

As outlined, the proposed changes make sense. Areas of concern to my mind include the following.

1. I assume that 'individualization' means that members of a household won't be registered by the "head of household" but must register themselves. Good.
2. I'd like to see an end to names remaining on the list forever until cancelled. When I became aware of this, I found my name was still on the register at three previous addresses. Annual renewal should be required, as in the UK (in the past - it might have changed)
3. Those two changes alone will probably reduce number of names on the register considerably. What impact will that have?
4. Past UK practice seemed good to me: the head of household received a copy of last year's entry by post. If there were no changes, he simply had to sign and return it. That can be adapted for 'individualization'.
5. Options to register on-line make sense but I would still favour a postal reminder to register - or to confirm that your status has not changed.
6. Requirements for ID are a must. Any opposition should be resisted.
7. I'd like to see youngsters allowed to register during the year before they reach voting age, with the registration only becoming active on their birthday.
8. Linked to that, I'd like to see schools encouraging students to register in the course of classes in Civics etc
9. Clear rules should be established re the uses that the register can be put to - and limited to the minimum necessary. Registration forms should make these limits clear. Potential voters should not be deterred by fears that registration might get their names onto mailing lists. (Some political activists might disagree - but they can mail all their constituents without pretending to personalize them.)

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