

## **Secretary Raffensperger's 2024 Update on List Maintenance and Citizenship Audit**

Georgia leads on voter list maintenance efforts. Through our partnership with ERIC, bilateral state agreements, data from the Department of Driver's Services, Homeland Security, and the National Change of Address list, as well as our new voter cancellation portal, Georgia has the cleanest voter list in the nation.

Part of these list maintenance efforts include rigorous citizenship verification. Georgia has front-end citizenship verification, where citizenship is verified through DDS or the Online Voter Registration Portal. Georgia is 100% Real ID compliant and leads the nation in ensuring that non-citizens cannot vote in our elections.

My office recently conducted a citizenship audit of our voter list. Utilizing records from county courts, the Georgia Department of Driver's Services, and the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, we were able to conclusively find 20 non-citizens who were on the voter rolls. All twenty of those voter registrations have been cancelled, and all of them are being referred to local law enforcement for prosecution. There are 156 people that require additional human investigation, and my office has opened up a case file into these individuals.

This is the most rigorous and comprehensive citizenship verification audit ever conducted. This was made possible by technological advancements included in the Georgia Registered Voter Information System and with collaboration from the Department of Driver's Service.

We are committed to ensuring that only US citizens can vote in our elections through rigorous citizenship verification at the front end, and in maintaining the cleanest voter rolls in the nation through continuous list maintenance. However, federal laws continue to restrict when we can remove ineligible voters from our roles. I am once again calling on Congress to update the NVRA so states have more ability to remove ineligible voters from the registration list.

Georgia leads on list maintenance efforts despite these restrictions. I have been committed to constant list maintenance utilizing all tools provided by law. Since I started in office, we have mailed over 3 million notices to voters. In 2023 alone, we completed the following:

- 84,523 mailings were sent to voters who filed a National Change of Address indicating an out-of-county move (data provided by ERIC)
- 127,904 mailings were sent to voters who filed a National Change of Address indicating a move within the same county (data provided by ERIC)
- 100,685 mailings were sent to voters who filed a National Change of Address indicating a move out of State (data provided by ERIC)
- 82,077 mailings were sent to voters identified as moving out of State (data provided by ERIC)
- 37,285 mailings were sent to voters identified as moving within Georgia (data provided by ERIC)
- 66,711 mailings were sent to voters identified as cancelling their Georgia driver license by DDS
- 183,584 mailings were sent to voters who had no election activity in 5 years
- 191,473 mailings were sent to inactive voters cancelling their voter registration after 2 federal general elections without election activity

An additional 227,777 notices were sent out in 2024 in advance of the November election.

Elections are an ever-changing process, and as more technology becomes available, Georgia's election security should grow with it. List maintenance is not a one-time activity, it is an ongoing process with incremental improvement. We need to remain constantly vigilant. I am committed to keeping up with list maintenance activities and will be conducting a comprehensive citizenship audit once a year going forward.