

The services that ERIC provides include three things that are vital to election integrity. One, they identify dead voters whose names are still on Alabama's voter rolls. Two, they identify people who have moved away to other states that are still on Alabama's voter rolls. Three, they identify voters who have been convicted of a disqualifying crime and are now ineligible to vote but are still on our voter rolls.

These three tasks are not just important, they are vital. Without a continuous cleansing of ineligible voters off our rolls, those who would commit fraud can organize to attempt to vote for the dead, the moved-away, and the criminally ineligible.

During the current administration, which is the past seven years, here is the fruit of the ERIC service: The Alabama Secretary of State has removed 1.3 million ineligible voters.

To quit this service without another method in place to cleanse the voter rolls would be inviting election problems. We do not need to leave ineligible voters on the rolls.

I have a totally different approach. If I am blessed to win the Republican nomination for Secretary of State, I will go ahead and name a working group to study ERIC, the present program. They are to evaluate it and to spot problems and potential problems. They will develop alternatives to accomplish these vital purges of ineligible voters. They will report back to me by inauguration day in January 2023.

We do not need to withdraw from a voter roll cleansing program without having another better one ready to go.

I call this “Plan Z.” Zero ineligible voters. Zero voter fraud.

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