

NORTH DAKOTA

LEADING IN ELECTION INTEGRITY without Voter Registration Since 1951

North Dakota is a leader in election integrity efforts across the nation and has been proactive in safeguarding elections while ensuring only qualified North Dakotans are able to vote. North Dakota's proactive stance is unique in that it does not require voter registration, exempting us from the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA). Our robust Voter ID laws and the NVRA exemption allow for better integrity measures to protect North Dakota voter information.

North Dakota's approach to voter roll maintenance is efficient and more effective than the requirements put in place through NVRA and voter registration. Here are some of the reasons North Dakota is seen as a gold standard for maintenance of voter records and election integrity.

ADVANTAGES OF NOT HAVING VOTER REGISTRATION

INTEGRITY

Voter records are managed daily to reflect changes in residency, citizenship, eligibility, death, and other pertinent factors.

SIMPLICITY

The absence of a voter registration process streamlines election administration by eliminating the need for a separate, often cumbersome registration process for voters.

ACCESSIBILITY

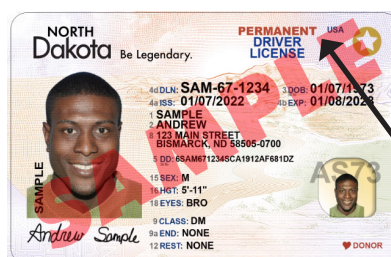
Every eligible voter is automatically included in voter rolls, enhancing ease of civic participation.

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North Dakota employs a process where eligible voters are identified, updated, and added through various state maintained databases. This process means eligible voters can participate in our elections without needing to take any additional steps to vote.

In fact, this innovative approach to voter maintenance far exceeds what is required under the National Voter Registration Act. Our Voter ID law and processes ensure that only U.S. citizens, who are eligible to vote in North Dakota, are participating in our elections.

DID YOU KNOW?



Identification used for voting, issued by the North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT), indicates if someone is not a U.S. citizen.

Permanent indicates this individual is a non-citizen permanent resident and would not be allowed to vote.

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HOW DO WE STACK UP AGAINST the Requirements of Voter Registration

NORTH DAKOTA'S VOTER VERIFICATION PROCESS ALIGNS WITH FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS AND EXCEEDS THEM WITHOUT THE NEED FOR VOTER REGISTRATION.

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NORTH DAKOTA VOTER MAINTENANCE

The NDDOT acts as a centralized voter verification agency, and passes information to the Office of the Secretary of State (NDSOS) who marks a voter eligible or ineligible.

BENEFITS

- Prevents voter record duplication
- Verifies voter eligibility through government issued documents for citizenship and residency
- Requires IDs for voting, which also indicate citizenship status
- NDSOS receives information daily from NDDOT

VOTER REGISTRATION NVRA REQUIREMENTS

The National Voter Registration Act requires a decentralized model. Multiple agencies determining voter verification and eligibility creates errors, lack of verification and duplication in registrations. The form used for voter registration lacks key components that North Dakota uses in its voter verification processes.

ISSUES

- **NO** citizenship verification
- **NO** residency verification

NORTH DAKOTA MAINTAINS VOTER LISTS DAILY ENSURING CLEAN VOTER DATA

NVRA REQUIRES INELIGIBLE VOTERS BE KEPT ON LISTS UNLESS VOTER REQUESTS TO BE REMOVED IN WRITING

The Office of the Secretary of State practices active maintenance of voter rolls for individuals who have moved in or out of state. NDDOT is a member of the Interstate Crosscheck Program meaning we are notified whenever a voter obtains a new ID outside of North Dakota. NDSOS also receives files on deaths and incarcerations, ensuring accuracy and eligibility of voters.

BENEFITS

- Updates voter data daily
- Removes individuals who have obtained ID in another state
- Gives instant eligibility for individuals who turn 18 prior to an election
- Allows voters to have only one residential address
- Removes deceased voters
- Provides both NDDOT and the NDSOS can use SAVE to further verify citizenship

The National Voter Registration Act requires that voter information remain on a registration list until the 1) voter requests removal in writing, or 2) at least 2 general elections have passed. NVRA states cannot remove voters who are known to be ineligible, but are required to wait for one either #1 or #2 above to occur over time.

ISSUES

- **INABILITY** to remove ineligible individuals without written voter permission
- Allows voters to **OPT-OUT** of address updates

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