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LD 1431

I support LD 1431 An Act to Implement an Interstate Voter Registration Cross-check Program .

Accurate voter lists are the first line of defense for a secure election system.

Citizens share a lot of highly sensitive information with the government and the government should always take steps to protect that data.

Some ways that would protect citizens data, decrease time spent with databases and less expensive to use would be to use USPS NCOA, which ONLY requires first name, last name, street address to match to in state or out of state moves...this is a valuable tool that is less expensive if the Secretary runs it directly with an NCOA provider.

Another valuable resource would be for the Secretary to obtain SSA Death Records for free without disclosing any private citizen data to third party organizations.

Reducing the amount of duplicated voter registrations or the process of 'de duping' is something that can be done internally. The Secretary can utilize a person on staff with technical skills to use excel or another type of spreadsheet. This person can run a comparison to easily identify duplicates.

The current process in Maine is not working as evidenced by the 106% of the Citizens Voting Age Population (CVAP) as reported by the SOS herself.

Most of these 100% or above CVAP have outdated voter rolls and are largely administrative issues. Errors can include people who have died, people who have moved out of state.

In conclusion, to overcome issues with exchanging private citizen data and excess of 100% in CVAP states need to exchanging lists directly with other states which is more effective than a membership organization with fewer than half of the states.

Thank you for your time,
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