What types of search data was entered into the data platform, whether the search was done in batch or individual processing, and whether the list included active voters, inactive voters, pending voters, canceled voters, or other voter statuses, or a combination thereof.
- How many matches the data platform generates.
- If the participating jurisdictions selects the option of using the National Change of Address (“NCOA”) data, whether the jurisdiction uses NCOA data, and whether matches were based on NCOA data.
- How many “new” addresses the data platform generates.
- How many mailings are sent to voters and identify which set of voters mailings are sent to, if applicable.
- Statistics pertaining to responses to mailings.

## **Costs**

The EAC will provide access to the data from the bureau. The EAC will cover costs except the EAC will not cover any costs associated with employee compensation or contacting voters. Additionally, participating jurisdictions are solely responsible for paying any costs associated with mailing any materials or communications to voters in association with this Study.

## **Participation is Voluntary**

Participating jurisdictions are voluntarily participating in this Study. Participating jurisdictions can cease participation in this Study at its discretion.