# **Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC)**

The Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC) is a non-profit organization with the sole mission of assisting states to improve the accuracy of America's voter rolls and increase access to voter registration for all eligible citizens. ERIC is governed and managed by states who choose to join, and was formed in 2012 with assistance from The Pew Charitable Trusts.

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The seven states that pioneered the formation of ERIC in 2012 are: Colorado, Delaware, Maryland, Nevada, Utah, Virginia, and Washington. Washington D.C., Oregon, Connecticut, Louisiana, and Minnesota joined in 2014, Alabama and Rhode Island in 2015, and more states are expected to join in 2016 and beyond.

### The Inspiration

The states were inspired to create ERIC due to the challenges in maintaining the accuracy of voter registration records. While most private industry, and many government agencies, have updated their systems to take advantage of modern technology, voter registration systems remain largely based on 19<sup>th</sup> century tools, such as handwriting on paper forms and postal mail. The inherent inefficiencies in the system result in unnecessarily high costs, and make it difficult to keep voter rolls clean throughout the country. For example, 1 in 8 voter registration records in America contain a serious error. In addition, more than 51 million citizens, or 25 percent, remain unregistered to vote.

# Who We Are

ERIC is a non-profit corporation governed by a board of directors made up of member-states.

#### **Member States**

Alabama Nevada
Colorado Oregon
Connecticut Rhode Island

Delaware Utah
Louisiana Virginia
Maryland Washington
Minnesota Washington D.C.