

ERIC at Work

ERIC improves voter registration by providing information for member states to contact potentially eligible but unregistered voters with instructions on how to register. ERIC members contact potential voters at least every two years, ahead of any federal general election.

ERIC also provides value by identifying out-of-date records found by comparing voter registration data between states, to motor vehicle licensing agency data, and to the Social Security Administration master death index list.

ERIC began providing list maintenance data to members in July of 2013.

Since ERIC's creation, the organization has helped states identify over 3 million out-of-date registrations, including:

12,000,000 unregistered voters identified

623,358 voters who moved across state lines, but did not update their registration

2,790,051 voters who moved within their state, but did not update their registration

54,700 duplicate registrations

150,062 deceased voters

ERIC is able to make projections for states interested in joining by applying the number of registered voters (active and inactive) and the number of driver's license holders in that state to the experience so far of states that are already in ERIC. Our projections have proven so far to be reliable predictors of the number of records that will show up on a state's initial set of ERIC reports.

Our projections for Florida predict that the initial reports will identify about 717,000 voters who have moved within the state of Florida but haven't updated their voter record. Further, ERIC predicts about 233,000 voter records in Florida are out of date because the voters have moved to another state. The first set of reports would also identify about 24,000 deceased individuals who are still on the voter rolls and approximately 17,000 duplicate registrations in the statewide database.

In addition, Florida's first report of potentially eligible but unregistered individuals would identify about 4.5 million people who are in your state's DMV database but not yet registered to vote.

Please keep in mind that these projections are based on the "averages" of what states who are now members of ERIC have experienced. It could be that some of these numbers could be higher or lower for Florida based on how good a job Florida is doing now in dealing with individuals who have moved or died. But as I said earlier, our projections have proven to be reliable in other states.