



Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is ERIC?	ERIC is a nonprofit membership organization funded exclusively by its 24 member states + DC, whose mission is to “help states improve the accuracy of America’s voter rolls, increase access to voter registration for all eligible citizens, reduce election costs, and increase efficiencies in elections” .
How does ERIC’s mission help Utah?	ERIC helps Utah maintain clean voter rolls by identifying: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Voters who are registered in another state*• Voter who obtain a driver’s license in another state*• Voters who have moved within Utah**• Duplicate registrations within our registration system**• Voters who have passed away (both in Utah and nationally**)• Voters who have cast ballots in more than one state* <p>* Cannot be done without ERIC ** <i>Enhanced capability through ERIC</i></p>
What does ERIC cost?	Membership in ERIC cost the state \$49,084.00 this year.
Data Privacy?	Each member state provides ERIC with certain DMV and voter registration information. Sensitive data, such as SSN, DOB, and DL#, is hashed locally and the entire data file is encrypted before being sent to ERIC. In a secure environment, ERIC decrypts the file and then uses a powerful data matching engine to provide Utah with a variety of reports that help us maintain accurate voter rolls and identify illegal voting. ERIC cannot “unhash” the sensitive data elements. ERIC NEVER has direct access to our databases and changes to the voter rolls can only be made by county clerks. ERIC and all members of the organization must comply with federal laws that protect the data members submit. Other members do not have access to Utah’s reports.
Does ERIC register voters?	No. Utah has an exemption (2023) from what is known as the Eligible but Unregistered report (EBU). The membership agreement requires member states to contact potentially eligible citizens who are not registered to vote and provide them with information on how to register.
Has ERIC data ever been shared with outside organizations?	In 2018 and 2020 some member states voluntarily shared their EBU information with a third-party for research on the efficiency of the EBU mailings. Utah did not participate and information from Utah was not shared.
Why have other states left ERIC?	Several states, mostly Republican-leaning, have recently left ERIC over concerns about non-voting (ex-officio) board members, the need for audits, and required EBU mailings. These states chose to leave ERIC, while Utah has remained a member and worked for change from within because of the overriding value that we see from this organization.
What recent changes have been made in ERIC?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Non-voting ex officio board members were removed from the board and prohibited from ever sitting on the board in the future (March 17, 2023).• Utah was granted an exemption from the EBU requirements of the membership agreement (December 8, 2023).• ERIC recently completed a SOC 2, Type 1 audit (October 6, 2023).• Data privacy and security provisions in the Membership Agreement were strengthened and clarified (March 17, 2023).



ABOUT ERIC

ERIC, a member-funded 501(c)(3) non-profit, aims to enhance U.S. voter roll accuracy, increase registration accessibility, reduce election costs, and improve overall electoral efficiency.

What has ERIC done to help clean voter rolls in Utah?

Since 2013 ERIC has identified 675,026 records that clerks have reviewed and updated.

Reg/DL in other state	Deceased	Duplicate Reg	Moved in State	TOTAL
260,936	6,085	26,712	381,293	675,026

Without ERIC, this number would be ZERO.

ERIC has identified 76 individuals who appear to have cast a ballot in more than one state in 2022. We are working with the other states, the FBI, and county officials to follow up with these voters for potential prosecution.

What does ERIC do for Utah?

ERIC works by identifying voters whose registration is out of date by comparing information provided to ERIC by the member states. This includes identifying:

- Voters who register or get a DL in another state
- Voters who have moved within Utah
- Duplicate registrations
- Voters who pass away outside of Utah
- Voters casting ballots in more than one state

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FAST FACTS

- ERIC does not register voters and cannot make changes to registrations.
- ERIC has no direct connection with VISTA.
- Membership in ERIC cost the state of Utah \$49,084.00 this year.
- Sensitive data provided to ERIC is hashed locally and all data is encrypted. ERIC and its members must comply with relevant federal data handling laws.



Below is a map of the states that are members of ERIC as of December 2023.

