

# Washington State Elections Weekly

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## Multnomah County Job Recruitment

The Multnomah County Elections Division in Oregon is recruiting for a mail ballot specialist to be responsible for the mailing program associated with vote by mail and portions of return ballot processing. For more information, please see the [recruitment announcement](#).

## Pew's Online Voter Registration Survey Results

Learn more about Pew's [survey results](#) of 13 online voter registration states. The survey explores five categories – cost, implementation, voter convenience, system management, and online security – and identifies how these states would like to improve online voter registration.

## Deceased Pend – ERIC Data Included

On Tuesday, January 21, we pended 2624 potentially deceased voters. For the first time, this includes the records from the ERIC Deceased Voter report. ERIC records in Deceased Management will have “ERIC\*” in the “Death Cert No.” field.

ERIC has a more sophisticated system for finding matches (one that accounts for errors in birthdates, variations in name spellings, etc.), so it made some associations between death records and our voters that we had never caught before. This means there will be some death records that are older than what you're used to seeing. There may also be some false positive matches; email [vrsupport@sos.wa.gov](mailto:vrsupport@sos.wa.gov) if you see any problems with the ERIC data.

## Other ERIC List Maintenance Reports

The ERIC Cross-State Duplicate and In-State Update reports are ready, but we will hold off sending them until after the February Election. The number of records on the reports is slightly higher than before, due to the inclusion of more inactive voters. Preliminary numbers of records for each county are [here](#); these numbers may go down slightly after we check the reports against the January 31 VRDB extract and sift out any that are already updated or cancelled.

We will upload the In-State Duplicate records to be processed through Duplicate Management on VRDB Admin.

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