

Help Ensure that Correctly Elected Candidates Are Sworn Into Office Following Elections! American Democracy Needs You!

Pinpoint exactly where probable vote count errors occurred; by using our legal right to collect detailed election results data! If this data can be collected quickly after elections, we will know before candidates concede whether their election results appear to reflect voters' intent or not.

How can I Collect Data for the National Election Data Archive?

1. To learn details on what data we need and why please read:
http://www.electionarchive.org/ucvAnalysis/US/election_officials/ElectionArchive_advice.pdf
2. **Make freedom of information act requests** to your state's county or township election offices. Requests must be made specific to each state's freedom of information act law. Go to http://electionarchive.net/public/ucv_select_info.php
 - a. If there is already an existing sample letter for your state, modify it to address each county or township election official.
 - b. Find the name of your election officials:
<http://electionarchive.org/fairelection/stateofficials.html>
 - c. If there is not an existing sample letter for your state:
 - i. Find your state's freedom of information act:
http://electionarchive.net/docs_html/info/US/FOI_Acts.php
 - ii. Create a request for your state similar to the sample requests for other states. If possible, ask a local volunteer attorney in your state to review your letter.
 - d. If you create a new or improved version of your state's information request, please email it to foia_requests@uscountvotes.org so that we can post it for other volunteers.
 - e. You may have to pay a charge for the data, but the charge should not be prohibitive - legal actions may be needed if officials charge too much or only give out data on paper.
 - f. Your election officials should give you the electronic version of the election results data in whatever format they have it on their own computers.
 - g. In some states or counties, legal help may be needed to obtain our data. Now is the time to fight those legal battles, well prior to any election when we'll want data quickly. Immediately after elections we want *unofficial* election data prior to certification but from official sources.
3. **Coordinate with others who are collecting data in your state.** To coordinate and avoid redundant efforts, sign up for the email list for your state:
<http://www.electionarchive.org/fairelection/statesubscribe.html>
4. **Create an account for uploading data** to the public National Election Data Archive at <http://electionarchive.net> and request permission to upload data. Tight security is necessary to ensure that our servers are not maliciously overloaded with bad data, so you will be contacted to ensure that you are legitimate.
5. **Upload the data** by logging into <http://electionarchive.net> and following the instructions. Original and unmodified election results documents directly from officials will best ensure accuracy. If you must upload data in an electronic format that you created from paper records, then be sure to specify that the file was created by yourself and is not an official document. Please be sure to accurately fill out all required information about the data when uploading it.

All uploaded election data will be made publicly available for independent analysis.

Other volunteers are needed as well, including attorneys in each state, a volunteer at headquarters in Park City, UT (place to live included), pr/marketing persons, fundraisers, and election official liaisons to arrange for faster access to data with the over 33,000 local election officials. Contact kathy@uscountvotes.org to help. We need to collect the 2004 election data to test our new system.