

State Board of Elections Policy 2009-3

A meeting of the Virginia State Board of Elections was held on July 10, 2009, at which the following policy was proposed and approved by the Board:

Contents of Voter History Lists Authorized in § 24.2-406

WHEREAS, the Code of Virginia, § 2.2-3803 requires that state agencies maintaining information databases “[c]ollect...and disseminate only that personal information permitted or required by law to be collected, maintained, used, or disseminated, or necessary to accomplish a proper purpose of the agency;”

WHEREAS, “personal information” defined in § 2.2-3801 effective July 1, 2010, includes the record of an individual’s registration, presence, political ideology and agency issued identification number;

WHEREAS, § 24.2-406 requires the State Board of Elections to provide for a “reasonable price” lists containing personal voter history information to authorized users who must execute a statutory user agreement set forth in § 24.2-407 under felony penalty;

WHEREAS, the purpose of the use authorized in § 24.2-406 is to facilitate campaigning and communication with constituents;

WHEREAS, representatives of the Democratic and Republican parties have asked the State Board of Elections to evaluate the information included in lists authorized under § 24.2-406 consistent with the statutorily authorized purposes and reasonable price;

Now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the State Board of Elections under its authority to issue rules and regulations to promote the proper administration of election laws and obtain uniformity in the administration of elections pursuant to § 24.2-103, that

Lists provided by the State Board to authorized users under §§ 24.2-406 and 24.2-407 may include the following fields of information:

1. Voter identification number;
2. Name;
3. Address;
4. Locality;
5. Precinct;
6. Election district;
7. Gender;
8. Full date of birth;
9. Registration date;
10. Mailing address (if any);
11. Active or inactive Status;
12. Election date;
13. Primary type (if any); and
14. Absentee status.