

HB 3493 -- VOTER REGISTRATION LISTS MAINTENANCE

SPONSOR: Wilson

This bill requires the Department of Health and Senior Services to provide the Secretary of State (SOS) with a monthly report of death certificates. The SOS will then notify the relevant local election authorities (LEAs) of the deaths of individuals in their jurisdictions. The LEAs must remove the names of deceased individuals from the voter rolls.

Current law requires the SOS and the Director of the Department of Revenue to enter into an agreement to match information in the voter registration database with information in the motor vehicle system. This bill requires the agreement to include information pertaining to the citizenship status of individuals in the Department's database.

The bill also requires the SOS to enter into agreements or memorandums of understanding (MOUs) with the Department of Homeland Security to utilize the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) program for the purpose of verifying the citizenship status of registered voters and voter registration applicants. The SOS must conduct SAVE verifications at least twice per year.

A voter removed from a registration list because of SAVE information will receive written notice from the LEA and 30 days to respond with proof of citizenship. No voter will be removed from a registration list within 90 days of a Federal election because of a SAVE verification.

The bill requires State departments to provide to the SOS any information necessary to maintain the Statewide Voter Registration Database. The SOS will be required to enter into agreements to share information with other states or groups of states as the SOS considers necessary to maintain the Statewide Voter Registration Database.

This bill requires the clerk of each circuit court to transmit to the SOS once per month, a list of all people who identify themselves as not being U.S. citizens during jury selection. The SOS will use this information to remove ineligible voters from the voter registration list.