



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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MEMORANDUM

To: Supervisors of Elections
From: Ken Detzner, Secretary of State
Date: March 27, 2014
Subject: Project Integrity

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ken Detzner".

As Secretary of State, it is my duty to defend the right to vote in Florida. Last fall the Department of State launched Project Integrity, a series of publicly noticed workshops around the state to seek your collaboration for the proposed addition of a new process to ensure the integrity and safeguarding of our voter rolls. From the beginning, I have said that the law requires state officials to ensure that the voter rolls are accurate and only contain eligible voters. An ineligible vote nullifies an eligible vote. I don't think that's fair to Floridians.

It is our statutory duty and responsibility to maintain updated voter rolls. We fought for access to the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) program because we knew it would give us added access to additional credible and reliable information. Once we gained access to the database, we worked to develop a new proposed process to remove ineligible persons on the voter rolls.

Our most recent focus has been to finalize internal case management procedures, conduct pre-launch testing and quality control analysis of program codes and procedures, and put the final touches to the Department of State's training webinar. In early February, we received notice that the DHS' SAVE program would be undergoing a multi-phase redesign. On February 23, Phase One was officially launched and included, at a minimum, a revised screen design, new fields and features. We also learned that Phase II is expected to include more unspecified expanded and enhanced functionalities for DHS' SAVE. These changes will enhance and improve the credibility and reliability of the potential ineligible matches, but DHS anticipates Phase Two will not be complete until 2015.



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For these reasons, with your input, I have decided to postpone implementing Project Integrity until the Federal SAVE Program Phase Two is completed.

As Supervisors of Elections, it still remains your responsibility, should you receive information regarding potentially ineligible voters, to review and make a determination of removal to maintain updated voter rolls. It has always been our duty to ensure the integrity of the voter rolls. We must provide public trust, confidence and transparency in a credible and reliable process, and afford due process protection to every voter. Our work for the 2014 elections has already begun and we appreciate your continued partnership.