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Maintaining geographic data and associating it with individual voters form the building blocks of everything else in election administration. Election officials need to maintain address information, district boundaries, precinct boundaries and precinct split information in order to determine what an individual voter is eligible to vote on in a given election.



















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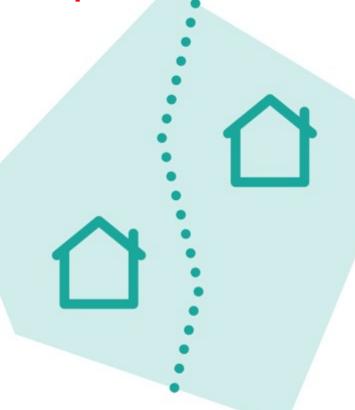
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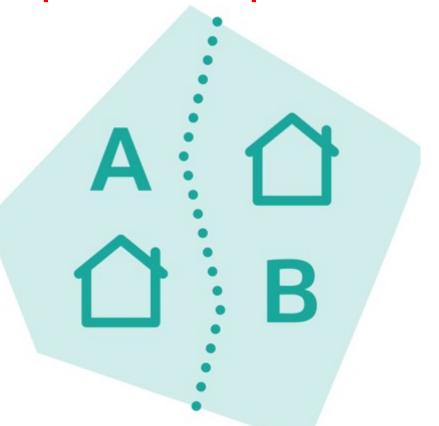
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