



Freedom Principle MO Calls On Secretary of State Ashcroft To Immediately Terminate All Contracts With ERIC System Given Latest Revelation Of Nonexistence Offices And Servers

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The Freedom Principle MO is calling on Secretary of State Ashcroft to immediately terminate Missouri's contracts with the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC), a non-profit organization set up to assist states in improving the accuracy of voter rolls, given the bombshell news story by Alabama's Secretary of State Wes Allen, who discovered the offices listed as the corporate headquarters of ERIC do not exist. "It is in the best interest of Missouri voters for Secretary Ashcroft to immediately terminate all contracts and data-sharing links with this service," said Byron Keelin, President of the Freedom Principle MO.

According to public information, Missouri joined ERIC in 2017 and has paid dues ranging from \$25,000 to \$50,000 per year. For the past five years, Missouri has transmitted the personal information of millions of citizens to this private organization. This sensitive data included the following information:

- Personal Names
- Personal Address
- Driver's License or State ID Numbers
- Last four digits of Social Security Numbers
- Date of Birth
- Affirmative Documentation of Citizenship
- Phone Number
- E-Mail address or other electronic contact methods

"This sensitive data is supposed to be stored on a secured server maintained by ERIC, but we have learned from this news story that these servers are nowhere to be found and no one can tell us where the data is stored," said Keelin. "This means Missourian's personal information could be compromised."

The ERIC system was created by David Becker, an experienced Democrat election lawyer, The Pew Research Center On The States, and was funded by a grant provided by the George Soros Open Society. “In addition to immediately terminating all contracts and data-sharing links, we are asking Secretary Ashcroft to work with the Attorney General’s office and determine if the founding partners of ERIC colluded to commit election fraud by manipulating data to inflate voter rolls,” said Keelin.

According to a January 21, 2022, article in “Your News” “ERIC located 17 million new voters for the 2020 election, the most in the history of their organization.” “Secretary Ashcroft has stated that ERIC has significant flaws and that he and other member states were demanding serious fixes to the ERIC system or that they would be joining Louisiana and Alabama in discontinuing their membership,” said Keelin. “We believe this revelation of their empty corporate offices and non-existent servers proves ERIC has been a scam and Missouri should immediately terminate its relationship.”

The Freedom Principle MO has been working hard this legislative session to get the Missouri Senate to conduct a hearing on SB 98, sponsored by Senator Bill Eigel. SB 98 would terminate Missouri’s ties to ERIC and remove all electronic voting and election equipment. “This shocking news story is further evidence of why the Missouri Senate should immediately pass SB 78 and end our dependence on all automatic tabulating equipment, electronic voting machines, and voting registration machines in elections,” said Keelin.

Missourians saw what happened in 2020 and 2022 as our election process was shaken to its core. Our republic depends on our ability to elect who represents us, and Missouri’s participation in the ERIC system puts this under threat. The right to vote and the right to have our vote counted is essential to our American republic. It is imperative Secretary Ashcroft immediately withdraws Missouri’s participation from this service.

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