Rules to ensure the security and accuracy of the statewide voter registration list.

I. Authority:

(A) These rules are promulgated under the authority granted by Act 441 of 2023.

II. The Secretary of State shall:

(A) Cooperate with other states and jurisdictions to compare registered voters, voter history, and voter registration lists to:

(i) Ensure the accuracy of the voter registration rolls;

(ii) Identify voters whose addresses have changed;

(iii) Prevent registration in more than one (1) state; and

(iv) Determine eligibility of individuals to vote in Arkansas;

(B) Utilize any services available to establish and implement a system for the verification of citizenship status for a person registering to vote;

(C) Regularly and before each election identify registered voters who are deceased by comparing the information received from the Social Security Administration, including without limitation a master death file or index compiled by the Social Security Administration.

(i) The Secretary of State will receive monthly updates of the Limited Access Death Master File (LADMF) from the National Technical Information Service (NTIS), U.S Department of Commerce, in an electronic format.

(ii) Upon receipt of the electronic data from NTIS, SOS will utilize an electronic delivery service to send those records to each county clerk.

(iii) Each county clerk will receive records that only pertain to deceased voters in their respective county.

(iv) Each county clerk will receive the electronic data in batch form.

(v) Each County clerk will then remove the deceased voters from the active voter registration list.

(D) Establish and implement a process for the verification of address information:

(i) Submitted by a person registering to vote;

(ii) Submitted by a registered voter updating his or her address; and

(iii) Provided through undeliverable mail by the United States Postal Service concerning a person registering to vote or a registered voter;

(a) The SOS will receive a monthly report from the United States Postal Service National Change of Address (NCOA) program.

(b) After reviewing the reports received, the SOS will send voter registration application forms to voters who have recently updated their address with NCOA.

(E) All confidential voter registration information and data is confidential;

(F) County boards of election commissioners shall have view-only access to the voter registration record files; and

(G) Provide annual reports to the Joint Performance Review Committee of the General Assembly concerning the accuracy of the voter registration record files.