MEMORANDUM OF SUPPORT
BILL TO AUTHORIZE NEW YORK STATE TO JOIN ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION INFORMATION CENTER
S6173B (Skoufis) / A7052C (Sillitti)

To: New York State Assembly and Senate
Re: S6173B (Skoufis)/ A7052C (Sillitti)
Date: June 2024

The League of Women Voters of New York State strongly supports passage of this bill, which would allow New York State to join a multistate voter list maintenance organization, such as the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC).

The Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan membership organization created by and comprised of state election officials from around the United States. ERIC is the most effective tool available to help election officials maintain more accurate voter rolls.

ERIC's core services revolve around cross-checking voter enrollment data among member states by generating four key reports:[1]

- **Cross-State Movers Report:** Identifies voters who appear to have moved from one ERIC state to another using voter registration data and MVD data.
- **In-State Movers Report:** Identifies voters who appear to have moved within the state using voter registration and MVD data.
- **Duplicate Report:** Identifies voters with duplicate registrations in the same state using voter registration data.
- **Deceased Report:** Identifies voters who have died using voter registration data and Social Security death data known as the Limited Access Death Master File.

ERIC also helps states reach out to potentially eligible but not yet registered individuals with information on how best to register to vote, which means it also has the promise to increase civic participation across New York State. Election officials from ERIC member states have recognized that ERIC both encourages new and updated voter registrations and limits the need for voters to cast provisional ballots by helping states maintain accurate lists, communicate with voters, and steer them to the right precinct.[2]

Not only would this bill take some of the stress off boards of election staff, who are responsible for much of our currently database maintenance, but in an age of rampant mis and disinformation around how our election systems work this bill would help combat that by providing more transparency around our voter rolls. A database such as ERIC would improve the accuracy of New York's voter rolls, increase access to voter registration, reduce election costs, and increase efficiency.

For the aforementioned reasons, the League of Women Voters of New York State strongly supports this bill (S6173B/A7052C). We applaud the Senate for passing the bill and we urge the Assembly to pass the bill this session.

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[1] ERIC, How Does it Work?
[2] https://www.nytimes.com/2018/11/05/technology/unregistered-voter-rolls.html