

State holding off on voter data response as federal lawsuit continues

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The state Elections Commission says it's holding off on responding to President Trump's panel looking at election integrity until a ruling from a federal judge on the issue.

The agency has been working on a formal response to the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity, which has asked states for data on their voters that includes their names, birthdays and last four digits of their Social Security numbers.

But the federal commission today asked states to hold off on their responses until a federal ruling comes down on a lawsuit filed by the Electronic Privacy Information Center, the state Elections Commission said. EPIC is asking a judge to block the federal panel from collecting the information as its lawsuit continues.

Elections Commission Administrator Michael Haas said last month the state doesn't have the legal authority to share confidential voter information. But he also said the feds could pay a \$12,500 fee to get access to the statewide voter file, which holds more limited information.

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Haas updated his statement after today's developments, saying the agency's "response is on hold until this legal question has been resolved."

See the updated Elections Commission statement:
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