

MassGOP Election Integrity and Registration Committee

What Does Integrity Mean?

- Integrity involves consistency between words and actions, signifying adherence to ethical standards and values.
- Integrity is the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles.
- It's about doing the right thing, even when it's difficult or no one is watching.
- Demonstrating integrity fosters respect, reliability, and trustworthiness.

• Integrity is the ability to hold together and properly regulate all of the elements of a process

What defines Integrity Of A Process?

- Ensuring that a system or procedure is carried out completely, accurately, reliably, and without any unauthorized manipulation.
- Essentially guaranteeing that the process is followed correctly from start to finish with no errors or deviations.
- Maintaining the validity and trustworthiness of the outcome; it's often used in contexts like data management, quality control, and compliance where maintaining the accuracy and consistency of a process is crucial.

Elements That Ensure Integrity of Process

- Accuracy: All steps in the process are performed correctly and produce accurate results.
- Completeness: No important steps are skipped or omitted.
- Consistency: The process is followed uniformly every time, regardless of who is performing it.
- Authorization: Only authorized individuals or actions are involved in the process.
- Traceability: The process allows for tracking each step and identifying any potential issues.

Choke Points Impacting Election Integrity

- Lack of information on all the processes involved.
- Inconsistent application of rules to execute process correctly.
- Incomplete or incorrect data from the source.
- Use of incorrect data sources.
- Lack of understanding for each process at grass roots level.
- Lack of training to positively impact/correct point of failure.
 - Ambiguous or weak legislation to enforce the proper process.

Mission Statement of MassGOP Election Integrity and Registration Committee (EIRC)

- The Massachusetts Republican Party (MassGOP) Election Integrity and Registration Committee (EIRC) protects the legitimacy of elections in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts by following sound processes and guidance aimed at reducing the risk of voter fraud.
- Voter information must be transparent and available for scrutiny and analysis by the public.
- The EIRC will inspect every aspect of the election process and pursue changes to promote the security and integrity of our elections.
- The EIRC recognizes above all the vote of a citizen as a right protected by the United States Constitution and it is our duty and honor to defend that right.

Goals and Objectives of MassGOP EIRC

To address modern challenges to the election process in Massachusetts, the EIRC has developed an eight-point plan aimed at establishing and maintaining trust in the election process.

GOAL 1

 Voter ID: A photo ID system is critical to ensure election integrity. Many states have implemented an ID process that respects privacy without compromising access to voting. The EIRC will work with government leaders and citizen groups to enact Voter ID legislation.

Clean the Voter Rolls: The voter rolls are managed by 351 local entities and overseen by the Massachusetts Secretary of the Commonwealth. Every effort should be made to put processes in place to maintain accurate voter rolls and prevent fraud.

- Make voter rolls available for inspection by citizens.
- Remove people who do not belong on the voter rolls, including.
 - Non-citizens; deceased; long-term inactive voters, and those who have moved out of state.
- Develop partnerships with other states to deconflict and properly assign voters registered in multiple states.
- Eliminate errors in registration data, such as incorrect birth dates; incorrect registration dates; and duplicate records.
- Encourage local registrars along with the Republican Town Committee (RTC) or City Committee (RCC) Election Integrity Representatives to review their local voter files regularly.
- Encourage positive relations with the senior local municipal election representatives to ensure accountability of process and a commitment towards accurate voter rolls.

Registry of Motor Vehicles: Massachusetts enacted the Motor Voter Law in 1995 in accordance with the National Voter Registration Act. Among other things, the law enables the Registry of Motor Vehicles to collect voter registration information when someone applies for a drivers' license or renews a license. The process has resulted in multiple unintended consequences, particularly when associated with non-citizens being granted drivers' licenses and unauthorized changing of voter's party registration.

- Obtain clear documentation that indicates how citizenship is accurately determined for people who sign attestation of citizenship on driver registration forms that enable them to register to vote.
- Work to eliminate the problem of duplicate voter registration records being generated in the state Voter Registration Information System (VRIS).
- Work to fix conflicting data being input into VRIS for a voter who already exists in the system.
- Work to establish transparency of records generated and maintained by the RMV.

Secure Mail-In Ballots: There are potential problems associated with mail-in ballots, such as ballot applications sent to incorrect addresses, ballot harvesting, and missing chain of custody. The mail-in ballot process must ensure transparency and accountability to track the ballot at any moment during the election process.

- Mail-in ballots must be monitored in a secure environment.
- Mail-in ballots must be counted separately.
- Signatures on ballot applications must match signature on mail ballot.
- The process of counting Mail-in ballots should be overseen by an RTC or RCC Election Integrity Representative in that city or town.
- Ballot applications and ballots must only be sent to legally registered voters.

The EIRC will support the City and Town Committees

- Help identify and correct problems with how elections are run on a local level.
- Act as a liaison with city and town committees.
- Stand up an election integrity response team during each election cycle to address potential voter fraud as it happens.
- Develop and provide training for registrars, poll workers, poll observers and any other personnel who will be involved in the election process.
- Communicate the activities, votes and accepted policy changes enacted by the MassGOP Election Integrity and Registration Committee.
- Coordinate with MassGOP to recruit and assign poll workers to certain at risk districts.

Update and Enforce Federal Election Standards: Massachusetts should support and incorporate recognized Federal Election Standards, best practices and new policies approved by the MassGOP Election Integrity and Registration Committee. Election standards help ensure elections are efficient, secure, and accessible, while protecting state sovereignty.

- Recognize there currently is a movement to create consistency and standards at the Federal level.
- Connect to and stay appraised of all Federal level activities and information regarding Election Integrity.
- Modify goals, objectives and training to align with new directives on Federal level.

Obtain and understand the laws, policies, and guidelines that affect fair elections at the national, state, and local levels. Provide training and documents that ensure the local RTC and RCC Election Integrity Representative has a working knowledge of election laws in the Commonwealth. Research changes to laws and be agile in incorporating those changes into our goals, training, and communications to the local RTCs and RCCs.

- Designate a legal representative for the MassGOP EIRC.
- Refer issues from local RTCs/RCCs that may result in legal challenges to legal representative.
- Assist RTCs and RCCs with compliance solutions, <u>resolve at lowest level</u>.
- Work with Mass Legislative Representatives to introduce new legislation when needed.
- Scan media, for changes in election laws, policies and procedures.
- Develop process for fielding election challenges and questions during live elections.
- Coordinate with other legal assets within the state.

Maintain the use of paper ballots to use as a method to audit election results when machine counting results are questionable.

- Fortunately the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is one of the states that continue to use paper ballots
- Encourage Mass election legislators to insist we do not stray from the paper ballot or use replacement technology such as computers or portable pads.

Our Commitment

The right to vote in a fair election is the most basic civil right - one which many other rights depend upon.

The EIRC will work to ensure that every legitimate vote counts and that elections are lawful and verifiable.

Social Media Progress

- It's about communication up and down the line.
- Working on a webpage with the MassGOP and the RNC to be accessible via the MassGOP Webpage.
- A "One Source" for Election Integrity News, Training Resources, Legal Activities, Analysis of Data.

- Happy to announce we have a Face Book Group.
 - MassGOP Election Integrity