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.



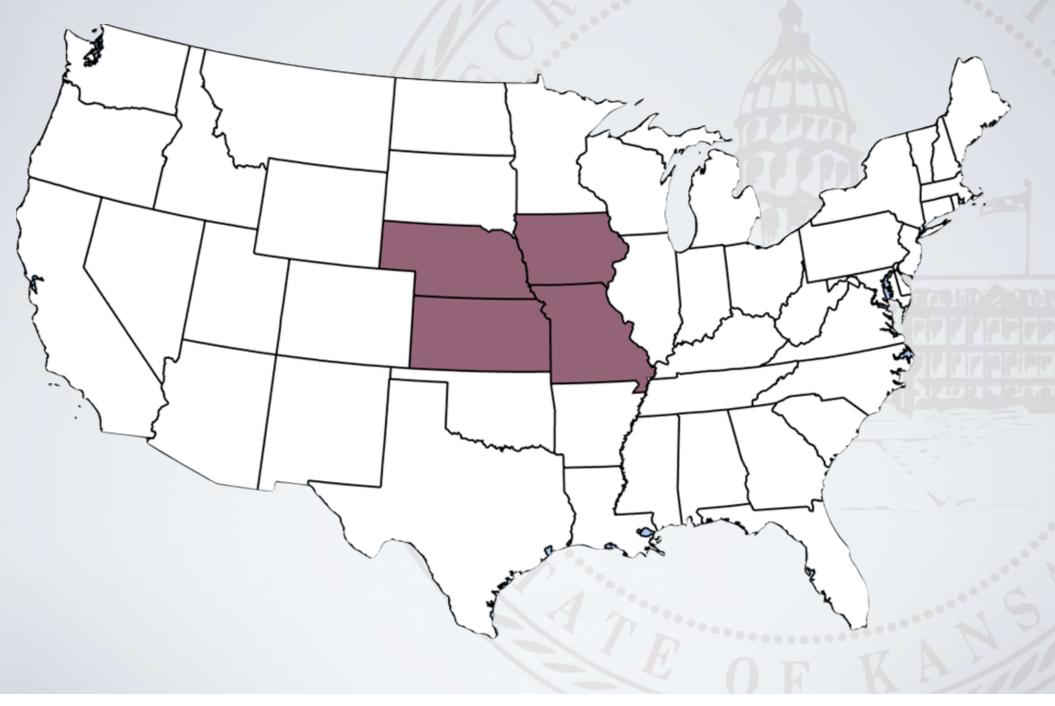
From the Federal Election Commission's guide: Implementing the National Voter Registration Act of 1993:

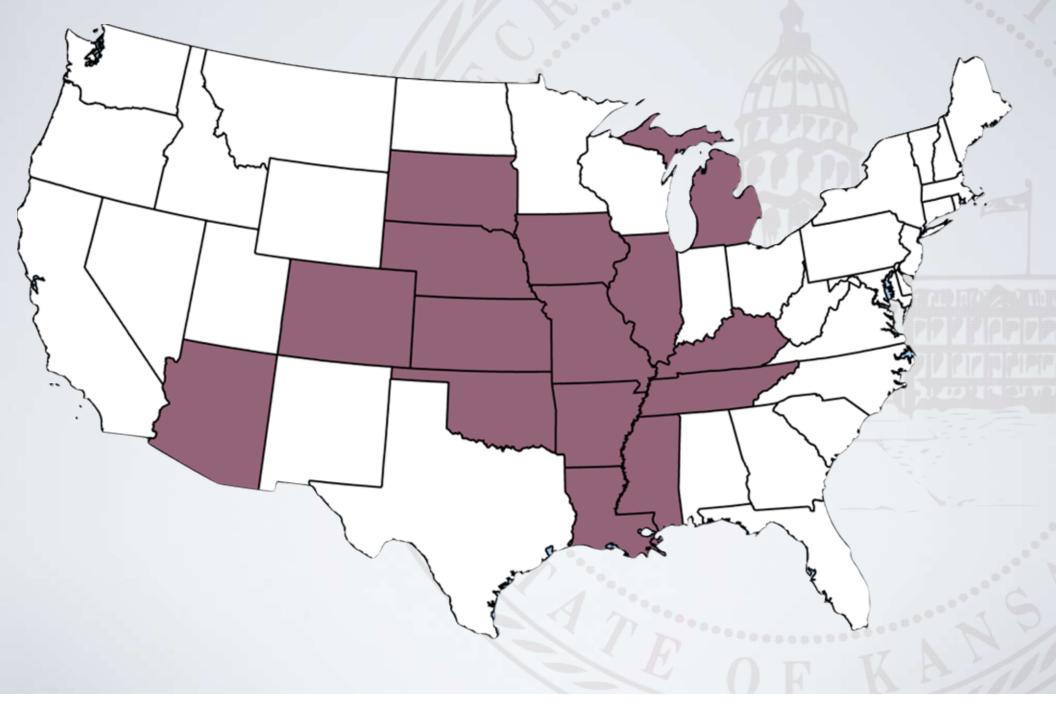
The features (of the National Voter Registration Act) include a requirement that states "conduct a general program" the purpose of which is "to protect the integrity of the electoral process by ensuring the maintenance of an accurate and current voter registration roll for elections for Federal office"

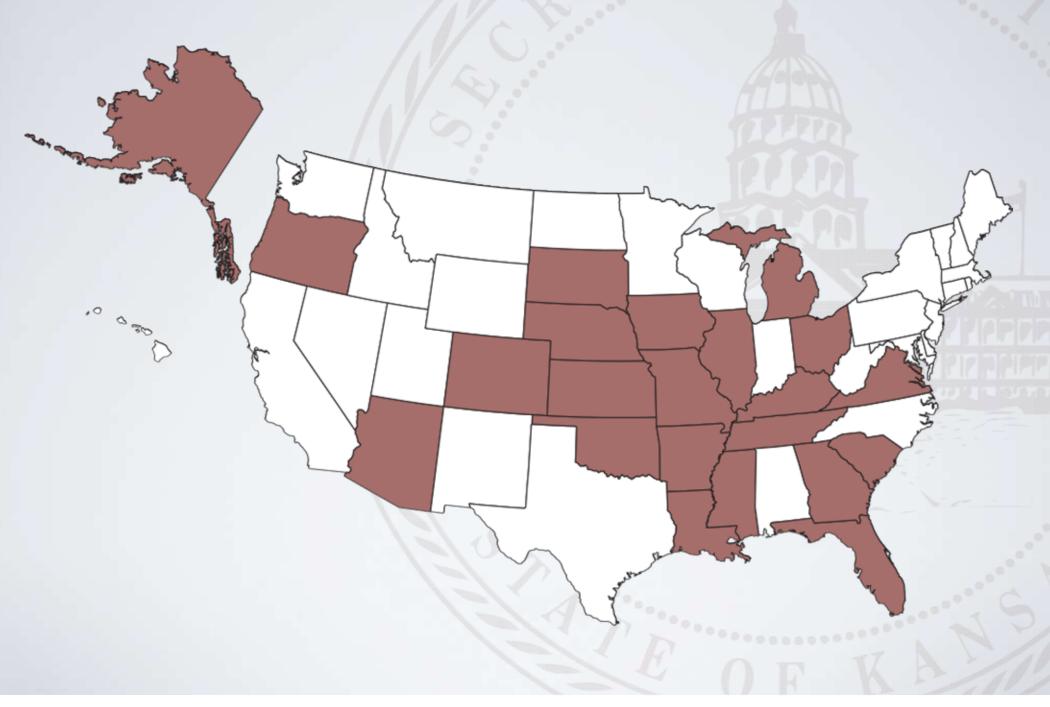
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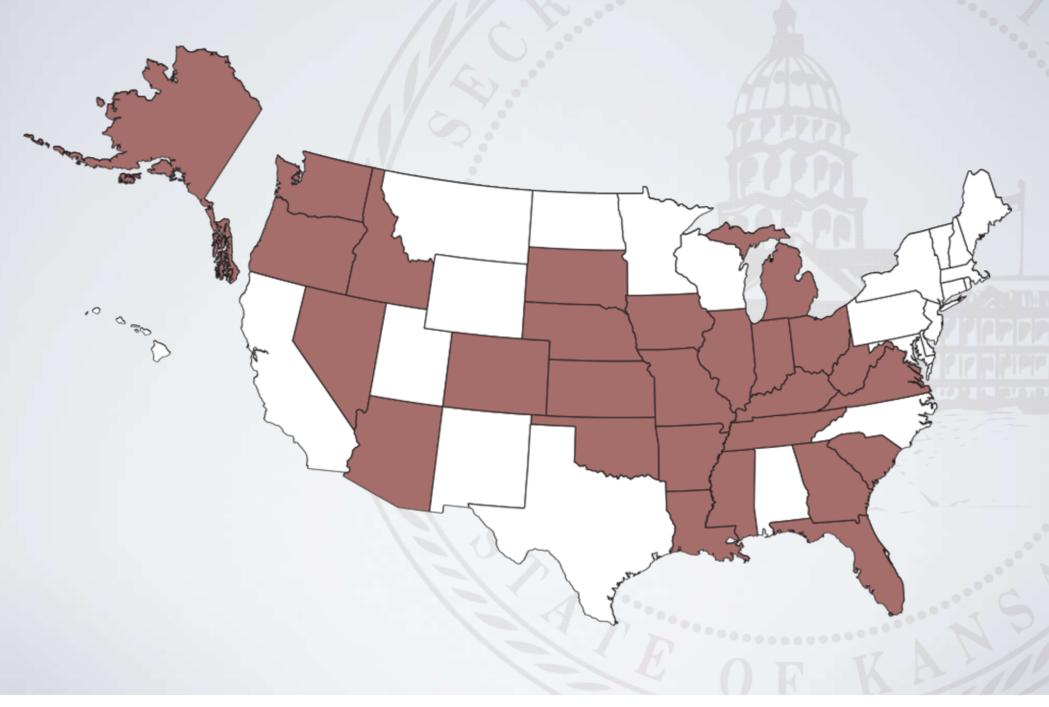
(a) Computerized statewide voter registration list

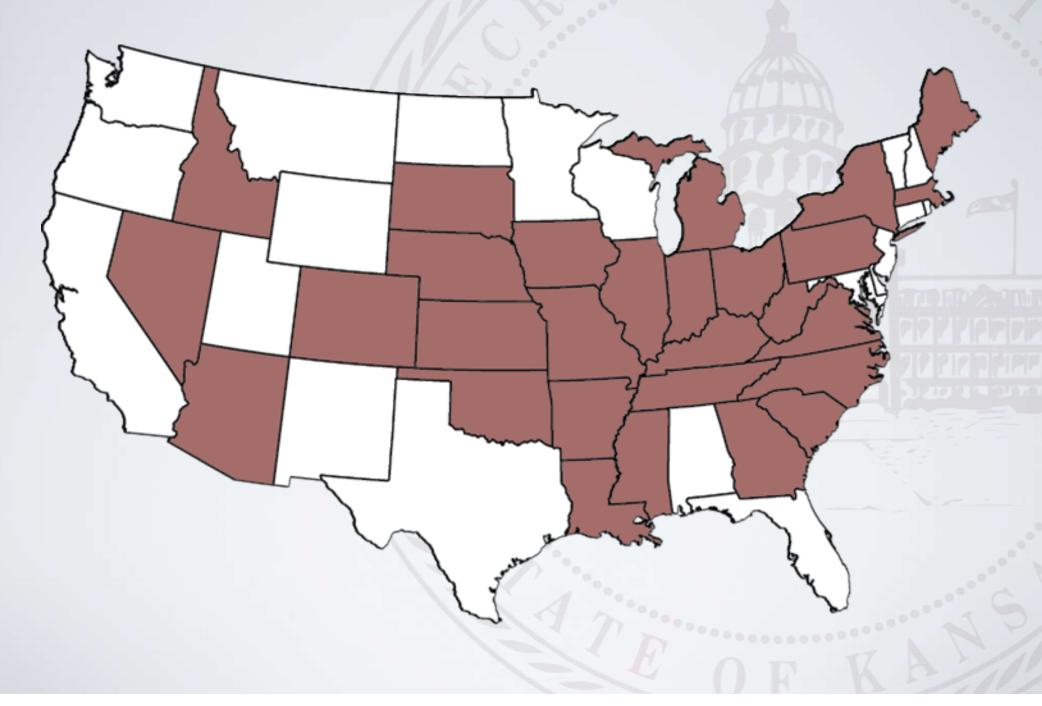
Except as provided in subparagraph (B), each State, acting through the chief State election official, shall implement, in a uniform and nondiscriminatory manner, a single, uniform, official, centralized, interactive computerized statewide voter registration list defined, maintained, and administered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

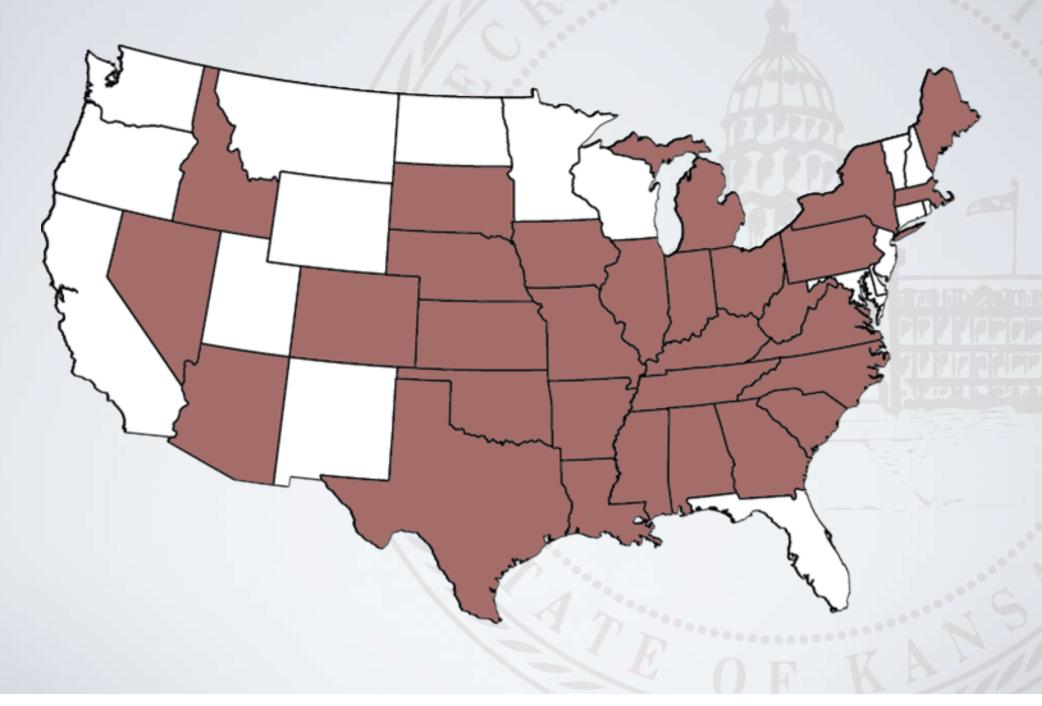












Crosscheck Program—Number of Records Compared

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

Interstate Crosscheck Data Format

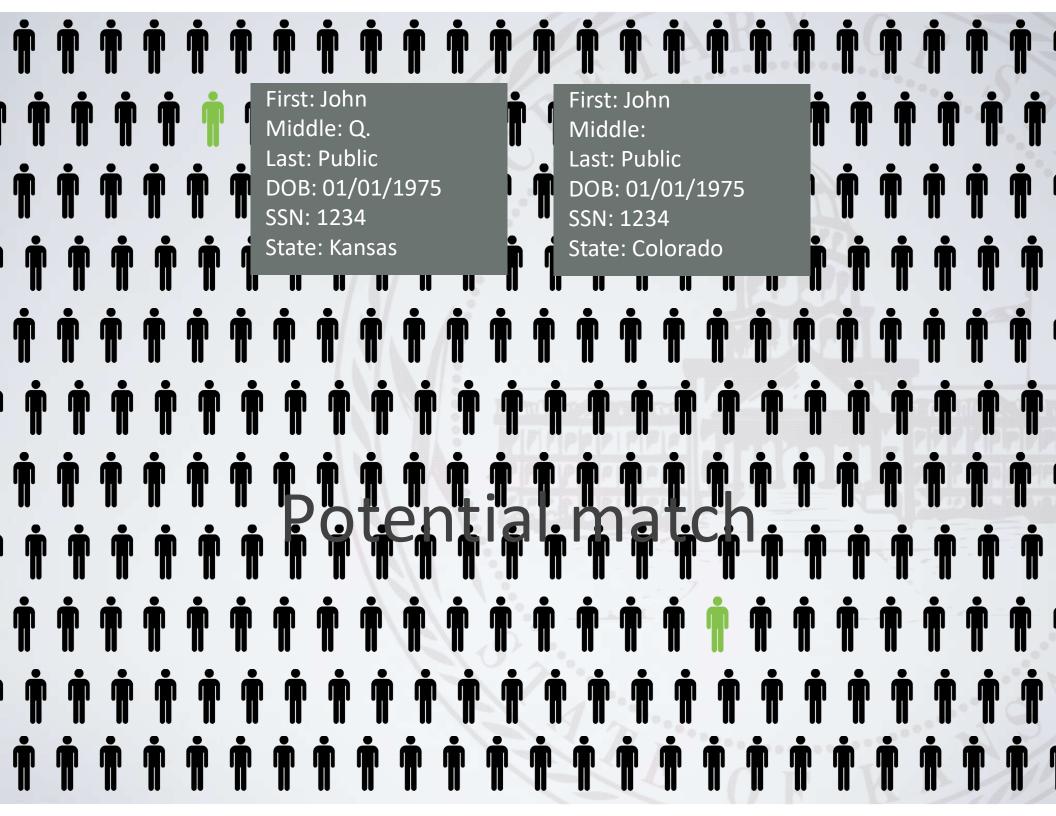
| Field | Format | Example |
|----------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Status | A=Active; I=Inactive | A |
| Date_Generated | YYYY/MM/DD | 2010/01/01 |
| First_Name | | Bob |
| Middle_Name | | Alan |
| Last_Name | | Jones |
| Suffix Name | | Jr |
| Date_of_Birth | YYYY/MM/DD | 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 | Υ |



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



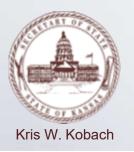


| | Grid of Potential Duplicate Voters Within States | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------|--|--------|--------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|-------|---------------|-------|-------|--------|--------|
| | by DOB Last Name First Name | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2012 | AZ | 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 |
| 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 |
| СО | 24,863 | 4,557 | | 19,902 | | 10,035 | 1,054 | | 17,086 | | 12,498 | | | 3,937 | |
| IL | 16,014 | | 19,902 | | 31,882 | | 2,467 | | 49,260 | | | | | 1,500 | |
| IA | 7,153 | | | 31,882 | | 4,706 | 526 | | | | 11,563 | | | 4,865 | |
| KS | 3,687 | | 10,035 | | | | 401 | 1,369 | | | 31,082 | | | | |
| KY | - | | | | | | | 1,309 | | | | | | | |
| LA | 688 | | | | | .01 | | | 2,27 | | 1,195 | | | | |
| | 2,062 | 5,957 | 5,065 | 5,207 | -,8 | 1,558 | 643 | | 6,851 | ,.44 | 0,2 54 | 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 |
| ОК | 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 | | | 12,469 | | | 1,905 | | 16,956 | | - | | | 537 | |
| Totals | 108,077 | - | | 211,023 | | | 14,078 | | 164,837 | - | - | | | 20,900 | |

INTERESTING TIDBITS

2016 POTENTIAL MATCHES - OVER FIVE MILLION

DUPLICATE RECORDS WITHIN A STATE - 220,000



What does it cost to participate?

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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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