

Updating Voter Addresses Under NVRA

Figure 25

▶ **Updating voter addresses under NVRA**

When a voter moves, they don't always remember to update their voter registration. Federal law (NVRA: National Voter Registration Act) requires election offices to use a variety of data sources to keep up with America's increasingly mobile population.



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Get updated addresses from trusted sources

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Compare Addresses

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3. TAKE ACTION

Jurisdiction takes action



A. If the voter made a local move (i.e. within the election jurisdiction), the voter's address will be updated automatically. Depending on the jurisdiction, this may resolve that voter's address, or the election office may proceed to 3B.

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B. The election office will follow up with the voter to see if the address has changed. This is often done by mailing a forwardable letter to the voter asking if they have moved.

4. WAIT FOR RESPONSE

Jurisdiction receives response from voter



A. The election jurisdiction waits for contact with the voter. If contact is made, the election jurisdiction will update their records.



B. If no contact is made, the voter will remain eligible to vote (under the original address) for two federal election cycles, then may be removed from the list of eligible voters.

Note: This outline is based on the "NVRA General Program" process in the Election Model. Some steps have been removed or combined for simplicity. Note that this process was modeled before the ruling in "Husted v. Randolph Institute."

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