## Interstate Voter Registration Crosscheck Program

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## National Voter Registration Act of 1993

- Section 2 Findings and Purposes
- (b) Purposes
- (1) to establish procedures that will increase the number of eligible citizens who register to vote in elections for Federal office;
- (2) to make it possible for Federal, State, and local governments to implement this subchapter in a manner that enhances the participation of eligible citizens as voters in elections for Federal office;
- (3) to protect the integrity of the electoral process; and
- (4) to ensure that accurate and current voter registration rolls are maintained.


# From the Federal Election Commission's guide: Implementing the National Voter Registration Act of 1993: 

The features (of the National Voter Registration Act) include a requirement that states "conduct a general program" the purpose of which is "to protect the integrity of the electoral process by ensuring the maintenance of an accurate and current voter registration roll for elections for Federal office"

## HAVA Section 303

(a) Computerized statewide voter registration list

Except as provided in subparagraph (B), each State, acting through the chief State election official, shall implement, in a uniform and nondiscriminatory manner, a single, uniform, official, centralized, interactive computerized statewide voter registration list defined, maintained, and administered at the State level that contains the name and registration information of every legally registered voter in the State...

## Participants in 2005



## Participants in 2012



Participants in 2013


Participants in 2014


Participants in 2015


Participants in 2016


Crosscheck Program—Number of Records Compared

2006
2010
2012
2013
2014
2015
2016

9 million
30 million
45 million
85 million
101 million
109 million
98 million

## Interstate Crosscheck Data Format

| Field | Format | Example |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Status | A=Active; I=Inactive | A |
| Date_Generated | YYYY/MM/DD | 2010/01/01 |
| First_Name |  | Bob |
| Middle_Name |  | Alan |
| Last_Name |  | Jones |
| Suffix Name | Jr |  |
| Date_of_Birth | YYYY/MM/DD | $1940 / 06 / 16$ |
| Voter_ID_Number |  | 123456 |
| Last_4_SSN |  | 7890 |
| Mailing Address | Line 1 Line 2 City State Zip | 123 Anywhere St... |
| County |  | Allen |
| Date_of_Registration | YYYY/MM/DD | $1970 / 01 / 01$ |
| Voted_in_2016 | Y=did vote; N=did not vote | Y |

## How does it work?

- Each state pulls data in January each year using prescribed data format
- Upload data to secure FTP site (hosted by Arkansas)
- Kansas IT department pulls data, runs comparison, uploads results to FTP site
- Each state downloads results from FTP site, processes them according to state laws \& regulations
- Kansas deletes all other states' data



## Grid of Potential Duplicate Voters Within States by DOB Last Name First Name

2012 AZ AR CO IL IA KS KY LA MI MS MO NE OK SD TN

| AZ |  | 2,829 | 24,863 | 16,014 | 7,153 | 3,687 | 688 | 2,062 | 27,617 | 2,220 | 7,569 | 3,306 | 4,006 | 2,449 | 3,614 |
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| AR | 2,829 |  | 4,557 | 6,950 | 2,430 | 2,686 | 691 | 5,957 | 5,085 | 6,477 | 11,049 | 995 | 7,403 | 433 | 7,180 |
| CO | 24,863 | 4,557 |  | 19,902 | 10,850 | 10,035 | 1,054 | 5,065 | 17,086 | 3,309 | 12,498 | 8,927 | 8,306 | 3,937 | 6,153 |
| IL | 16,014 | 6,950 | 19,902 |  | 31,882 | 6,311 | 2,467 | 5,207 | 49,260 | 10,766 | 39,658 | 3,803 | 4,834 | 1,500 | 12,469 |
| IA | 7,153 | 2,430 | 10,850 | 31,882 |  | 4,706 | 526 | 1,558 | 7,019 | 1,797 | 11,563 | 10,954 | 2,031 | 4,865 | 2,806 |
| KS | 3,687 | 2,686 | 10,035 | 6,311 | 4,706 |  | 401 | 1,369 | 4,461 | 1,397 | 31,082 | 4,196 | 6,575 | 905 | 2,205 |
| KY | 688 | 691 | 1,054 | 2,467 |  |  |  |  |  | 1,08 |  | 233 | 576 | 117 | 1,905 |
| L | 2,062 | 5,957 | 5,065 | 5,207 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 810 | 2,829 | 277 | 4,422 |
| MI | 27,617 | 5,085 | 17,086 | 49,260 | 7,019 | 4,461 | 2,267 | 6,851 |  | 7,527 | 12,960 | 2,416 | 4,067 | 1,265 | 16,956 |
| MS | 2,220 | 6,477 | 3,309 | 10,766 | 1,797 | 1,397 | 1,085 | 17,744 | 7,527 |  | 5,607 | 780 | 2,364 | 305 | 21,661 |
| MO | 7,569 | 11,049 | 12,498 | 39,658 | 11,563 | 31,082 | 1,195 | 5,254 | 12,960 | 5,607 |  | 4,244 | 7,539 | 1,300 | 7,804 |
| NE | 3,306 | 995 | 8,927 | 3,803 | 10,954 | 4,196 | 233 | 810 | 2,416 | 780 | 4,244 |  | 1,126 | 2,608 | 1,108 |
| OK | 4,006 | 7,403 | 8,306 | 4,834 | 2,031 | 6,575 | 576 | 2,829 | 4,067 | 2,364 | 7,539 | 1,126 |  | 402 | 2,858 |
| SD | 2,449 | 433 | 3,937 | 1,500 | 4,865 | 905 | 117 | 277 | 1,265 | 305 | 1,300 | 2,608 | 402 |  | 537 |
| TN | 3,614 | 7,180 | 6,153 | 12,469 | 2,806 | 2,205 | 1,905 | 4,422 | 16,956 | 21,661 | 7,804 | 1,108 | 2,858 | 537 |  |
| Totals | 108,077 | 64,722 | 136,542 | 211,023 | 100,140 | 80,016 | 14,078 | 60,278 | 164,837 | 83,039 | 159,322 | 45,506 | 54,916 | 20,900 | 91,6 |

## INTERESTING TIDBITS

2016 POTENTIAL MATCHES - OVER FIVE MILLION
DUPLICATE RECORDS WITHIN A STATE - 220,000

## What does it cost to participate?

## \$0

## How Can a State Join the Crosscheck?

1. Chief State Election Official signs the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
2. CSEO assigns two staff members:

- one election administration person
- one IT person

3. Staff members will:

- participate in annual conference call and email
- pull VR data in January
- receive cross check results and process
- instruct local elections officials (respond to requests for addresses, signatures on poll books, etc.)


# For more information on participating, contact: 

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