§ 4140. Deaths; registration. 1. The death of each person who has died in this state shall be registered immediately and not later than seventy-two hours after death or the finding of a dead human body, by filing with the registrar of the district in which the death occurred or the body was found a certificate of such death, in a manner and format as prescribed by the commissioner, which shall include through electronic means in accordance with section forty-one hundred forty-eight of this title.

2. If the certificate of death is properly executed and complete, the registrar of the district in which the death occurred shall then issue a burial or removal permit to the funeral director or undertaker. In case the death occurred from a disease which is designated in the sanitary code as a communicable disease, no permit for the removal or other disposition of the body shall be issued by the registrar, except to a funeral director or undertaker licensed in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, under such conditions as may be prescribed in the sanitary code.

3. The commissioner and the department of health of the city of New York shall deliver to the state board of elections, at least monthly, records in a format as mutually determined by both agencies, of the names of all persons of voting age for whom death certificates were issued. Such records shall be arranged by county of residence and shall include the name, residence address and birth date of each such person.