

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

Whereas, the Utah Republican Party platform states that the proper function of government is to protect unalienable, God-given rights of life, liberty, property, and the pursuit of happiness; and

Whereas, the integrity of voter rolls is a fundamental component of valid elections essential to uphold these unalienable rights declared in the platform; and

Whereas, the Electronic Registration Information Center (hereafter, ERIC), a 501(c)(3) non-governmental (NGO) non-profit corporation which has 24 states and the District of Columbia as members, 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

Whereas, membership in ERIC, obligates the State of Utah to share every registered voter’s personally identifiable information (PII) as well as PII from the Department of Motor Vehicles in violation of the Driver’s Privacy Protection Act (18 USC § 2721), which prohibits DMV data from disclosure to 3rd parties; 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 identify a large portion of ineligible voters; and

Whereas, ERIC has violated the security of Utah registrants’ data by transmitting state data to third parties, such as the Center for Election Innovation and Research (CEIR), whose data practices and usage are unknown to Utah and its citizens, and ERIC prohibits states from auditing its own work; and

Whereas, the Lieutenant Governor’s office (via Director of Elections Ryan Cowley) participates in ERIC as a board member representing Utah. The outsourcing of voter registration list maintenance to a third party violates the Vote Act (52 USC § 21083). List maintenance by a third party also violates the NVRA, which states that people that declined to register shall be kept confidential. (52 USC § 20504(c)(2)(D)(ii)); and

Whereas, ERIC was started with funding from the Pew Charitable Trusts (which in turn were funded by the Open Society Foundations of globalist George Soros) in 2012 under the leadership of David Becker (a regressive Democrat), who has used ERIC to collaborate with CEIR; and CEIR was one of the two leftist groups to use Mark Zuckerberg’s \$419 million to fund the private takeover of government election offices in 2020 under the guise of “protecting elections due to COVID-19”;

Whereas, in the past two years nine Republican-led States have resigned from ERIC because of the organization’s suspect practices that do little to protect the integrity of voter rolls; and

Whereas, County clerks must remove dead voters within 10 days of notification (Utah Code 20A-2-504(3)), remove duplicates and voters registered in another state (Code 20A-2-503(4)) and verify each voter’s identity at registration (Code 20-A-503(1)), thus negating the need for Utah’s membership in ERIC; and

Whereas, the delegates of the Salt Lake County Republican Party assembled in Convention in 2024, have lost confidence in ERIC’s ability to be an effective and accurate source for maintaining Utah voter rolls; and

Therefore:

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Be it resolved that the Republican Party Convention of Salt Lake County calls on the Utah Lieutenant Governor, the Director of Elections, and the Utah Legislature (by legislation if necessary) to immediately tender Utah's resignation from ERIC and join with other states who have undertaken similar action;

Be it further resolved that the Republican Party Convention of Salt Lake County calls on Utah Attorney General Sean Reyes to investigate ERIC, CEIR, and any other private NGOs that may have brokered Utah's voter registration and DMV data for partisan benefit.

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