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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, beginning in February 2025, the board of registrars or the Secretary of State must use change-of-address information supplied by the United States Postal Service through the National Change of Address database and at least one other voter registration database, such as the Electronic Registration Information Center, to identify registered voters whose addresses may have changed.

This bill would remove the Electronic Registration Information Center as a voter registration database that the board of registrars or the Secretary of State may use to identify voters whose addresses may have changed.

This bill would also require the Secretary of State to conduct a voter registration list maintenance program through the Alabama Voter Integrity Database (AVID), developed by the Secretary of State, and would specify the sources of data relied upon to maintain the database.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED



AN ACT

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31 Relating to voters and voting; to amend Sections
32 17-4-30, 17-4-38.1, and 17-4-39, Code of Alabama 1975, to
33 remove the Electronic Registration Information Center as a
34 voter registration database that the board of registrars or
35 the Secretary of State may use to identify voters whose
36 addresses may have changed; and to require the Secretary of
37 State to conduct a voter registration list maintenance program
38 through the Alabama Voter Integrity Database.

39 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

40 Section 1. Sections 17-4-30, 17-4-38.1, and 17-4-39,
41 Code of Alabama 1975, are amended to read as follows:

42 "§17-4-30

43 (a) Beginning in February 2025, and in February of
44 every fourth year thereafter, the board of registrars, or the
45 Secretary of State, if acting as the board's agent pursuant to
46 subsection (h), shall use change-of-address information
47 supplied by the United States Postal Service through the
48 National Change of Address database and by at least one other
49 ~~voter registration database, including, but not limited to,~~
50 ~~the Electronic Registration Information Center or NVRA~~
51 National Voter Registration Act designated agency database, to
52 identify registered voters whose addresses may have changed.

53 (b) (1) If the board of registrars or Secretary of State
54 determines from the change-of-address information that a
55 registered voter has moved to a different residence address
56 that is under the jurisdiction of the same board of



57 registrars, the board of registrars shall change the
58 registration records of that voter to show the new address,
59 and the board of registrars or Secretary of State, within 90
60 days after identifying the potential change, shall send the
61 voter a notice of the change by forwardable mail along with a
62 postage prepaid, pre-addressed return card on which the
63 registered voter may correct his or her current address
64 information. The notice shall inform the voter that if the
65 voter did not change his or her residence, he or she is
66 required to return the pre-addressed card no later than the
67 last day to register to vote before an election.

68 (2) If the board of registrars or Secretary of State
69 determines from the change-of-address information that a
70 registered voter has moved to a different residence address
71 that is under the jurisdiction of a different board of
72 registrars or to a residence address outside of the state, the
73 board of registrars or Secretary of State, within 90 days
74 after identifying the potential change, shall send the voter a
75 notice of the change by forwardable mail along with a postage
76 prepaid, pre-addressed return card on which the registered
77 voter may verify or correct his or her current address
78 information. The notice shall include both of the following:

79 a. A statement informing the voter that if the
80 pre-addressed card is not returned within the time specified
81 in the notice, the voter will be permitted to vote in that
82 same jurisdiction during the period from the date the notice
83 was mailed and ending on the day after the date of the second
84 general election for federal office, provided the voter



85 completes a voter registration update form. If the voter does
86 not update his or her voter registration record or vote during
87 the period ending on the day after the date of the second
88 general election for federal office, the voter's name shall be
89 removed from the list of eligible voters.

90 b. Information concerning how the voter may continue
91 his or her eligibility to vote in another jurisdiction if the
92 voter has changed his or her residence to an address outside
93 of the jurisdiction of the board of registrars under which he
94 or she is then registered.

95 (c) The board of registrars or Secretary of State shall
96 record and maintain in the statewide voter registration
97 database the dates on which the notice is mailed to a
98 registered voter and the card is subsequently returned to the
99 board by the registered voter.

100 (d) The board of registrars shall update the statewide
101 voter registration database using the information reported to
102 the board by the registered voters on the prepaid,
103 pre-addressed return cards provided for in this section.

104 (e) If the registered voter does not respond to the
105 notice provided in this section within 90 days of the date on
106 which the notice was mailed or if the notice is returned to
107 the board of registrars as undeliverable, the board of
108 registrars or its agent shall change the status of the voter
109 to inactive and indicate in the statewide voter registration
110 database the date the change is recorded and that the voter
111 did not respond to the mailing or that the mailing was
112 returned as undeliverable, in a manner provided by rule by the



113 Secretary of State.

114 (f) The names of persons to be removed from the list of
115 registered voters pursuant to this section shall be published
116 in accordance with Section 17-4-10.

117 (g) The Secretary of State may adopt rules as necessary
118 to implement this section.

119 (h) The Secretary of State may act as an agent for a
120 board of registrars, only upon receiving the written consent
121 of the county commission, in implementing this section."

122 "§17-4-38.1

123 (a) State agencies shall provide to the Secretary of
124 State, on a schedule to be determined by the Secretary of
125 State, any information and data that the Secretary of State
126 considers necessary in order to maintain the statewide voter
127 registration database established pursuant to Section 17-4-33,
128 except where prohibited by federal law or federal regulation.
129 The Secretary of State shall ensure that any information or
130 data provided to the Secretary of State that is confidential
131 in the possession of the entity providing the data remains
132 confidential while in the possession of the Secretary of
133 State.

134 (b) (1) The Secretary of State may enter into agreements
135 to share information or data with other individual states ~~or~~
136 ~~group of states~~, as the Secretary of State considers
137 necessary, in order to maintain the statewide voter
138 registration database. Information or data that the Secretary
139 of State may share pursuant to this subsection includes, but
140 is not limited to, an electronic copy of the statewide voter



141 list and data obtained pursuant to subsection (a).

142 (2) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the
143 Secretary of State shall ensure that any information or data
144 provided to the Secretary of State that is confidential in the
145 possession of the state providing the data remains
146 confidential while in the possession of the Secretary of
147 State. The Secretary of State may provide ~~such~~ otherwise
148 confidential information or data to county boards of
149 registrars for legitimate governmental purposes related to the
150 maintenance of the statewide voter registration database.

151 (c) A county board of registrars shall contact a
152 registered elector by mail to verify the accuracy of the
153 information in the statewide voter registration database
154 regarding that elector if information provided under
155 subsection (a) or (b) identifies a residential address for the
156 elector that lies outside of the county in which the elector
157 is registered to vote, except when the information provided
158 under subsection (a) or (b) indicates that the elector
159 registered to vote in another jurisdiction, within or without
160 the State of Alabama, at a date subsequent to the date the
161 elector registered to vote in the jurisdiction of the county
162 board of registrars.

163 (d) (1) The costs associated with agreements entered
164 into by the Secretary of State as provided for in subsection
165 (b) may be rendered by the Secretary of State to the
166 Department of Finance and paid from the voter registration
167 fund.

168 (2) The cost of production and mailing required in



169 subsection (c) shall be rendered by the Secretary of State to
170 the Department of Finance and paid from the voter registration
171 fund.

172 (e) The Secretary of State may ~~promulgate~~ adopt rules
173 in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act to
174 implement this section."

175 "§17-4-39

176 (a) ~~It shall be the responsibility of the~~ The board of
177 registrars ~~to enter~~ shall be responsible for entering and
178 updating in a timely manner the names and information of the
179 electors who register to vote and vote in each election into
180 the state voter registration list and for conducting regular
181 voter list maintenance activities as directed by the Secretary
182 of State and otherwise provided by law, including processing
183 registered individuals identified by programs conducted
184 pursuant to subsection (b). Removal of any registered
185 individual determined to be improperly registered may be
186 accomplished at any time by a majority vote of the board.

187 (b) (1) The Secretary of State shall be responsible for
188 directly conducting regular state voter registration list
189 maintenance programs to ensure database integrity. These
190 programs shall be known as the Alabama Voter Integrity
191 Database (AVID). The Alabama Voter Integrity Database shall
192 compare the state voter registration list to:

193 a. Alabama State Law Enforcement Agency driver license
194 and nondriver identification card data to identify registered
195 voters in Alabama who have moved and obtained a driver license
196 or nondriver identification card in another state or who have



197 registered to vote in Alabama and then applied for a foreign
198 national driver license or nondriver identification card;

199 b. State-to-state voter list data to identify
200 individuals who are registered to vote in Alabama but who are
201 also registered to vote in another state, including
202 individuals who may have voted in the same or a similar
203 election in both states, with priority given to data from
204 states in close geographical proximity to Alabama;

205 c. The National Change of Address database to identify
206 individuals who are registered to vote in Alabama but have
207 notified the United States Postal Service that they have
208 relocated to a new county within the state or an address
209 outside of Alabama;

210 d. Social Security Death Index data to identify
211 deceased individuals who are registered to vote and may have
212 died out of state; and

213 e. United States Department of Homeland Security
214 Citizenship and Immigration Services data to identify
215 individuals who are registered to vote in Alabama but are
216 ineligible to vote because they are noncitizens.

217 (2) Individuals identified shall be timely communicated
218 by the Secretary of State to the appropriate board or boards
219 of registrars to process.

220 (c) Not later than February 1, annually, the Secretary
221 of State shall collect and publish data from each county
222 specifying the number of voters who were removed from the
223 voter registration list during the previous calendar year."

224 Section 2. This act shall become effective immediately.