

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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New law requires the secretary of state to annually submit to the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements program administered by the U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security (SAVE) a check against every registrant in the state voter registration computer system for which the requisite state data exists. The data shall be submitted prior to 180 days before a regularly scheduled federal general election.

New law requires the secretary to submit the name of every potential noncitizen registrant to the division of election integrity for investigation. If the division determines that there may be a noncitizen registrant in the state voter registration computer system, the division shall submit the findings of the investigation to the appropriate prosecutorial agency for further investigation or prosecution.

New law requires the secretary to transmit any noncitizen matches verified by the division of election integrity to the appropriate parish registrar of voters to challenge the individual's registration in accordance with the existing law procedures for challenge and cancellation of registered voters.

Existing law requires the secretary to annually report to the legislature statistics and data relating to the registration of voters throughout the state.

New law requires the secretary to include in the report required by existing law the number of records checked against SAVE data during the prior year, the number of registrants challenged as potential noncitizens, the number of registrants whose voter registration was cancelled as a noncitizen, and any recommendations for statutory or administrative improvements to ensure voter registration list accuracy.

New law provides that all SAVE data and related voter information shall be processed in a secure environment consistent with existing law state and federal data protection standards and existing law public records provisions.

Provides that new law shall apply only if SAVE remains available without cost to the state or subject to appropriation of funds by the legislature for this purpose.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Adds R.S. 18:49.2)