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DEPARTMENT *of* ELECTIONS

**Official ELECT Advisory**

**DATE:** April 30, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Changes to Voter List Maintenance during the NVRA Quiet Period

**WHY THIS IS NEEDED:** Under the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA), states must complete any list maintenance program that "systematically removes the names of ineligible voters from the official list of eligible voters" no later than 90 days before a primary or general election for federal office. This is commonly known as the "90-day quiet period."

On April 17, 2026, the Office of the Attorney General [issued an official opinion](#) on the applicability of the 90-day quiet period to data received from the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) pursuant to Va. Code §§ [24.2-410.1\(A\)](#) and [46.2-328.1\(E\)](#). The opinion concludes that noncitizen voter registration cancellations made under the current process using the data received pursuant to these code sections may not occur within 90 days of a federal primary or general election.

**HOW THIS AFFECTS YOU:** The 90-day quiet period before the federal primary election begins **Wednesday, May 6, 2026**. During this time, ELECT will not populate noncitizen hoppers, and registrars must ensure no voter's registration is cancelled based on noncitizen information provided by ELECT to the hoppers.

If a voter's deadline to affirm their citizenship falls on or after Wednesday, May 6, 2026, the voter **cannot** be removed from the voter registration list until there is no applicable quiet period.

Please note, the 90-day quiet period before federal elections does not prohibit the following:

- Removals at the request of the registrant;
- Removals due to death;
- Removals due to a criminal conviction or mental incapacity as provided by State law; or
- Corrections to a registrant's information.

General registrars will continue to receive and process records in their hoppers for these permitted list maintenance activities.

**ACTION ITEMS:** 1. Move any noncitizen records in "notify voter" status whose deadline to affirm their citizenship occurs on or after

Wednesday, May 6, 2026 to "needs research" status by the **close of business on Tuesday, May 5, 2026.**

2. Upon completing item 1, confirm that no voters in your noncitizen hopper remain in "notify voter" status.

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ELECT will issue additional guidance regarding processing any noncitizen records in "needs research" status once the quiet period ends.

**CONTACT:** **For technical matters:** Submit a JIRA ticket to the System Support team for all VERIS-related issues

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