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COMMENTS:

Attached please find the Voter Registration Survey per your request. It appears that the electronic file did not save the changes.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

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Attached please find the completed EAC Voter Registration Survey submitted on behalf of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.



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UNITED STATES ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION



VOTER REGISTRATION SURVEY

The following form should be completed on-line or in electronic format. Completed forms should be returned to the United States Election Assistance Commission via email to [Survey Response@eac.gov](mailto:SurveyResponse@eac.gov) on or before March 31, 2005.

Please complete all of the fields below. Specific instructions relative to certain fields are found at the end of this form. If your question or concern is not answered in the instructions section of this form, please contact Brian Hancock at 202-566-3100.

Name of the responding State:		Date response is submitted:	
Massachusetts		March 29, 2005	
Name of responding official:		Title of responding official:	
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1. Total number of registered voters (active) at the time of the close of registration for the 2002 Federal general election
3,502,715
2. Total number of registered voters (inactive) at the time of the close of registration for the 2002 Federal general election
469,907

3. Total number of registered voters (active) at the time of the close of polls for the 2004 Federal general election (November 2, 2004)

3,688,693

4. Total number of registered voters (inactive) at the time of the close of polls for the 2004 Federal general election (November 2, 2004)

409,941

5. Total number of registered voters who were determined to be eligible to vote in the November 2, 2004 election through the provisional voting process.

2,642

6. Were there any voter registration applications received prior to the deadline for registering to vote in the November 2, 2004 election that were not processed in time for the election?

Yes

No



7. Identify the local election official primarily responsible for registering voters.

Each city and town (351 municipalities) is responsible for voter registration in Massachusetts.

8. Identify each and every other state or local government office or agency that conducts voter registration including (a) motor vehicle offices, (b) all offices that provide public assistance that are mandated as registration sites by NVRA, (c) all offices that provide state-funded programs primarily serving persons with disabilities, (d) all Armed Forces recruitment offices, and (e) all other agencies designated by the State.

All locations listed below include their main offices and any branch locations:

- Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth
- Each City and Town Clerk's Office
- Registry of Motor Vehicles
- Department of Transitional Assistance
- Massachusetts Commission for the Blind
- Massachusetts Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- Department of Mental Retardation
- Department of Mental Health
- Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission
- Division of Medical Assistance
- Women Infant and Children

9. Identify whether voter registration forms are received by local registration officials or state registration officials.
- Local State Both
10. Identify whether voter registration forms are processed by local registration officials or state registration officials.
- Local State Both
11. Total number of election jurisdictions conducting voter registration
351
12. Total number of jurisdictions identified in question 11 that provided information for this survey
351



13. Total number of voter registration applications received from all sources during the period from the close of registration for the November 2002 federal election until the close of registration for the November 2004 Federal election
440,211
14. Total number of **mail** voter registration applications (including state, federal, and military or overseas forms that are accepted) received during the period from the close of registration for the November 2002 Federal election until the close of registration for the November 2004 Federal election
259,930
15. Total number of voter registration applications received **in person in the clerk or voter registrars' office** during the period from the close of registration for the November 2002 Federal election until the close of registration for the November 2004 Federal election
169,928

16. Total number voter registration applications received from each voter registration agency, including (1) motor vehicle offices, (2) all public assistance agencies that are mandated as registration sites by NVRA, (3) all offices that provide state-funded programs primarily serving persons with disabilities, (4) all Armed Forces recruitment offices, and (5) all other agencies designated by the State (those identified in response to question 8), during the period from the close of registration for the November 2002 Federal election until the close of registration for the November 2004 Federal general election

Motor Vehicle Offices 2,120

Offices that provide Public Assistance 7,092

Offices the provide State-funded programs
primarily serving persons with disabilities 1,141

Armed Forces recruitment offices No Information Available

Other agencies designated by the State No Information Available

17. Total number of voter registration applications identified in response to questions 14 – 17 that were **changes of address, name or party**

Name: 162,392 TOTAL: 916,070
Party: 280,730
Address: 494,948

18. Total number of voter registration applications identified in response to questions 14-17 that were **duplicates** of other valid voter registrations

78,222

19. Total number of voter registration applications identified in response to question 13 that were **invalid or rejected** (other than duplicates)

88,072

20. How are voter registration applications transferred from other voter registration agencies (see question 16) to the official responsible for voter registration? (i.e. email, VPN, tape, disk, mail, fax)

Registrations received by the Registry of Motor Vehicles are electronically transmitted via our statewide database. All other voter registrations are transmitted via the mail.

- 21. What, if any, training is provided to employees of voter registration agencies on the voter registration process?

Training sessions are held upon request and training manuals are supplied on a regular basis to the coordinators for each agency.

- 22. Identify any restrictions on the acceptance of voter registration applications such as paper weight, fax, electronic, mail (for non-NVRA states), batch, third-party delivery, etc.

Massachusetts mail-in forms must be originals and can be mailed or hand-delivered by any person. National Voter Registration forms can be downloaded or photocopied on any weight paper and can be mailed or hand-delivered by any person. No forms are accepted via fax or e-mail.

- 23. Total number of new valid registrations added to the voter registration lists between the 2002 and 2004 Federal general elections

736,558



- 24. How are voter registration applications maintained (e.g., paper or computerized)?

Paper Computerized Other

If Other is selected, please specify the method of maintaining records.

Registrations received from the RMV are maintained electronically. All other registrations are maintained both in their original paper format and electronically in the statewide voter registration system.

- 25. How does the registration official check for duplicate registrations?

The statewide database contains programming to alert the registration official to possible duplicates at the time of processing. Additionally, duplicate reports are provided to each city and town every six months or more frequently upon request.

- 26. Does your State check for duplicate voter registrations across state lines?

Yes No

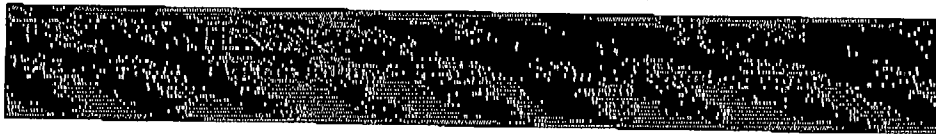
27. What type of number is used as a voter registration number (e.g., social security number, unique identifier)? If a unique identifier is used, please identify what method is used for assigning the identifier (e.g., random, combination of county number and other number)

- Social Security Number (4 digits) Driver's License Number
 Social Security Number (9 digits) Unique Identifier
 Other

The unique identifiers are a combination of the person's name and date of birth.

28. Are applicants who are rejected notified of the rejection and reason for rejection?

- Yes No



29. How many removal notices (Section 8(d)(2) confirmation notices) were sent between the close of registration for the November 2002 election and November 2, 2004?
616,100
30. How many responses were received to the confirmation notices identified in response to question 29?
21,283
31. How many voters were moved to the inactive list?
268,934
32. How many voters were ultimately removed from the voter rolls between the close of registration for the November 2002 election and November 2, 2004?
374,070

33. How many voters were removed from the voter rolls between the close of registration for the November 2002 election and November 2, 2004 because of the **death of the voter**?
80,743
34. How many voters were removed from the voter rolls between the close of registration for the November 2002 election and November 2, 2004 due to **failure to vote in two consecutive federal general elections**?
62,935
35. How many voters were removed from the voter rolls between the close of registration for the November 2002 election and November 2, 2004 because the **voter requested to be removed**?
13,643
36. How many voters were moved from the voter rolls between the close of registration for the November 2002 election and November 2, 2004 because of **disqualifying felony convictions**?
Not Available
37. How many voters were removed from the voter rolls between the close of registration for the November 2002 election and November 2, 2004 for reasons other than those set forth in questions 33 – 36? Please specify the reason for the removal.
Moved: 128,829
Duplicate: 20,286
Response to Confirmation Notice: 61,294
38. What sources of data are considered in performing list maintenance (e.g., returned election notices, returned jury summons, Postal Service NCOA information, house-to-house canvasses, etc.)?
Annual Street Listing (local census); Returned Election Notices;
Confirmation Notices
39. What process is used to perform list maintenance? (e.g., is the process electronic or manual)
Electronic using the statewide database.

40. Who is responsible for list maintenance (e.g., state or locality)?

Each municipality.

41. How does your State treat voters who (a) have been convicted of a felony, (b) are serving a sentence of incarceration for conviction of a felony, and (c) are serving a term of probation following being convicted of a felony?

(a) Convicted of a felony

As long as they are not currently incarcerated for a felony conviction, they can register and vote.

(b) Serving a sentence of incarceration for conviction of a felony

Not eligible to register or vote.

(c) Serving a term of probation following being convicted of a felony

As long as they are not currently incarcerated for a felony conviction, they can register and vote.



42. Is your State subject to the National Voter Registration Act?

Yes No

43. Has your State revised its state voter or mail voter registration form to include the citizenship and age questions required by HAVA?

Yes No

44. How does your State treat applications where one or more of the HAVA mandated questions (citizenship and age) are not answered?

State regulation requires that if one or more of the HAVA mandated questions (citizenship and age) are not answered but the applicant has signed the form under the penalty of perjury, they have affirmatively stated that they meet the citizenship and age requirements and the forms shall be processed.

45. Total number of voter registration applications that were accepted and processed without the applicant completing the question "Are you a citizen of the United States of America?"

Not Available.

46. Total number of voter registration applications that were accepted and processed without the applicant completing the question "Will you be 18 years of age on or before election day?"

Not Available.

47. Has your State implemented the verification requirements of HAVA for new mail registrations?

Yes No

48. Has your State implemented the verification requirements of HAVA for all new registrations?

Yes No

49. How does your State verify voter registration applications (e.g., tracking the return of disposition notices, checks against drivers license and social security administration records, etc.)?

The verification requirements of HAVA are currently being developed and implemented.

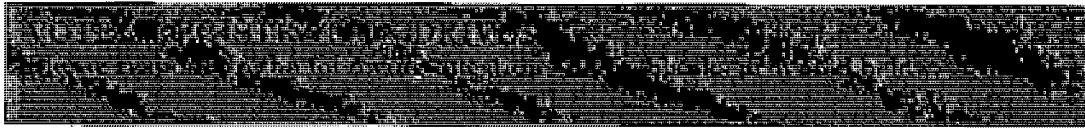
50. Has your State implemented a statewide voter registration database?

Yes No

If the answer is no, when will your State implement a statewide voter registration database and what progress has been made toward achieving that implementation?

Does the database or any solicitation for such a database include linking disability and social service agencies to the database in a similar manner as the state department of motor vehicles?

Yes No



51. Does your State allow outside groups to conduct voter registration drives and submit the voter registration applications to the local registration official for processing?

Yes No

52. How does your State manage the number of applications given to the outside group and the number and timing of the return of those forms by the outside registration group?

The distribution of voter registration forms is tracked by requests. This office requires a written request for Massachusetts mail-in voter registration forms. Currently, there is no process for tracking the return of such forms.

53. Does your State use serial numbers on voter registration applications given to outside groups and organizations in order to be able to identify which group or organization handled completed applications that are received by State and local officials?

Yes No

54. Does your State permit agents of outside groups to be paid compensation for registering voters?

Yes No

If so, may the agent be paid on the basis of the number of voter registrations submitted?

Yes No

If payment of a voter registration is prohibited, what is the penalty for violating the prohibition?

There are no state laws on this issue at all.



55. Are voter registration records public information?

Yes No

56. Are voter registrations available for sale to the public?

Yes No

Instructions:

Please answer every question. Do not leave any questions blank. The appropriate answer may be "0", "none", or "N/A". This survey seeks information only from the State level.