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Voter Information Privacy

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You asked for a comparison of the privacy of voter information in Alaska and other states.

In general, all 50 states and the District of Columbia allow some sort of access to voter records. However, many states have taken steps to restrict access to voter information or otherwise shield voter records—or at least the records of some voters—from public view. All states permit access to voter information by political parties and candidates for elected office. Other than those requests, some states restrict, to varying degrees, which other entities or individuals may obtain voter information. In comparison to other states, Alaska is less protective of voter information than many others, doing little to restrict access to, or otherwise shield, the personal information of registered voters in the state.¹ Below, we identify areas of comparison between Alaska and other states.

Restricting Public Access to Voter Records

Many states have enacted various measures that restrict access to voter information to narrow audiences and/or for narrow purposes. For example, California restricts the release of voter information to election-related, political, scholarly, journalistic, or governmental purposes and expressly prohibits “any personal, private, or commercial purpose.”² Similarly, Virginia limits access to certain individuals for certain purposes and charges \$5,000 for that privilege.³ According to the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL), “Eleven states do not allow members of the public to access voter data. Several other states restrict access to state residents (11), other registered voters (7), non-profit organizations (6), and those doing research (9).”⁴

According to our review, Alaska does not provide similar safeguards. Regardless of who may be asking, the state’s voter records are relatively accessible to other individuals or entities who seek it. Upon receipt of a request form and a \$20 fee—an amount 250 times less than Virginia’s fee—the Alaska Division of Elections will provide an electronic or hard copy of the Voter

¹ As of March 2017, seven states have enacted automatic voter registration—Alaska, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Oregon, Vermont, and West Virginia—along with the District of Columbia. Among these, California is especially protective of voter information. While other states have linked automatic voter registration to an application for, or renewal of, a driver’s license, automatic voter registration in Alaska is tied to the permanent fund dividend (PFD) application. For an overview of automatic voter registration by the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL), see “Automatic Voter Registration,” March 3, 2017, <http://www.ncsl.org/research/elections-and-campaigns/automatic-voter-registration.aspx>.

² California Elections Code, Sec. 2194, http://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?lawCode=ELEC§ionNum=2194. Also, California Assembly Bill No. 1461, a 2015 law establishing automatic voter registration and “procedures to safeguard the confidentiality of information,” as well as prohibiting the digital display of voter records, is accessible at https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520160AB1461. California’s voter information policies are favorably compared to other states in other reports, e.g. “Publishing voter registration data must balance privacy with transparency,” Sunlight Foundation, June 12, 2016, <https://sunlightfoundation.com/2016/06/16/publishing-voter-registration-data-must-balance-privacy-with-transparency/>.

³ Alongside Virginia, “Several states charge \$5,000 and Wisconsin charges \$12,500. Alabama and Arizona got creative with setting their fees by charging one cent per voter, resulting in a cost of upwards of \$30,000.” “It’s a Presidential Election Year: Do You Know Where Your Voter Records Are?” National Conference of State Legislatures, February 2016, <http://www.ncsl.org/research/elections-and-campaigns/the-canvass-february-2016.aspx>.

⁴ NCSL, “It’s a Presidential Election Year: Do You Know Where Your Voter Records Are?” <http://www.ncsl.org/research/elections-and-campaigns/the-canvass-february-2016.aspx>.

List, a file disclosing the full name, 10-year voting history, district, precinct, party affiliation, sex, residential address (if not maintained as confidential as discussed below), and mailing address of every individual registered to vote in the state.⁵ Evidently, the state makes it both convenient and affordable to obtain those records.⁶

Providing Confidentiality for Certain Voter Records

Beyond restricting access to voter records, many states have taken special steps to shield voter information, in whole or in part, for certain registered voters who may not want to be identified, located, or subjected to threats, stalking, or violence through the disclosure of their personal information in state voter records. A number of states provide privacy protections for certain residents, or certain types of residents, through opt-in address confidentiality programs and other measures. These protections usually cover, but are not necessarily limited to, voter records.

For example, with regard to domestic violence, overall, the National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV) notes that some survivors of domestic violence may choose not to vote at all, rather than risk the disclosure of one's full name, location, and other information through voter records. At the same time, other survivors may not be aware that, in states without sufficient privacy protection, "their personal information may be obtainable by the public, accessible online, or available for purchase."⁷ Because Alaska provides relatively little protection or confidentiality, a resident who does not want to risk public disclosure of their identity, location, and other data may have good reason to abstain from voting. Or, if the resident is not aware of the ease of access to Alaska's voter records, the resident may vote or may become registered to vote—either automatically through applying for the PFD, or otherwise—without realizing that their information may be accessed for \$20.

According to the NNEDV's Safety Net Project, 39 states have established Address Confidentiality Programs (ACPs) that allow survivors of domestic violence (DV) and other crimes to keep their current address confidential in public and official processes and records. Of the 39 states with ACPs, 29 states specifically prevent the sharing of their participant's voter records to keep the addresses of DV survivors from being sold and accessible in voter lists. Alaska is in the minority of states, neither having an ACP, nor providing specific protection for the voter records of DV survivors or any others, according to our review.

Apparently, Alaska's only noteworthy measure to safeguard the personal information of a registered voter is that, when a resident registers to vote, the Alaska Division of Elections allows the resident to opt out of disclosing a residential address by substituting a mailing address. While valuable to some individuals, this option falls well short of the protections afforded to residents of other states. Because a mailing address and other personal information are readily available to members of the public through the release of voter records, in effect, Alaska's handling of voter information does not allow any registered voters to keep their personal information (with the exception of a residential address) private.

⁵ Voting history is an indication of when and whether, rather than how, a person voted. Alaska Division of Elections, "Index of Resources," <http://www.elections.alaska.gov/doc/forms/H23.pdf>.

⁶ For a brief look across state legislatures, see the NCSL's "It's a Presidential Election Year: Do You Know Where Your Voter Records Are?" at <http://www.ncsl.org/research/elections-and-campaigns/the-canvass-february-2016.aspx>. See also the 50-state review, "Voter List Information," U.S. Elections Project, <http://voterlist.electproject.org/states/>. However, please note that not all restrictions to voter information access appear in those sources, or in any other sources of which we are aware.

⁷ "Voter Registration and Privacy," Safety Net Project, National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV), 2016, <https://www.techsafety.org/voter-registration-privacy/>. As the NNEDV's report goes on to say: "Many people do not realize that their voter registration record may be publicly available online and that it may include identifying information. Voters should also be given more options to maintain their privacy when registering to vote. These options should either be created or enhanced so they are easily accessible and available to eligible voters. Currently, survivors who have high privacy risks have few options and may consider choosing not to register to vote to keep their address from becoming publicly available. Lack of privacy is an extremely unfortunate reason for someone to not be able to vote and something that should be addressed so that all citizens can exercise their constitutional right and engage in the political process. If your state currently does not offer any type of privacy options for individuals, it's important to explore these options."

Additional Examples of Privacy Protections in Other States

Below, we provide additional examples from states that have passed laws to further protect state records and/or voter records.

- Maryland provides the benefits of the Maryland Safe at Home Address Confidentiality Program (ACP) to victims of human trafficking, as well as to DV survivors. Among other privacy protections, Maryland's ACP requires the local board of elections to use a participant's actual address for voter registration and other election-related purposes, yet the program prohibits the board from making the participant's actual address, as held in voter records, available for public inspection or copying (with limited exceptions for law enforcement or court orders).⁸
- Utah allows a registered voter to request that the voter's personal information be kept private, if disclosure may either put the voter or a member of the voter's household's life or safety at risk, or put the voter or a member of the voter's household at risk of being stalked or harassed.⁹
- Alabama omits the residential *and* mailing address of certain registered voters from the state's voter records for victims of DV, custodians of minor victims of DV, and those protected by a DV order.¹⁰
- Louisiana prohibits the disclosure of voter information for anyone participating in the Louisiana Address Confidentiality Program, as well as for law enforcement officers engaged in hazardous activities to the extent that it is necessary for their names and addresses to be kept private.¹¹
- Florida extends the public records exemption to the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of victims of stalking, in the same manner by which the state protects residents who participate in the State of Florida Address Confidentiality Program (ACP) for Victims of Domestic Violence, exempting the personal information of those residents from public disclosure.¹²
- Texas specifically restricts the residential address of any judge in the state.¹³

Finally, and especially notably, California—a state that is highly regarded for the lengths to which it goes to restrict access to voter records and to safeguard the personal information of residents in general—provides confidentiality to the following registered voters under law:

- A victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking;
- A reproductive health care service provider, employee, volunteer, or patient;
- A public safety officer; or

⁸ Maryland SB 818, 2014.

⁹ Utah SB 36, 2014, <http://le.utah.gov/~2014/bills/static/SB0036.html>.

¹⁰ Alabama SB 280, 2014.

¹¹ Louisiana HB 383, 2014.

¹² Florida S 7034, 2015, <https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2015/7034>.

¹³ NCSL, "It's a Presidential Election Year: Do You Know Where Your Voter Records Are?" <http://www.ncsl.org/research/elections-and-campaigns/the-canvass-february-2016.aspx>.

- A person with a life-threatening circumstance.¹⁴

While the above examples are not exhaustive, they represent the range of privacy protections available to registered voters in various states. Alaska, in comparison, provides minimal, if any, protection. For example, Alaska's handling of voter records does not appear to address the needs of DV survivors or other residents whose personal information is widely accessible, with few restrictions or other protections, at this time.

We include, in Attachment A, the NNEDV's "Address Confidentiality Laws by State," which lists confidentiality programs and establishing legislation in the 39 states that have passed those laws.¹⁵

We hope this is helpful. If you have questions or need additional information, please let us know.

¹⁴ California AB 1461, 2015, http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/15-16/bill/asm/ab_1451-1500/ab_1461_bill_20150505_amended_asm_v95.html.

¹⁵ The NNEDV's table is also accessible at <http://nnedv.org/resources/safetynetdocs/155-privacy/923-acp-state-by-state.html?highlight=WjYhY3AiXQ==>.

Address Confidentiality Laws by State

State	ACP Protections	Legislation	Program Information
Alabama	None		
Alaska	None		
Arizona	Confidential Motor Vehicle Registration	AZ ST § 41–166 (2014)	<p>All programs listed at: http://www.azcourts.gov/selfservicecenter/Self-Service-Forms#PersonalInfo Address Confidentiality Program 1901 W. Madison St. Phoenix, AZ 85009-5287 (602) 542-1653 Email: acpinfo@azsos.gov; website: http://www.azsos.gov/services/acp</p>
	Confidential Voter Registration	AZ ST § 16–153 (2014)	
	County Assessor & Treasurer Confidentiality	AZ ST § 11–484 (2014)	
	County Recorder Confidentiality	AZ ST § 11–483 (2014)	
	Address Confidentiality Program	<p>HB-2302 signed into law 4/19/2011; amended 2014 Ariz. Legis. Serv. Ch. 130 (H.B. 2100)</p> <p>Eligibility: Victim of domestic violence, sexual offense (such as rape, sexual assault, molestation), or stalking; Is in fear of her or his safety; Has moved in the past 90 days to a place unknown by the perpetrator or is planning to move to a place unknown to the perpetrator in the near future within Arizona; Has documentation to support victimization; and Is an adult, or a parent or guardian acting on behalf of a minor or incapacitated person.</p> <p>ACP: §41-141 to §41-169</p>	<p>Address Confidentiality Program 1901 W. Madison St. Phoenix, AZ 85009-5287 (602) 542-1653 Email: acpinfo@azsos.gov; website: http://www.azsos.gov/services/acp</p>
Arkansas	Confidential License Registration	Ark. Code Ann. § 27-16-811 (2008)	<p>Revenue Division – DL Services Dept. of Finance and Admin. PO Box 1272, Little Rock AR 72203 (501) 682-7052</p>
California	<p>“Safe at Home” Address Confidentiality Program</p>	<p>Cal. Gov’t Code §§ 6205 - 6211 (2009)</p> <p>Includes: Confidential Voter Registration, DMV Records Suppression, and Internet Disclosure Prohibition Services domiciled (reside) in California;</p> <p>Eligibility: Must be in fear for safety or the safety of a minor or incapacitated person for whom you are applying; and a victim of domestic violence, stalking, or sexual assault; or a reproductive healthcare employee, patient, or volunteer.</p>	<p>Safe At Home Program PO Box 846 Sacramento, CA 95812-0846 (877) 322-5227 www.sos.ca.gov/safeathome</p>
Colorado	Address Confidentiality Program	<p>CO ST §§ 24–30–2101-115, CO ST § 1–2–213</p> <p>Eligibility: survivors of DV, sexual offenses, stalking, must have evidence of the victimization and must have moved within the past 90 days or be planning to relocate</p> <p>Includes: confidential DL and state identification documents, motor vehicle and registrations, school enrollment and school record, human services, police reports, court records, local recreation centers, bank accounts, libraries, voter registration records</p>	<p>Address Confidentiality Program 1001 E. 62nd Ave. Denver, CO 80216 (303) 866-2208 www.colorado.gov/acp</p>
Connecticut	Address Confidentiality Program	<p>Conn. Gen. Stat. § 54-240 et seq. (2008)</p> <p>Eligibility: victim of family violence, injury or risk of injury to a</p>	<p>Address Confidentiality Program PO Box 150469</p>

		child, sexual assault or stalking, who has permanently and confidentially moved away from abuser. Participants complete applications through a community based domestic violence or sexual assault crisis program located throughout the state. Application process involves meeting with an application assistant and receiving orientation information about the program. Includes: Confidential Address for Voter Registration and Confidential Marriage Records	30 Trinity Street Hartford, CT 06115-0469 (860) 509-6006 www.ct.gov/sots/cwp/view.asp?a=3177&q=391912
Delaware	Confidential Motor Vehicle Registration	21 Del.C. § 305 (2015)	Address Confidentiality Program Office of Attorney General 820 N. French St. Wilmington, DE 19801 (800) 870-1790 http://delcode.delaware.gov/title11/c096/sc02/index.shtml
	Confidential Voter Registration	15 Del.C. § 1303 (2011)	
	Address Confidentiality Program	11 Del.C. § 9612 (2011) Eligibility: victim of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking who has filed for a protection from abuse or who is or was named as a victim in any criminal or delinquency proceeding brought for the purpose of determining liability for the commission of any crime or offense, or a person who has an agreement with the DOJ or a person who is a member of the same household as a program participant or a person who has obtained or is seeking relief from a domestic violence program or service.	
District of Columbia	None		
Georgia	None		
Guam	None		
Hawaii	None Address Confidentiality Program that included voter records was proposed in legislation in 2015 but did not pass (2015 HI H.B. 446).		
Idaho	Address Confidentiality Program	Idaho Code Ann. § 19-5701 to §19-5708 (2008) Includes: Confidential Voter Registration, confidential address for driver's license Applicant must have Protective Order or can have letter from prosecuting attorney that person is a victim of DV, SA, etc. and that abuser charged with the crime; applicants apply directly through program, not through assistants	Address Confidentiality Program PO Box 1737 Boise, ID 83701-1737 (208) 334-2852 http://sos.idaho.gov/ACP/index.html
Illinois	None ACP exists ONLY in statute; Program is not funded and legislation calls for funding in order to implement program http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=2101&ChapterID=59		
Indiana	Address Confidentiality Program	IC 5-26.5-1-1 to IC 5-26.5-5-5 Program Requirements: (1) Valid Protective Order; (2) Be a victim of DV, SA, or stalking; (3) Be in fear of safety; and (4) Be 18 years of age or have an adult/parent/guardian apply on behalf of minor	Address Confidentiality Program 302 W. Washington St. 5th Floor Indianapolis, IN 46204 (800) 321-1907 http://www.in.gov/attorneygeneral/legal/victim/address_confidentiality.html Email: confidential@atg.in.us
Iowa	"Safe at Home" Address Confidentiality Program	I.C.A. § 9E.3 (2016) Includes: Confidential voter registration Eligibility: One of the following: 1) victim of domestic abuse,	Safe at Home 899 E. 12th St. PO Box 959

		domestic abuse assault, sexual abuse, stalking or human trafficking, 2) person fears for person's safety, safety of another who lives in the same household, or safety of the persons on whose behalf the application is made.	Des Moines, IA 50319 https://safeathome.iowa.gov/
Kansas	"Safe at Home" Address Confidentiality Program	Kan. Stat. Ann. §§ 75-451 to -458. (2008) Eligibility: victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and/or human trafficking or an adult family member residing with a program participant; a parent acting on behalf of a minor; or a guardian acting on behalf of an incapacitated person. Located at or planning relocation to an address unknown to the perpetrator; and willing to make the secretary of state's office their legal agent for service of process and recipient of first-class and certified mail.	Safe at Home PO Box 798 Topeka, KS 66601-0798 (785) 296-3806 www.sos.ks.gov/safeathome
Kentucky	Address Confidentiality Program Note: currently just for confidential voter registration	KRS § 14.260 (2015), note: 2016 KY H.B. 59 (NS) would require, despite funding, for the program to be implemented and create for a lower standard of proof for victims in proving they are, indeed, victims, would allow residency requirement to be fulfilled easier, and would expand program to include DL registration, P.O. box assignments Who is eligible: 1) those who have a current emergency protective order or domestic violence order under KRS Chapter 403, 2) victims of a specified offense (eg. domestic violence and buse, stalking, a sex crime, or a crime against a minor victim) in an ongoing criminal case or a criminal case that resulted in a conviction)	Address Confidentiality Program c/o Office of the Secretary of State 700 Capital Ave., Ste. 152 Frankfort, KY 40601 (844) 292-KACP (toll-free) KACP@ky.gov
Louisiana	Address Confidentiality Program	La. Rev. Stat. Ann. §§ 44:51 – 44:57 (2008) Eligibility: victim of abuse, sexual assault or stalking; be concerned for the safety of yourself, your children or your household members; be a resident of Louisiana or plan to relocate to an address unknown to your abuser in which you have not made any public record (e.g., telephone number, utilities, driver's license, etc.) and live in a residence that the victim does not own (the ACP cannot protect a victim if a house has been purchased in their name); and be 18 years of age or older, a parent or guardian acting on behalf of a minor or a parent or guardian acting on behalf of an incapacitated individual.	Address Confidentiality Program PO Box 91301 Baton Rouge, LA 70821 (225) 925-4792 http://www.sos.la.gov/OurOffice/AddressConfidentialityProgram/Pages/default.aspx
Maine	Address Confidentiality Program	Me. Rev. Stat. Ann. tit. 5, § 90-B (2008) 5 M.R.S.A. § 90-B Eligibility: Victim of domestic violence, sexual assault or	Address Confidentiality Program 148 Statehouse Station Augusta, ME 04333-0418 (207) 626-8400

		<p>stalking relocates or has plans to relocate to an address unknown to the perpetrator and not contained in any public record.</p> <p>Victim completes ACP application with an Application Assistant certified by the Secretary of State. The applicant must declare that disclosure of the applicant's address threatens the safety of the applicant or applicant's children.</p>	http://www.maine.gov/sos/acp/index.html
Maryland	<p>"Safe at Home" Address Confidentiality Program</p>	<p>Md. Code Ann., Fam. Law §§ 4-519 to -530 (West 2009)</p> <p>Eligibility: victim of domestic violence or human trafficking, a parent or guardian of a minor child who fears for the safety of the child, the guardian of a disabled person.</p> <p>Note: does NOT include voter registration, ACP urges participants who are eligible as voters to apply to vote as absentee voter, and to not use Motor Voter system.</p>	<p>Safe at Home PO Box 2995 Annapolis, MD 21404 (800) 633-9657 Ext 3875 http://www.sos.state.md.us/acp/safeathome.aspx http://sos.maryland.gov/SoS%20Forms/SafeAtHomeBrochure.pdf</p>
Massachusetts	Address Confidentiality Program	<p>Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 9A, §§ 1 - 7 (2008)</p> <p>Note: Protective Order Required</p> <p>Eligibility: the applicant must show that disclosure of his or her address threatens the safety of the applicant or the applicant's children. ACP permits program participants to use a substitute mailing address when interacting with government agencies. Substitute address is used as the participant's legal residence, as well as work and/or school address. Consequently, government records may be disclosed to the public without identifying the victim's new location.</p>	<p>Address Confidentiality Program PO Box 9120 Chelsea, MA 02150-9120 (866) 723-3233 http://www.sec.state.ma.us/acp/acpidx.htm</p>
Michigan	<p>None</p> <p>HOUSE BILL No. 5654, introduced on June 11, 2014, sent to Judiciary Committee, introduced again in 2015 as H.B. No. 4413</p>		
Minnesota	<p>"Safe at Home" Address Confidentiality Program</p>	<p>Minn. Stat. §§ 5B.01- 5B.09 (2008)</p> <p>Eligibility: must reside in Minnesota; and be afraid for their personal safety, or be afraid for the safety of their child or ward, or be afraid for the safety of another person with whom they reside.</p>	<p>Safe at Home PO Box 17370 Saint Paul, MN 55117-0370 (866) 723-3035 http://www.sos.state.mn.us/safe-at-home</p>
Mississippi	Address Confidentiality Program	<p>Miss. Code Ann. § 99-47-1 (2008)</p> <p>Eligibility: Participants must provide a statement of any existing or pending court order or court action involving the applicant that is related to divorce proceedings, child support, child custody, or child visitation; the court that issued each order or</p>	<p>Address Confidentiality Program PO Box 220 Jackson, MS 39205 (800) 829-6766 http://www.ago.state.ms.us/index.php/sections/victims/</p>

		has jurisdiction over an action shall be noted and evidence that the applicant is a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking. This evidence shall include at least one (1) of the following: Law enforcement, court or other local, state or federal agency records or files; Documentation from a domestic violence shelter or rape crisis center; or other form of evidence as determined by the Office of the Attorney General. Note: Participant can face fine or imprisonment for fraudulent application	address_confidentiality_program
Missouri	"Safe at Home" Address Confidentiality Program	Mo. Ann. Stat. §§ 589.660 – 589.683 (2009), amended by 2016 Mo. Legis. Serv. H.B. 1562 (VERNON'S) (West's No. 34) (expanded for victims of human trafficking) Eligibility: victim of domestic abuse, rape, sexual assault or stalking and fears further violent acts from assailant; Has relocated or is about to relocate to an address unknown to the assailant and that is not already part of any public record; Is a resident of Missouri or is about to become a resident; Has a valid Missouri address where she or he can immediately begin receiving mail; Is an adult person (age 17 years or older) or a parent or guardian acting on behalf of a minor (age 16 years or younger) or incapacitated person; Is willing to designate the secretary of state as her or his legal agent to receive legal documents, service of process and first-class and certified mail; and understands there will be a 5 -to 7-day mail delay as mail first comes to Safe at Home and is then forwarded to her or his confidential mailing address.	Safe at Home PO Box 1409 Jefferson City, MO 65102-1409 (866) 509-1409 (Toll-free) SafeAtHome@sos.mo.gov http://www.MoSafeAtHome.com
Montana	"Substitute Address" Address Confidentiality Program	Mont. Code Ann. §§ 40-15-115 to 40-15-120 (2008) Eligibility: Application must be notarized and applicant must establish residence in order to apply to program	Address Confidentiality Program PO Box 201410, Helena, MT 59620 (406) 444-5803 https://doj.mt.gov/victims/address-confidentiality-program/
Nebraska	Address Confidentiality Program	Neb. Rev. St. §§ 42-1201 to 42-1210 (2008) Eligibility: (1) a victim of abuse, sexual assault or stalking who fears for his or her safety, or a parent or guardian applying on behalf of a minor or incapacitated person and (2) a Nebraska resident who has recently relocated to a place unknown to his or her abuser or is planning to move in the near future.	Address Confidentiality Program PO Box 92921, Lincoln, NE 68509 (866) 227-6327 http://www.sos.ne.gov/business/acp_menu.html
Nevada	Confidential Address Program	Nev. Rev. Stat. § 217.462 (2008) Eligibility: Must provide an application that can produce a copy of an applicable record of conviction, a temporary restraining order or other protective order, that the adult, child or incompetent person has been a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking before the filing of the application. Includes: Confidential Voter Registration Records; Participants exempt from Jury Duty	Confidential Address Program PO Box 2743 Carson City NV 89702-2743 Toll Free: 888-432-6189 Local: 775-684-5707 http://ag.nv.gov/Hot_Topics/Victims/NVCAP/Confidential_Address_Program/

New Hampshire	Address Confidentiality Program	<p>N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. §§ 7:41 – 7:48 (2008)</p> <p>Eligibility: Should have recently moved or is planning on moving in near future. Should not have created any local or state records using new address they wish to keep confidential. Any adult person, a parent or guardian acting on behalf of a minor or guardian acting on behalf of an incapacitated person, may apply if they are a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking and meet the eligibility guidelines. Having a restraining order, criminal charges pending or even reporting the abuse to law enforcement are not required in order to participate in the ACP. The law mandates that anyone interested in applying for the program access one of the 14 crisis centers in NH for assistance. Note: Class B misdemeanor for false/fraudulent applications.</p> <p>Includes Confidential Voter Registration and allows eligible voters to vote absentee</p>	<p>Address Confidentiality Program 33 Capital St., Concord, NH 03301-6397 (603) 271-1240 http://www.doj.state.nh.us/victim-assistance</p>
New Jersey	Address Confidentiality Program	<p>N.J. Stat. Ann. §§ 47:4-1 to 47:4-6 (2009) N.J.A.C. 5:61 (2014)</p> <p>Two services: substitute address and protected records service §5:61-11.1 Confidentiality of voter records information</p> <p>All information related to voter records of program participants shall be confidential and shall not be released without the program participant's expressed written authorization, except as otherwise provided in N.J.S.A. 47:4-1 et seq.</p> <p>Eligibility: a) must be 18 years of age or over, an emancipated minor, a parent or guardian acting on behalf of a minor, or a guardian acting on behalf of an incapacitated person. b) All applicants shall complete a standard application form and an authorization form, which may be obtained from a local domestic violence program.</p>	<p>Address Confidentiality Program Department of Children and Families PO Box 207 Trenton, NJ 08625 1-877-218-9133 http://www.state.nj.us/njcbw.org</p>
New Mexico	Confidential Address Program	<p>N.M. Stat. §40-13-11 (2008)</p> <p>\$25 Application fee may be waived depending on income</p> <p>Voter registration requests are deemed a permanent absentee ballot request. After becoming participant in CAP, need to register in person in County Clerk's office.</p>	<p>Confidential Address Program Post Office Box 1888 Santa Fe, NM 87504</p> <p>Secretary of State (888) 432-5469 http://www.sos.state.nm.us/Voter_Information/confidential-address-program-summary.aspx</p>
New York	Address Confidentiality Program	<p>McKinney's Executive Law § 108, NY EXEC § 108</p> <p>Note: 2015 New York Assembly Bill No. 5563 would extend to voter registration</p>	<p>Address Confidentiality Program P.O. Box 1110 Albany, NY 12201-1110 (518) 474-7306; (855) 350-4595</p>

		Eligibility: Victims of domestic violence and who have moved or are planning to move to a new location for safety reasons and anyone living in the same household as the victim, such as children, parents or siblings. Once a minor in the household becomes 18, he or she becomes an adult and must complete a new application to continue with the program.	acp@dos.ny.gov http://www.dos.ny.gov/acp/index.html
North Carolina	Address Confidentiality Program	N.C. Gen. Stat. § 15C-1 et seq. (2008) Voting not covered by ACP, but in some cases is covered by N.C. Gen. Stat. §163-7A G.S.163-82.10 Registered voter submit to county board of elections a copy of protective order or ACP card, that voter's name, precinct, and the other data contained in that voter's registration record shall remain a public record; that voter's signed statement submitted under this subsection is a public record but shall be kept confidential as long as the protective order remains in effect or the voter remains a certified program participant in the Address Confidentiality Program; The voter's actual address shall be used for any election-related purpose by any board of elections	Address Confidentiality Program 9099 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-9099 (919) 716-6785 http://www.ncdoj.gov/acp
North Dakota	Voter Confidentiality	N.D. Election Law § 16.1-02-07 Any individual who has obtained a protection order under section 14-07.1-03 or who is protected by a disorderly conduct restraining order under section 12.1-31.2-01 must be listed in the central voter file with a "secured active" designation. A "secured active" designation means a record maintained as an active voter for pollbook purposes, but otherwise is an exempt record (won't be released as part of pollbook). Designation is removed when order is no longer in effect. Courts translate the orders of protection to the Secretary of State.	Secretary of State State of North Dakota 600 E Boulevard Avenue Dept 108 Bismarck ND 58505-0500 Telephone: 701-328-2900 Toll Free: 800-352-0867 http://sos.nd.gov/office-secretary-state/contact-us
Ohio	Address Confidentiality Program (effective September 8, 2016)	2016 Ohio Laws File 82 (Sub. H.B. 359) Eligibility: victims of domestic violence, menacing by stalking, human trafficking, trafficking in persons, rape, or sexual battery and to allow wireless service account transfer in a domestic violence situation. Includes: confidential voter registration (note: person with a confidential address can only vote via absentee ballot)	Secretary of State's Office Release here: https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/download?key=5528&format=pdf
Oklahoma	Address Confidentiality Program	Okla..Stat. tit. 22, § 60.14 (2008) Includes: Confidential Voter Registration; Public Schools required to accept ACP address as valid residential address Participation in the program allows eligible voters to apply to vote as an absentee voter. Neither the participant's name nor address will appear on any list of registered voters made available to the public.	Address Confidentiality Program ACP PO Box 60189 Oklahoma City, OK 73146-0189 Toll Free:(405) 557-1700 1-866-227-7784 (Oklahoma Only) https://www.ok.gov/oag/Public_Safety/Victim_Services/Address_Confidentiality_Program.html

Oregon	Address Confidentiality Program	<p>Or. Rev. Stat. §§ 192.820 – 192.868 (2008)</p> <p>Can apply to register to vote with confidential address in certain cases, like if part of ACP (http://sos.oregon.gov/voting/Pages/homeless-confidential.aspx)</p> <p>Eligibility: lives in Oregon, and a) Is over 18 years old*, and b) Is a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking, and c) Has recently relocated (or is about to relocate) to an address unknown to the perpetrator or any government agencies. *Parents or guardians may apply on behalf of incapacitated adults and minor children.</p>	<p>Address Confidentiality Program PO Box 1108, Salem, OR 97308 (503) 373-1323 or toll-free within Oregon only: 1-888-559-9090 http://www.doj.state.or.us/victims/confidentiality.shtml</p>
Pennsylvania	Address Confidentiality Program	<p>23 Pa. Cons. Stat. Ann. §§ 6701 - 6713 (2008)</p> <p>Can be used for voter registration: Participants cannot register to vote at the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) or with other state agencies; program works directly with the county voter registration office. Before an election, ACP participants will receive a ballot and use this ballot to vote. The participant returns the ballot to the director at the county voter registration office. Note: Penalties for providing false information/fraud.</p>	<p>Address Confidentiality Program 1101 S. Front St. Ste 5200 Harrisburg, PA 17104 (800) 563-6399 http://www.paacp.state.pa.us</p>
Puerto Rico	<p>None</p> <p>Puerto Rico has received some funding and is in the process of attempting to implement a program through the Department of Justice. The hope is implement a program soon.</p>		
Rhode Island	Confidential Voter Registration	<p>R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 17-28-1 to 17-28-8 (2008)</p> <p>http://webserver.rilin.state.ri.us/Statutes/TITLE17/17-28/INDEX.HTM</p> <p>Note: Must have active RO against someone (either in state or out of state) or a domestic violence no contact order to be a part of program</p>	<p>Elections Division- Secretary of State 148 W. River St., Providence, RI 02904 (401) 222-2340 http://www.sos.ri.gov/divisions/Elections/Voters/voter-registration (Confidentiality information at bottom of site)</p>
South Carolina	None		
South Dakota	None		
Tennessee	Confidential Address for Obtaining Utilities	<p>Tenn. Code Ann. §10-7-504 subdivision (a)(15)(B) [2013]</p> <p>Eligibility requires a valid Protection Order.</p>	Eligible participants should contact their local utility company to apply.
Texas	Address Confidentiality Program	<p>Tex. Code Crim. Proc. Ann. art. 56.81 - 56.93 (2008)</p> <p>Note: May be required to have a protective order if Attorney General requires pursuant to §56.83. May use ACP address for voter registration but must register in person and present ID. Can then receive ballots in mail.</p>	<p>Address Confidentiality Program PO Box 12199 MC-069 (888) 832-2322 https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/victims/acp.shtml</p>
Utah	None		

Vermont	"Safe at Home" Address Confidentiality Program	<p>Vt. Stat. Ann tit. 15, § 1150-1160 (2008)</p> <p>See Vt. Stat. Ann tit. 18, § 5083 (Birth records) & § 5132 (Marriage Certificates); Vt. Stat. Ann tit. 17, § 2122 (Voting) & § 2126 (Village Checklist) for participants of the ACP</p> <p>Note: Subject to prosecution for knowingly providing false or incorrect information; Participants can vote as Blind Ballot Absentee Voter</p> <p>Eligibility: Victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking; who has: Relocated or is about to relocate to an address unknown to the perpetrator; Not created any government records with their new address; Is a resident of VT or is about to become a resident; Is at least 18 years old, an emancipated minor, or a parent or guardian acting on behalf of a minor or incapacitated person; Is willing to designate the secretary of state as their agent to receive legal documents and first-class mail; and can manage with a two- to five-day mail delay (since mail first comes to Safe at Home and is then forwarded).</p>	<p>Safe at Home PO Box 1568 Montpelier, VT 05601-1568 (802) 828-0586 800-439-8683 (Vermont only) https://www.sec.state.vt.us/safe-at-home.aspx</p>
Virginia	Address Confidentiality Program	<p>Va. Code. Ann. § 2.2-515.2.(2011)*</p> <p>May apply to voting (http://www.oag.state.va.us/images/DomViolence/DV_2014/SummaryofACPforjuly01_2014.pdf) "Participant may request that the ACP substitute P.O. Box address in lieu of his/her actual street address on public voting records. The ACP participant should be cautioned that, although the residential address will not be made readily available on certain publicly available lists, the residential address may still appear on other voter documents, including the application itself, that may be subject to public inspection, as permitted by law."</p> <p>To apply for participation in the ACP, you must complete an application through your local domestic violence program. To access ACP application online, must have password.</p>	<p>Address Confidentiality Program P.O. Box 1133 Richmond, Virginia 23218-1133 804-786-2071 http://www.oag.state.va.us/programs-initiatives/domestic-violence/address-confidentiality-program</p> <p>Attorney General's Office 202 North Ninth Street Richmond, Virginia 23219</p>
Virgin Islands	None		
Washington	Address Confidentiality Program	<p>Wash. Rev. Code §§ 40.24.010 – 40.24.090 (2008)</p> <p>Includes: Confidential Voter Registration and Confidential Marriage License Records</p>	<p>Address Confidentiality Program PO Box 257, Olympia, WA 98507-0257 (360) 753-2972 (800) 822-1065 (Washington only) http://www.sos.wa.gov/acp/</p>
West Virginia	Address Confidentiality Program	<p>W.Va. Code §§ 48-28A-101 to 48-28A-110 (2008)</p> <p>Participants may use the ACP substitute address for: Voting, West Virginia driver's licenses or ID cards, applying for and receiving child support, & enrolling their children in public school; Application is made in person at a local domestic violence, sexual assault or victim service program located throughout the state by an approved application assistant. Misdemeanor crime to provide false information.</p>	<p>Address Confidentiality Program PO Box 5399, Charleston, WV 25361-0399 (304) 558-6000 (Sec of State office) or (866) 767-8683 (for ACP office) http://www.sos.wv.gov/public-services/acp/Pages/acp.aspx acp@wvsos.com</p>

Wisconsin	Confidential Voter Registration Address Confidentiality Program (effective April 1, 2017 through Office of the Attorney General)	Wis. Stat. § 6.47 (2010)* Must make written request in-person at office of municipal clerk; need at least one of 4 documents, each of which have their own time constraints: 1) copy of restraining order/injunction, 2) affidavit from sheriff/police, 3) statement from shelter agent, 4) statement from authorized domestic violence/sexual assault representative	For Mail: Wisconsin Government Accountability Board P.O. Box 7984 Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7984 Physical address: Wisconsin Government Accountability Board 212 East Washington Avenue, Third Floor Madison, Wisconsin 53703 (608) 266-8005 http://gab.wi.gov/elections-voting/voters/confidential
Wyoming	None		
Greater Boston Legal Services & National Network to End Domestic Violence Updated: NNEDV, Sept 2016 Original: Valenda Applegarth, 2009			