

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution to Terminate Membership in the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC)

WHEREAS, the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC), a 501(c)(3) organization which has 30 states and the District of Columbia as member states, has stated that its “sole mission [is] assisting states to improve the accuracy of America’s voter rolls and increase access to voter registration for all eligible citizens,” and yet reports only three employees and has no physical location; and

WHEREAS, ERIC receives Personally Identifiable Information of citizens and minors regardless of voting status from those states’ departments of motor vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the ERIC membership agreement requires that every sixty (60) days, each member state shall transmit all inactive and active voter files and all licensing or identification records contained in the motor vehicles database, including:

- all name fields
- all address fields
- driver’s license or state ID number
- last four digits of Social Security number
- date of birth
- activity dates as defined by the Board of Directors
- current record status
- affirmative documentation of citizenship
- the title/type of affirmative documentation of citizenship presented
- phone number
- e-mail address or other electronic contact method; and

WHEREAS, ERIC states in its membership agreement that “under no circumstances shall the member transmit an individual’s record where the record contains documentation or other information indicating that the individual is a non-citizen of the United States” yet, without that information ERIC is unable to perform a portion of the services for which it is contracted; and

WHEREAS, ERIC has violated the security of Wisconsin’s registrants’ data by transmitting state data to third parties, such as the Center for Election Innovation and Research, whose data practices and usage are unknown to Wisconsin and its citizens, and ERIC prohibits states from auditing its own work or that of any third-party vendor; and

WHEREAS, ERIC provides data regarding eligible or possibly eligible citizens who are not registered to vote, stating that, “the Member shall, at a minimum, initiate contact with each and every eligible or possibly eligible citizen and inform them how to register to vote. Each Member shall have a specified number of days to register before the next Federal General Election year to initiate contact with at least 95% of the eligible or potentially eligible citizens on whom data was provided and address validation was performed”; and

WHEREAS, ERIC gives no instruction on how to remove or identify ineligible voters.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin calls for the Wisconsin Legislators to pass legislation to remove Wisconsin from the ERIC program and implement an auditable service reconcilable to Wisconsin counties; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin calls on Wisconsin Legislators to protect Wisconsinites personally identifiable information from being disseminated to organizations outside of the state government including public or private companies, NGOs, and non-profit organizations.