

VOTER ROLL MAINTENANCE

FEDERAL LAWS GOVERN

Help America Vote Act (HAVA)

This law mandates voter registration databases to be a centralized and computerized statewide voter registration list. Kansas' statewide voter registration list is housed by the Secretary of State's office.



National Voter Registration Act (NVRA)

Prescribes how states can maintain and update their voter rolls. This federal red tape restricts list maintenance opportunities.

HOW ARE VOTERS IN KANSAS REMOVED FROM THE VOTER REGISTRATION LIST WITHIN STATE AND FEDERAL LAW?

Voter registration list maintenance is conducted by each of the 105 counties.

CONCLUSION

More list maintenance options could enhance list maintenance, but federal law sets limitations. The Secretary of State's office continuously looks into ways to check voter registration across state lines to have cleaner voter rolls. The office is currently exploring options with other states.

✓ DEATH NOTICES AND OBITUARIES

The Secretary of State's office receives weekly death certificate information provided by the Office of Vital Statistics. County offices also review obituary notices on a routine basis to remove names. 48,113 removed from Nov. 2020 - Nov. 2022.

✓ FELONS

The Secretary of State's office receives information on a weekly basis from the Kansas Department of Corrections on persons convicted of a felony. U.S. Attorney offices in other states periodically transmit names of persons convicted in federal court. These names are provided to county election offices for removal. 1,543 removed from Nov. 2020 - Nov. 2022.

✓ DUPLICATE RECORDS

Twice a year, the Secretary of State's office conducts a review of all registered voters in Kansas looking for duplicate records. This information is provided to county election offices for review and consolidation.

✓ MOVED OUT OF JURISDICTION

Annually, the Secretary of State's office compares the voter registration list with the list of address changes filed with the U.S. Postal Service. In addition, due to legislation passed by the Kansas legislature in 2022, county election offices are now allowed to send a notice to any person who has no election related activity for four or more years to confirm registration status. (K.S.A. 25-2316c)

ELECTION REGISTRATION INFORMATION CENTER

Kansas is not and never has been a member of the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC).