

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
For State to State Voter Registration Data Comparison
– State of Alabama and State of Louisiana

This Memorandum of Understanding is made between state election officials respectively of the States of Alabama and Louisiana.

WHEREAS, States recognize the importance of preventing voting fraud and of preserving the integrity of the electoral process;

WHEREAS, the States acknowledge that the sharing of voter registration data is a critical tool in detecting and preventing voter fraud;

WHEREAS, the existence of centralized, interactive, computerized statewide voter registration lists facilitates the interoperability of voter lists for the purpose of comparison and cross checking of voter registration records;

WHEREAS, the state election officials of the respective States desire to enter into this Memorandum of Understanding to set forth the terms of an agreement between the respective officers, on behalf of their respective States, to establish between them and between the States a process for each State to improve the accuracy of each State's voter registration list by identifying duplicate voter registrations;

WHEREAS, the Secretary of State for Louisiana is authorized by the Louisiana Election Code, La. R.S. 18:18(D), to enter into cooperative agreements with other states to share voter registration information or data to determine whether a voter is registered in more than one state and for the maintenance of the Louisiana voter register computer system.

WHEREAS, the Secretary of State for Alabama is authorized by Alabama Code Section 17-4-38.1 to enter into agreements to share information or data with other states to maintain Alabama's statewide voter registration database.

NOW, THEREFORE, the undersigned state election officials, in exchange for the mutual promises and commitments contained in this Memorandum of Understanding, do hereby agree as follows:

1. The States agree to share statewide voter registration data for the purposes of cross checking and identifying duplicate registrations and instances of voting more than once in the same or similar election.
2. The process of cross checking will be as follows:
 - a. Each State will securely share an electronic file (Exhibit A) containing statewide voter registration data, excluding protected Alabama voters under Alabama Code Section 17-4-33(b)(1), and excluding Louisiana voter information protected under La. R.S. 18:154(C)(1)(h), (D), and (F)(7), to the other Secretary of State's office in a format and on a schedule to be determined by mutual agreement, with the intention of conducting a cross check at a minimum of once per year.

- b. Each State's data will be compared to the data from the other State.
 - c. Each State will share the results of the data cross check (Exhibit B) with the other State.
 - d. All data will be transferred to and from each State using agreed upon industry standard encryption technology and with password protection.
3. Each State shall maintain procedures and controls acceptable to the other State for the purpose of assuring that information in its possession is not mishandled, misused, released, disclosed, or used in an inappropriate manner by it, its agents, officers, or employees. All parties to this Agreement shall take all reasonable steps and precautions to safeguard this information and shall, to the extent provided by applicable state law, not divulge the information to parties other than those needed for the performance of duties under the Agreement. To the extent allowed under applicable law, information transferred under this Agreement shall be used only for the purposes identified in the Agreement.
4. Because the purpose of this Agreement is primarily investigatory in nature, shared data and information are subject to each State's applicable laws governing the protection of investigatory material. Information or data evidencing voter fraud, such as the same voter participating in elections in more than one state, may be shared with prosecuting authorities and each State agrees to cooperate with the other State's prosecuting authorities as needed.
5. If one State becomes aware of a cyber security incident that affects or is likely to affect either party's cyber security or voter data, it shall notify the other State immediately, but not more than twenty-four hours after becoming aware of the cyber security incident. In such event, the State shall share with the other State any information that subsequently becomes available that may assist the other State in mitigating and/or preventing any negative effects of the cyber security incident.
6. To the extent allowed under applicable state law, each State shall keep confidential all information concerning individual registrants. Each State further agrees that sensitive personally identifiable information shall remain confidential and shall be used only for the purpose of voter registration or criminal prosecution. Such sensitive personally identifiable information in Louisiana voter registration data shall include the month and day of a voter's date of birth, social security number, and driver's license number (La. R.S. 18:154(C)(1)), and sensitive personally identifiable information in Alabama voter registration data shall be pursuant to Alabama Code Section 8-38-2. To the extent allowed under applicable state law, the States shall not, under any conditions, resell, transfer, or convey information about the other State's registrants to any third party, except for prosecuting authorities pursuing allegations of voter fraud or to county or parish election officials in furtherance of voter list maintenance activities.
7. Each state election official shall designate such staff from his or her respective office as may be deemed necessary to carry out the terms of this Memorandum of Understanding.
8. If a State receives a public records request, subpoena, or other demand for State Data or Match Results ("the Responding State"), and it reasonably appears that such request may capture State Data obtained from the other State ("the Subject State"), the Responding State shall promptly notify the Subject State in writing of the request, subpoena, or demand

and the data sought. The States recognize that all public records requests, subpoenas, or demands are likely to be governed by the Responding State's laws in addition to any applicable federal law. To the extent allowed under applicable state law, the Responding State shall provide written notice to the Subject State regarding any legal determination and response before responding to any such request, subpoena, or demand.

9. To the extent allowed under applicable state law, neither State shall use, transmit, sell, or disclose Match Results or State Data from the other State for any purpose other than supporting the function of this Agreement and responding to lawful public records requests, subpoena, or other demand.
10. Each State shall follow all applicable document retention requirements and any applicable records disposition authorization concerning voter data received from the other State after the required retention period following the conclusion of the comparison and cross-checking of registration records.
11. Each state shall cooperate during investigations of duplicative election participation by doing research to confirm participation and providing information such as copies of voter registration forms, ballot affidavits, poll book signatures, if allowed by statute.
12. This Agreement is effective upon signature of both state election officials and shall remain in effect, unless it is amended or rescinded, until January 1, 2027.
13. Either State may terminate this Agreement upon providing written notice of intent to terminate at least thirty (30) days prior to the desired termination date.
14. All obligations to maintain the confidentiality of state voter registration data identified in Paragraph 6 of this Agreement shall survive termination of this Agreement until such time as the data is no longer considered confidential by the supplying State.
15. No amendments or additions to this Agreement will be binding unless in writing, signed by the state election officials of both States.
16. The provisions of this Agreement are separate and severable and the invalidity of any of them shall not affect or impair the validity or enforcement of the remaining provisions.

By signing my name below, I affirm that I am authorized to obligate my State in a Memorandum of Understanding with the other State for the purposes herein above stated.



Honorable Wes Allen
Alabama Secretary of State

7/3/24
Date



Honorable Nancy Landry
Louisiana Secretary of State

7/3/24
Date

EXHIBIT B PERFORMANCE DATA TO BE SHARED BY EACH STATE

1. Total number of registered voters
 - a. Active
 - b. Inactive
2. Total number of matched registrations and match criteria
3. Total number of matched registration acted upon
 - a. challenged voters for duplicative registrations
 - b. turned over for investigation of duplicative voting

EXHIBIT A INTERSTATE VOTER REGISTRATION DATA ELEMENTS

INTERSTATE VR DATA EXCHANGE - FILE FORMAT

FIELD ORDER	FIELD NAME	LENG TH	OPTI ONAL	DESCRIPTION	NOTES
1	voter_id	25	No	A unique identifier for each registrant	LA has a dash; When doing election participation send information at time of the federal election
2	county	50	No	Name of the county of residence	When doing election participation send information at time of the federal election
3	name_first	50	No	Registrant's First Name	When doing election participation send information at time of the federal election
4	name_middl e	50	No	Registrant's Middle Name	Need to know if it is required; When doing election participation send information at time of the federal election
5	name_last	50	No	Registrant's Last Name	When doing election participation send information at time of the federal election
6	name_suffix	25	Yes	Registrant's Name Suffix (SR, JR, III, etc.)	No punctuation, When doing election participation send information at time of the federal election
7	status	1	No	Registrant's Current Status (A=Active, I=Inactive)	When doing election participation send information at time of the federal election
8	birth_date	8	No	Registrant's Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)	When doing election participation send information at time of the federal election
9	ssn_last4	4	No	Last 4 Digits of Registrant's Social Security Number	When doing election participation send information at time of the federal election
10	reg_date	8	No	Original Date of Registration for Registrant (mm/dd/yyyy)	When doing election participation send information at time of the federal election
11	last_voted	8	Yes	Date of the Last Election in Which Registrant Participated (mm/dd/yyyy)	When doing election participation send federal election date
12	last_activity	8	No	Date of Registrant's Last Activity (mm/dd/yyyy)	The last activity date of the voter record

13	res_addr1	100	No	Residential Address Line 1	Useful for investigations of duplicate election participation
14	res_addr2	100	No	Residential Address Line 2	Useful for investigations of duplicate election participation
15	res_city	50	No	Residential City	Useful for investigations of duplicate election participation
16	res_state	2	No	Residential State	Useful for investigations of duplicate election participation
17	res_zip_code	5	No	Residential ZIP Code	Please remove zip+4 on this field; Useful for investigations of duplicate election participation Place zip+4 here if available; Useful for investigations of duplicate election participation
18	res_zip4	4	Yes	Residential ZIP Plus-four Code	Useful for investigations of duplicate election participation
19	res_country	50	No	Residential Country	Useful for investigations of duplicate election participation
20	mail_addr1	100	No	Mailing Address Line 1	Required for Pre-challenge and challenge notices
21	mail_addr2	100	No	Mailing Address Line 2	Required for Pre-challenge and challenge notices
22	mail_city	50	No	Mailing Address City	Required for Pre-challenge and challenge notices
23	mail_state	2	No	Mailing Address State	Required for Pre-challenge and challenge notices
24	mail_zip_code	5	No	Mailing ZIP Code	Please remove zip+4 on this field; Required for Pre-challenge and challenge notices Place zip+4 here if available; Required for Pre-challenge and challenge notices
25	mail_zip4	4	Yes	Mailing ZIP Plus-four Code	Required for Pre-challenge and challenge notices
26	mail_country		No	Mail Country	Required for Pre-challenge and challenge notices
27	gender	1	Yes	Either (M)ale, (F)emale or (U)n-specified	We have Mrs John Doe type registrations; Helps confirm match
28	phone_num	10	Yes	Phone number (2259221000)	Useful for investigations of duplicate election participation