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Texas Ends ERIC Membership

Texas lawmakers are acting to secure future elections in their state. On Tuesday the Legislature passed Senate Bill 1070, effectively withdrawing the state's membership in ERIC.

ERIC stands for the Electronic Registration Information Center, a nonprofit membership organization for states that ostensibly helps them clean up their voter rolls.

But a recent Judicial Watch [white paper](#) revealed what actually happens when a state joins ERIC. Members turn over all private, identifying data on every citizen, past and present, from records compiled by both state and federal agencies.



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According to Judicial Watch, ERIC shares this data with the Center for Election Innovation and Research ([CEIR](#)), which it calls a key player in the Zuckerberg scandal leading up to the 2020 election. CEIR received \$70 million from the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative, and both ERIC and CEIR were founded by disgraced former Department of Justice counsel David Becker.

These organizations analyze all the data, but instead of purging disqualified individuals from voter lists, member states are required to solicit voter registrations from them.

Kat Stansell of the American Policy Center recently shared with *The New American* the result of this voter-producing activity: all ERIC members now have “bloated voter rolls approaching or exceeding 100 percent of all possible eligible voters in the state.”

ERIC requires that those names that they give back that they have marked as unregistered voters, be approached within 60 days of receipt of that list, so that they can solicit registration to vote. ERIC managed to come up with 17 million new voters by 2020. Eight years, 17 million new voters. And I looked at the population trends and voting trends during that period of time, and they're the opposite direction, so ERIC has stirred up a lot of new voters.

— *Kat Stansell, American Policy Center*

Stansell also told us — and Judicial Watch suspects — that George Soros provided seed money for ERIC in 2012, funneled through the Pew Charitable Trusts. So these findings should not be surprising.

[Louisiana](#) was the first state to withdraw from ERIC, in 2022. Secretary of State Kyle Ardoin expressed concerns that “partisan actors may have access to ERIC network data for political purposes, potentially undermining voter confidence.”

Eight other states, including Texas, have followed Louisiana's example, forcing ERIC's executive



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director, Shane Hamlin, into damage-control mode. He has published a [letter](#) on the group's website, EricStates.org, that purports to "set the record straight" regarding what he calls "recent misinformation" about his organization.

Joining Louisiana and Texas on the reputable list of ERIC ex-clients are Alabama, Florida, Iowa, Missouri, Ohio, Virginia, and West Virginia.

However, as of this writing, the District of Columbia and 24 states (Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Illinois, Kentucky, Maine, Massachusetts, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Utah, Vermont, Washington, and Wisconsin) remain members, so election integrity activists still have a lot of work to do in those places.

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