## 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 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.

| RESPONDENT INFORMATION: |  |
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## TOTAL VOTER REGISTRATION:

Please respond to the following questions in the space provided below.

1. Total number of registered voters (active) at the time of the close of registration for the 2002 Federal general election

## $2,844,428$. Minnesota has Election Day Registration.

2. Total number of registered voters (inactive) at the time of the close of registration for the 2002 Federal general election

N/A, NVRA exempt

3. Total number of registered voters (active) at the time of the close of polls for the 2004 Federal general election (November 2, 2004)
$2,977,496$. Minnesota has Election Day Registration
4. Total number of registered voters (inactive) at the time of the close of polls for the 2004 Federal general election (November 2, 2004)

N/A, NVRA exempt
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.

N/A
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?
$\bigcirc$ Yes © No

VOTER REGISTRATION OFFICIALS:
Please respond to the following questions in the space provided below.
7. Identify the local election official primarily responsible for registering voters.

County Auditors
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.

NVRA exempt, however, Minnesota Rule 8200.9310 and Statute 201.162 provide that voter registration applications may be submitted to any state agency or county auditor.
9. Identify whether voter registration forms are received by local registration officials or state registration officials.
〇 Local
$\bigcirc$ State
(-) Both
10. Identify whether voter registration forms are processed by local registration officials or state registration officials.
© Local $\bigcirc$ State $\bigcirc$ Both
11. Total number of election jurisdictions conducting voter registration

87 counties
12. Total number of jurisdictions identified in question 11 that provided information for this survey
N/A - Statewide voter registration database

VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS:
Please respond to the following questions in the space provided below.
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
MN is NVRA exempt and does not require that counties track this.
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
50,959
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

MN is NVRA exempt and does not require that counties track this.
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 statefunded 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 Exempt, N/A

Offices that provide Public Assistance
Exempt, N/A
Offices the provide State-funded programs
primarily serving persons with disabilities Exempt, N/A
Armed Forces recruitment offices Exempt, N/A
Other agencies designated by the State Exempt, N/A
17. Total number of voter registration applications identified in response to questions $14-17$ that were changes of address, name or party
Exempt, N/A
18. Total number of voter registration applications identified in response to questions 14-17 that were duplicates of other valid voter registrations
MN permits unlimited updates, even when info does not change.
19. Total number of voter registration applications identified in response to question 13 that were invalid or rejected (other than duplicates)

## Exempt, N/A

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)

Mail, fax, electronic transfer from DVS.
21. What, if any, training is provided to employees of voter registration agencies on the voter registration process?

MN Rule 8200.9310 states that the secretary of state shall provide training to state agencies on the proper forwarding of voter registration applications. These are forwarded to the secretary of state, who forwards applications to the proper county.
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.

Hard copy of application is required except for DVS electronic transfer. No other restrictions.
23. Total number of new valid registrations added to the voter registration lists between the 2002 and 2004 Federal general elections

2002 Nov 5, 7 a.m. registrations - 2,844,428--- 2002 Nov 5, Election Day registrations - 342,978 2004 Nov 2, 7 a.m. registrations - 2,977,496--- 2004 Nov 2, Election Day registrations - 581,904

## PROCESSING VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS:

Please respond to the following questions in the space provided below.
24. How are voter registration applications maintained (e.g., paper or computerized)?
$\bigcirc$ Paper © Computerized O Other

If Other is selected, please specify the method of maintaining records. Both
25. How does the registration official check for duplicate registrations?

System checks statewide database to avoid duplicate records.
26. Does your State check for duplicate voter registrations across state lines?
$\bigcirc$ 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 identified (e.g., random, combination of county number and other number)

Social Security Number (4 digits)
O Driver's License Number
Social Security Number (9 digits)

- Unique Identifier
$\bigcirc$ Other
Sequential

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

- Yes

No


## LIST MAINTENANCE: <br> Please respond to the following questions in the space provided below.

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?
Exempt, N/A
30. How many responses were received to the confirmation notices identified in response to question 29?

## Exempt, N/A

31. How many voters were moved to the inactive list?
$\mathrm{N} / \mathrm{A}$ with respect to voters covered by questions 29 and 30.
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?
See 32-35.
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?

32,269
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?
182,365
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?
N/A, not tracked.
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?
None, marked with a challenged status.
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.

Not tracked - notification of voters who moved out of state.
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.)?
No voter history or voter updates in previous four years.
39. What process is used to perform list maintenance? (e.g., is the process electronic or manual)
Electronic.
40. Who is responsible for list maintenance (e.g., state or locality)? Secretary of State.
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

Challenged, MN Statute 201.155
(b) Serving a sentence of incarceration for conviction of a felony

Challenged, MN Statute 201.155
(c) Serving a term of probation following being convicted of a felony

Challenged, MN Statute 201.155

## NVRA AND HAVA PROVISIONS: <br> Please respond to the following questions in the space provided below.

42. Is your State subject to the National Voter Registration Act?
$\bigcirc$ Yes

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No
43. Has your State revised its state voter or mail voter registration form to include the citizenship and age questions required by HAVA?

- YesNo

44. How does your State treat applications where one or more of the HAVA mandated questions (citizenship and age) are not answered?
No impact if voter signs oath. MN Statute 201.071
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 tracked
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?"
N/A, DOB is required in application and not processed if under 18.
47. Has your State implemented the verification requirements of HAVA for new mail registrations?

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

- Yes $\bigcirc$ 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.)?

Checks against Department of Motor Vehicle records. SSA is pending.
50. Has your State implemented a statewide voter registration database?


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?
$\bigcirc$ Yes
No

VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVES:
Please respond to the following questions in the blanks provided below.
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
$\bigcirc$ 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?
MN Statute 201.061, subd. requires that completed applications be submitted to the Secretary of State or appropriate county within 10 days of completion. Minnesota also allows election day registration.
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?
$\bigcirc$ Yes

- No

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


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

- Yes
$\bigcirc$ No

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

PUBLIC INFORMATION:
Please respond to the following questions in the blanks provided below.
55. Are voter registration records public information?

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

