



Voter Roll Purges Based Solely on Infrequent Voting

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Background

Voter lists are an important component of a well-functioning election administration system. To maintain the accuracy of their lists, states utilize a number of methods, such as removing voters who have moved or died. However, some states utilize more aggressive tactics which can result in unwarranted removal from registration lists, including removal from registration lists based solely on a voter’s inactivity in recent elections. This practice results in the erroneous removal of hundreds of thousands of voters each year and has a disproportionate impact on voters from historically underrepresented backgrounds.

Scoring

- State law does not initiate removal from registration list based solely on voter’s inactivity, 0 points
- State law initiates removal from registration list based solely on voter’s inactivity, 0 points

Summary Table

| Category | Number | List |
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| State law does not initiate removal from registration list based solely on voter’s inactivity | 30 states & D.C. | Alabama Arkansas Arizona California Colorado Connecticut D.C. Delaware Hawaii Indiana Kentucky Louisiana Maryland Maine Michigan Nebraska New Jersey New Mexico Nevada New York North Dakota (does not require registration) Oregon Pennsylvania |



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| | | Rhode Island South Carolina Tennessee Texas Utah Virginia Vermont Washington |
| State law initiates removal from registration list solely based on voter's inactivity | 20 states | Alaska Florida Georgia Iowa Idaho Illinois Kansas Massachusetts Minnesota Mississippi Missouri Montana New Hampshire North Carolina Oklahoma Ohio South Dakota West Virginia Wisconsin Wyoming |

State-by-State Sources and More Detail

Alabama (0)

- State law does not initiate removal from registration list based solely on voter's inactivity ([Ala. Code § 17-4-9](#)).

Alaska (-1)

- State law initiates removal from registration list based solely on voter's inactivity ([AK Stat. § 15.07.130](#)).
- Removal is initiated after not voting in two general elections. Voter is then sent a notice and has 45 days to respond. If voter does not respond and does not vote in next four years, voter is removed.



Arizona (0)

- State law does not initiate removal from registration list based solely on voter's inactivity ([Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 16-166](#)).

Arkansas (0)

- State law does not initiate removal from registration list based solely on voter's inactivity ([Ark. Const. 57 § 11](#)).

California (0)

- State law does not initiate removal from registration list based solely on voter's inactivity ([Cal. Elec. Code § 2224](#)).

Colorado (0)

- State law does not initiate removal from registration list based solely on voter's inactivity ([Colo. Rev. Stat. § 1-2-605](#)).

Connecticut (0)

- State law does not initiate removal from registration list based solely on voter's inactivity ([Conn. Gen. Stat. § 9-21](#)).

Delaware (0)

- State law does not initiate removal from registration list based solely on voter's inactivity ([Del. Code Tit. 15 § 1704](#)).

D.C. (0)

- State law does not initiate removal from registration list based solely on voter's inactivity ([D.C. Code § 1-1007.1](#)).

Florida (-1)

- State law initiates removal from registration list based solely on voter's inactivity ([FL Stat. § 98-065](#)).
- Removal is initiated after not voting in two general elections. Voter is then sent notice and has 30 days to respond. If voter does not respond and does not vote in next two general elections, voter is removed.

Georgia (-1)

- State law initiates removal from registration list based solely on voter's inactivity ([GA Code § 21-2-234](#)).
- Removal is initiated after not voting for five years. Voter is then sent notice and has 30 days to respond. If voter does not respond and does not vote in next two elections, voter is removed.

Hawaii (0)

- State law does not initiate removal from registration list based solely on voter's inactivity ([Hawaii. Rev. Stat. § 11-17](#)).



Idaho (-1)

- State law initiates removal from registration list based solely on voter's inactivity ([ID Code § 34-435](#)).
- Removal is initiated if voter has not voted in four years. Registration is then cancelled 120 days after election without notice. (Note: Idaho is exempt from the notice requirements of the National Voter Registration Act).

Illinois (-1)

- State law initiates removal from registration list based solely on voter's inactivity ([IL Stat. § 5/4-17](#)).
- Removal is initiated if voter does not vote for four years. Voter is then sent notice and has 30 days to respond or will be removed.

Indiana (0)

- State law does not initiate removal from registration list based solely on voter's inactivity ([Ind. Code § 3-7-38.2](#)).

Iowa (-1)

- State law initiates removal from registration list based solely on voter's inactivity ([IA Code §48A](#)).
- Removal is initiated if voter has not voted in four years. Voter is then sent notice, and if voter does not respond and does not vote in next two elections, voter is removed.

Kansas (-1)

- State law initiates removal from registration list based solely on voter's inactivity ([Kan. Stat. § 25-2316](#)).
- Removal is initiated if voter has not voted in four years. Voter is then sent notice, and if voter does not respond and does not vote in next two elections, voter is removed.

Kentucky (0)

- State law does not initiate removal from registration list based solely on voter's inactivity (Ky. Rev. Stat. § 116.112).

Louisiana (0)

- State law does not initiate removal from registration list based solely on voter's inactivity ([LA. Rev. Stat. § 18-176](#)).

Maine (0)

- State law does not initiate removal from registration list based solely on voter's inactivity ([Me. Code Ch. 505 § 2](#)).

Maryland (0)

- State law does not initiate removal from registration list based solely on voter's inactivity ([Md. Code § 3-501](#)).



Massachusetts (-1)

- State law initiates removal from registration list based solely on voter's inactivity ([Mass. Laws Ch. 51 § 37](#)).
- Removal is initiated if voter does not vote for two years. Voter is then sent notice, and if voter does not respond and does not vote in next two elections, voter is removed.

Michigan (0)

- State law does not initiate removal from registration list based solely on voter's inactivity ([Mich. Comp. Law § 168.509](#)).

Minnesota (-1)

- State law initiates removal from registration list based solely on voter's inactivity ([Minn. Stat. § 201.171](#)).
- Removal is initiated if voter does not vote for four years. Voter is then removed without notice. (Note: Minnesota is exempt from the notice requirements of the National Voter Registration Act).

Mississippi (-1)

- State law initiates removal from registration list based solely on voter's inactivity ([MS Code § 23-15-152](#)).
- Removal is initiated if voter does not vote for four years. Voter is then sent notice, and if voter does not respond and does not vote in next two elections, voter is removed.

Missouri (-1)

- State law initiates removal from registration list based solely on voter's inactivity ([MO Rev. Stat. § 115.181](#)).
- Removal is initiated if voter does not vote in one general election. Voter is then sent notice, and if voter does not respond and does not vote in next two elections, voter is removed.

Montana (-1)

- State law initiates removal from registration list based solely on voter's inactivity ([MT Code § 13-2-220](#)).
- Removal is initiated if voter does not vote in one general election. Voter is then sent notice, and if voter does not respond and does not vote in next two elections, voter is removed.

Nebraska (0)

- State law does not initiate removal from registration list based solely on voter's inactivity ([Neb. Rev. Stat. § 32-329](#)).

Nevada (0)

- State law does not initiate removal from registration list based solely on voter's inactivity ([Nev. Rev. Stat. § 293.540](#)).



New Hampshire (-1)

- State law initiates removal from registration list based solely on voter's inactivity ([NH Stat. § 654.39](#)).
- Removal is initiated if voter does not vote for four years. Voter is then removed without notice. (Note: New Hampshire is exempt from the notice requirements of the National Voter Registration Act).

New Jersey (0)

- State law does not initiate removal from registration list based solely on voter's inactivity ([NJ Stat. § 19-31-5](#)).

New Mexico (0)

- State law does not initiate removal from registration list based solely on voter's inactivity ([NM Rev. Stat. § 1-4-24](#)).

New York (0)

- State law does not initiate removal from registration list based solely on voter's inactivity ([NY Elec. Law § 5-400](#)).

North Carolina (-1)

- State law initiates removal from registration list based solely on voter's inactivity ([NC Stat. § 163-82.14](#)).
- Removal is initiated if voter does not vote for four years. Voter is then sent notice, and if voter does not respond and does not vote in next two elections, voter is removed.

North Dakota (0)

- State does not require voter registration.

Ohio (-1)

- State law initiates removal from registration list based solely on voter's inactivity ([OH Code § 3503.21](#)).
- Removal is initiated if voter does not vote for two years. Voter is then sent notice, and if voter does not respond and does not vote for four years, voter is removed.

Oklahoma (-1)

- State law initiates removal from registration list based solely on voter's inactivity ([OK Stat. tit. 26 § 4-120](#)).
- Removal is initiated if voter does not vote for four years. Voter is then sent notice, and if voter does not respond and does not vote in next two elections, voter is removed.

Oregon (0)

- State law does not initiate removal from registration list based solely on voter's inactivity ([Or. Rev. Stat. § 247.563](#)).

Pennsylvania (0)

- State law does not initiate removal from registration list based solely on voter's inactivity ([Pa. Stat. § 1901](#)).



Rhode Island (0)

- State law does not initiate removal from registration list based solely on voter's inactivity ([RI. Laws § 17-10-1](#)).

South Carolina (0)

- State law does not initiate removal from registration list based solely on voter's inactivity ([SC Code 7-5-330](#)).

South Dakota (-1)

- State law initiates removal from registration list based solely on voter's inactivity ([SD Laws § 12-4-19](#)).
- Removal is initiated if voter does not vote for four years. Voter is then sent notice, and if voter does not respond and does not vote in next two elections, voter is removed.

Tennessee (0)

- State law does not initiate removal from registration list based solely on voter's inactivity ([Tenn Code. § 2-2-106](#)).

Texas (0)

- State law does not initiate removal from registration list based solely on voter's inactivity ([Tx. Elec. Code § 16.032](#)).

Utah (0)

- State law does not initiate removal from registration list based solely on voter's inactivity ([UT Code. § 20A-2-305](#)).

Vermont (0)

- State law does not initiate removal from registration list based solely on voter's inactivity (VT Stat. Tit. 17 §2150).

Virginia (0)

- State law does not initiate removal from registration list based solely on voter's inactivity ([VA Code. § 24.2-427](#)).

Washington (0)

- State law does not initiate removal from registration list based solely on voter's inactivity ([Wash. Code § 29A.08.510](#)).

West Virginia (-1)

- State law initiates removal from registration list based solely on voter's inactivity ([WV Code § 3-2-25](#)).
- Removal is initiated if voter does not vote for four years. Voter is then sent notice, and if voter does not respond and does not vote in next two elections, voter is removed.



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Wisconsin (-1)

- State law initiates removal from registration list based solely on voter's inactivity ([Wis. Stat. § 6.50](#)).
- Removal is initiated if voter does not vote for four years. Voter is then sent notice, and if voter does not respond in 30 days, voter is removed.

Wyoming (-1)

- State law initiates removal from registration list based solely on voter's inactivity ([WY Stat. § 22-3-115](#)).
- Removal is initiated if voter does not vote in one general election. Voter is then removed without notice. (Note: Wisconsin is exempt from the notice requirements of the National Voter Registration Act).