



**U.S. Department of Justice**

**Civil Rights Division**

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Via Mail and Email

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Dear Secretary Schmidt:

We write to you as the chief election official for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to request information regarding the Commonwealth's procedures for complying with the statewide voter registration list maintenance provisions of the National Voter Registration Act ("NVRA"), 52 U.S.C. § 20501 et seq.

Please provide a list of the election officials who are responsible for implementing Pennsylvania's general program of voter registration list maintenance from November 2022 through receipt of this letter, including those responsible officials not employed by your office (such as local election officials) who are also involved in that effort. Please also provide a description of the steps that you have taken to ensure that the Commonwealth's list maintenance program has been properly carried out in full compliance with the NVRA. Please include both the actions taken by Commonwealth officials as well as county officials.

The NVRA requires each state and the District of Columbia to make available for inspection "all records concerning the implementation of programs and activities conducted for the purpose of ensuring the accuracy and currency of official lists of eligible voters." 52 U.S.C. § 20507(i)(1). Section 11 of the NVRA authorizes the Attorney General to bring NVRA enforcement actions.

Pursuant to Section 20507(i) of the NVRA, the Attorney General requests that you produce for inspection the following records:

1. The current electronic copy of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's computerized statewide voter registration list ("statewide voter registration list") as required by Section 303(a) of the Help America Vote Act. Please include all fields contained within the list. Please produce each list in a .xls, .csv, or delimited-text file format. Please specify what delimiter is used, if applicable, or provide a file layout.

Additionally, please provide the following information in electronic form. The time period for these requests is close of registration for the November 2022 general election through the close

of registration for the November 2024 general election, the same time period as the most recent report from the Election Assistance Commission’s Election Administration and Voting Survey (“EAVS”). If you are unable to provide the data, please explain why the data is not available.

1. In the EAVS data for Question A3d, Pennsylvania identified 378,187 voters (4.49 percent) with duplicate registrations, nearly three times below the nationwide average of 12.7 percent. Moreover, we understand the Public Interest Legal Foundation recently identified an additional 19,489 registrants holding matched voter registration files in second states as of Summer 2025, 3,170 instances of same-address duplications, 70 intra-county duplicates, and 321 placeholder/fictitious dates of birth. Please explain why duplicate registrations are such a low percentage of the total registration applications received.
2. Similarly, in the EAVS data for Question A12h, 47 of 66 counties in Pennsylvania recorded either 0 or 1 transactions to remove duplicate registrants. Please confirm how frequently county personnel perform manual duplicate queries and how frequently SURE performs automated searches.
3. In the EAVS data for Question A3g, Pennsylvania listed 40,209 transactions as “other,” without further explanation. Please explain those registrations listed as “other.”
4. In the EAVS data for Question A4h, Pennsylvania listed 1 transaction arising from an Armed Forces Recruitment Office, which is significantly below similarly sized states. Please explain why such few transactions can be sourced to Armed Forces Recruitment Offices and what actions Pennsylvania is taking to ensure Offices fulfill their voter registration responsibility.
5. In the EAVS data for Question A11, concerning the reason for sending confirmation notices, the largest category by far is A11n, “Other.” Please explain the nature of these confirmation notices and why they do not fit in available categories.
6. In the EAVS data, Pennsylvania has failed to respond to Question A13a regarding merged voter records. Please provide the requested data or an explanation for why that information is not available.

Please provide a description of the steps that Pennsylvania has taken, and when those steps were taken, to identify registered voters who are ineligible to vote as well as the procedures that Pennsylvania used to remove those ineligible voters from the registration list for categories two and three below. For all categories below, please identify the number of registered voters identified as ineligible to vote for the time period of the close of registration for the November 2022 general election through present:

1. Non-citizen
2. Adjudicated incompetent
3. Felony conviction

For each of those voters identified in categories 1-3 above, provide their registration information on the statewide voter registration list, including their vote history.

Please provide this information within 14 days of the date of this letter. The information and materials may be sent by encrypted email to [voting.section@usdoj.gov](mailto:voting.section@usdoj.gov) or via the Department's secure file-sharing system, Justice Enterprise File Sharing (JEFS).

Should further clarification be required, please contact Maureen Riordan at [maureen.riordan2@usdoj.gov](mailto:maureen.riordan2@usdoj.gov). We look forward to your assistance in advance.

Sincerely,



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