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List Maintenance Categories and Procedures

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Current List Maintenance Activities Statistics

BVRS processed (i.e., reviewed and examined for credible and reliable determination)

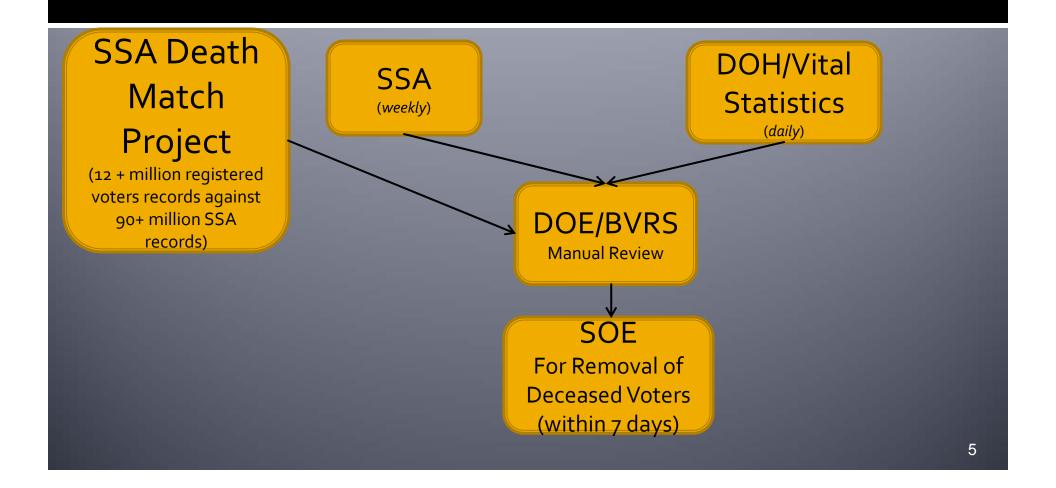
- Deceased files
 - 4,194 DOH Death Matches
 - 53,448 SSA Death Matches
- Felon files
 - 11,000 matches—includes interstate sex offenders,
 & interstate felons
- Non-citizen files
 - 1,256 non-immigrant files processed as credible and reliable match for notice and removal--others to follow as we continue to vet 'non-citizen matches'

BVRS Initiatives

- SSA Death Match
- Interstate Felon
- Non-US Citizen Project

SSA Death Match

Workflow Overview

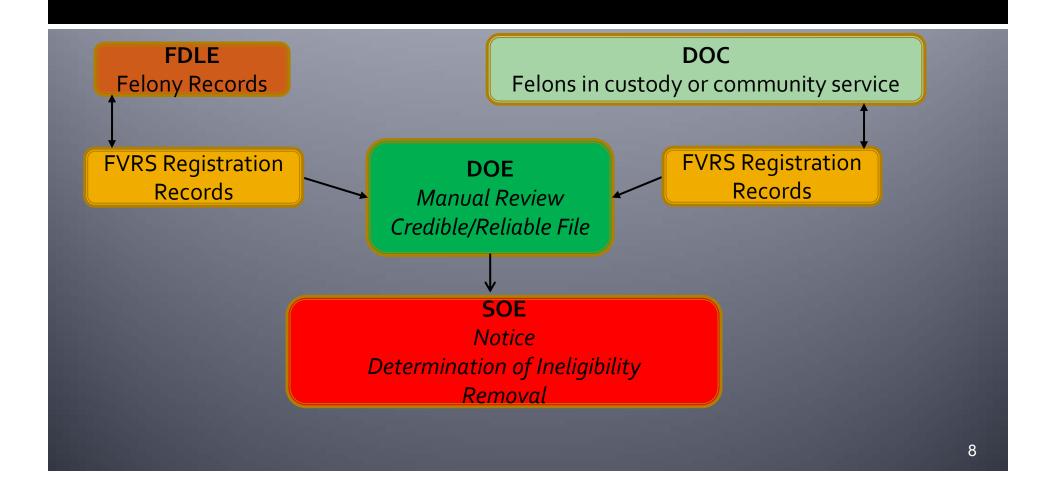


SSA Deceased Match Overview

- Project period February 22, 2012 –April 18, 2012
 - FVRS registration records matched against 90+ million SSA deceased records
 - ❖ 53,448 SSA Death Match files processed (BVRS review yielded 51,309 valid matches—suspended to county SOE in same way as DOH death match files for removal within 7 days)
- Access to SSA database continues --on weekly basis—suspended through FVRS in same way as DOH death data
- Ongoing coordination with ALA & GA Vital Stat
 Offices to receive death data too.

Interstate Felon Project

Workflow Overview

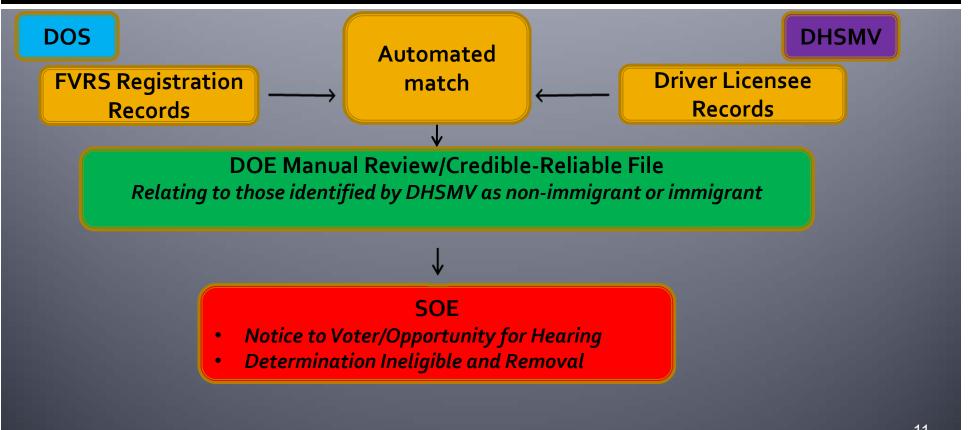


Project overview

- Concentration on interstate felons and interstate sex offenders who are convicted felons
- Sources used: FDLE, DOC, and DHSMV
 - Matching criteria based on name, DOB, SSN
- Interstate felon data will become part of a DOC batch that will be run daily.

Non-U.S. Citizenship Project

Workflow Overview



Initial Identification of Non-U.S. Citizens

- Focus of review on two major potential categories of non-U.S. citizens identified by DAVE:
 - ✓ *Non-immigrant:* Temporary (legal) status to be in the U.S. –i.e. limited period of time and/or for limited specific activity or purpose (generally must renew driver's license or state ID card every year)
 - ✓ *Immigrant*: Long-term/permanent lawful status to live and work in U.S.—i.e., lawful permanent resident
- Match between DHSMV's DAVE records against existing FVRS voter registration records

What BVRS Reviewed

- Verification of identity in initial FVRS-DHSMV match (requires min. 3-match criteria: Name, DOB, last 4SSN or DL/State ID#)
- Reconfirmation that DAVID still lists person as non-U.S. citizen. Screen shows:
 - ✓ "Not a U.S. citizen status
 - ✓ Foreign Country of Birth
 - ✓ Whether licensee has complied with REAL ID Act (meaning has the person come into DHSMV for a new license/state ID or renewal and provided documentary proof of legal status (whether citizen or not)

On and after December 1, 2017, no driver's license or state ID card can be issued or renewed without providing documentary proof of legal status. For persons born <u>after</u> December 1, 1964, proof must be provided by December 1, 2014.

BVRS Review-Cont'd

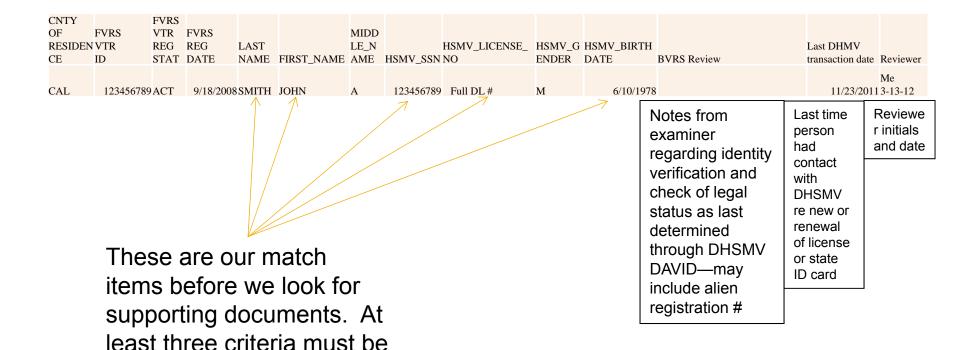
- Types of REAL ID compliant documentation available to assess legal status:
 - ✓ Passport (country of origin)
 - ✓ Birth certificate (non-U.S.)
 - ✓ Certificate of naturalization
 - ✓ Visa document
 - ✓ "Green card" for legal permanent resident (not a U.S. citizen)
 - ✓ Other government issued document authorizing temporary stay

BVRS Review-Cont'd

- If person in FVRS and DHSMV records is not the same → invalid match
- If person listed in DHSMV record as U.S. citizen

 invalid match
- If person in DHSMV listed as not U.S. citizen but no supporting documentation available → indeterminate match (not processed further)

Content of Match File Sent to SOE



exact in FVRS and DAVE

SOE Process(cont'd)

SOE to follow steps in section 98.075(6) and (7), F.S., as you would for any other potentially ineligible voter:

- 1. Review file information
- 2. Conduct any additional research (you also have access to DAVE now), and if information credible and reliable to proceed.

SOE Process (cont'd)

- 3. Initiate notice (send by certified mail, return receipt requested, or by some other verified receipt)
 - Notice must include:
 - ✓ A statement of basis for ineligibility
 - ✓ A copy of any supporting documentation

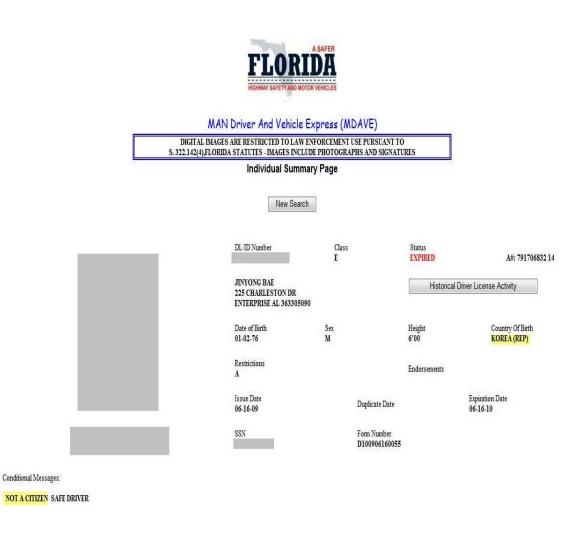
[Copy of redacted DAVE screen shot showing non-legal citizen status –SEE NEXT SLIDE]

- ✓ A statement that **failure to respond** within 30 days may result in removal from rolls
- ✓ A return form that requires voter to admit or deny accuracy of information
- ✓ A statement that a person denying ineligibility has a right to a hearing n
- ✓ Contact information for Supervisor of Elections
- ✓ Instructions for seeking restoration of civil rights (if applicable)

SOE Process (cont'd)

A copy of **supporting documentation**

[Print-out of redacted DAVE screen shown showing non-legal citizen status provided confidential personal identifying information such as DL, state ID #, SSN, and signature are redacted.]



Sample Notice

Suggested Sample Notice to Send Potentially Ineligible Non-U.S. Citizen

| (Voter's name and address) (Voter Reg. No.) Dear Mr./Mrs. XXXXXXX: The County Supervisor of Elections has received information from the Florida Division of Elections that calls into question your eligibility to be registered to vote. |
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| The County Supervisor of Elections has received information from the Florida Division of Elections that calls into question your eligibility to be registered to vote. |
| Florida Division of Elections that calls into question your eligibility to be registered to vote. |
| The information originated from the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (see attached) which lists you as not being a U.S. citizen. In Florida, only U.S. Citizens can register and vote. See s. 97.041, <i>Fla. Stat.</i> (2011). |
| Please complete and return the enclosed 'voter eligibility form' to the Supervisor of Elections' office within thirty (30) days of receipt. |
| If you believe we have made a mistake about your identity or citizenship status, or you have acquired citizenship since your last interaction with DHSMV, please include with the 'voter eligibility form' a copy of any document that either shows that you are not the person identified in this letter or that you are a U.S. citizen. The following documents are examples of proof of U.S. citizenship: U.S. Birth Certificate, Passport, U.S. Consular Certificate of Birth, or U.S. Certificate of Naturalization. If your name has changed or you use another name different from that on the document, please include a copy of the document showing that name change. You also have the right to request a hearing if you deny that the ineligibility information is accurate. |
| You may mail, fax or e-mail the voter eligibility form and supporting documentation or you can come in person with that form and any supporting document to the Supervisor of Elections' office. If you fail to respond within thirty (30) days, we may determine that you are ineligible and remove your name from the voter registration rolls. You will then no longer be eligible to vote. |
| You may reach our offices as follows: [insert contact information including phone number, physical street address, mailing address, fax number and e-mail address.] |
| Sincerely, |
| Supervisor of Elections |
| Enclosures: Voter Eligibility Form with Self-addressed Return Envelope DAVE Screen shot |

SOE Process (cont'd)

- 4. Allow voter 30 days to respond (if you receive verification that mail delivered)
- 5. Publish notice ONLY if notice undeliverable (s. 98.075(7)(a)2.a.-e.
- Provide hearing ONLY if person denies ineligibility AND person requests hearing

Sample Return Form

Suggested Sample 'Voter Eligibility Form' to Send to Voter

VOTER ELIGIBILITY FORM 1. You have been identified as potentially ineligible to be registered to vote. If you do not respond within thirty (30) days after receiving this notice, the supervisor of elections may determine that you are ineligible to be registered to vote and remove your name from the voter registration system. PLEASE PRINT Voter's Name Middle Last Name First **Date of Birth** (MMDDYY) Gender (please circle) Male Female Personal Identifying Number (Provide only one of these card numbers) Driver's License No or Florida ID Card No. Last 4 Social Security No. Residential Address Phone Number Home: Work: Please check the box that applies to you sign and date form: Under penalties of perjury, I swear or affirm that the information that I am ineligible is **inaccurate** AND: I request a hearing. (Please bring whatever documents you have in support of your eligibility), I do not request a hearing. Please see attached document in support of my eligibility. DO NOT MAIL ORIGINAL. Under penalties of perjury, I swear or affirm that the information that I am ineligible is accurate. SIGNATURE OF VOTER: DATE: (It is a criminal offense to knowingly make a false statement in writing with the intent to mislead a public official in the performance of his or her official duty. s. 837.06, Fla. Stat.) Return form to: [insert contact information: fax, e-mail, mailing and physical addresses)

SOE Process(cont'd)

7. Review <u>proof of U.S. citizenship</u> if provided

- ✓ U.S. Passport Booklet or Card
- ✓ U.S. Birth Certificate
- ✓ U.S. Certificate of Consulate Birth
- ✓ U. S. Certificate of Citizenship
- ✓ U.S. Certificate of Naturalization

Remember: 1. Dual citizenship: Person is still eligible to register and vote as long as at least a U.S. citizen. 2. Other special circumstances in which person might be U.S. citizens if born in Puerto Rico (8 USC 1402), island of Guam (8 USC 1407), Virgin Islands (8 USC s. 1406), and Panama Canal Zone (8 USC s. 1403). Contact the DHSMV if you have any questions about whether a person might be a U.S. citizen.

SOE Process

- 8. **Determine eligibility** of person based on information you have
- o. If ineligible, remove voter's name from rolls
- 10. Record the 'removal reason code' as "K" for not U.S. citizen
- 11. Send notice to the voter regarding removal
- 12. Retain record permanently as they are part of the voter registration records. See item #158, GS-3 http://dlis.dos.state.fl.us/barm/genschedules/GS3.pdf

If a registered voter potentially identified as not a U.S. citizen

- Becomes a U.S. citizen any time between registration but before removal, such person shall be deemed eligible for purposes of continuing registration and <u>should not</u> be removed from the rolls.
- Becomes a U.S. citizen any time after determination of ineligibility/removal, he or she will have to re-register. (s. 98.075(7)(b)6., F.S.)

NOTE: SOEs have authority to investigate and refer fraudulent registrations or illegal voting to the state attorney's office. See Section 104.42, F.S.

If a registered voter potentially identified as not U.S. citizen

Is removed based on a determination of ineligibility, he or she has the right to appeal in circuit court. See s. 98.0755, F.S.

If a registered voter potentially identified as not U.S. citizen

- Is removed, subsequently votes a provisional ballot because he or she claims to be U.S. citizen and was erroneously removed,
 - IF proof shows U.S. citizenship existed/acquired any time before determination of ineligibility/removal, voter's name should be restored per s. 98.081(2), F.S. Then canvassing board shall count ballot per s. 101.048 (2), F.S.
 - IF proof shows U.S. citizenship acquired after determination of ineligibility/removal, the voter's provisional ballot cannot count because the person is not registered and not entitled to vote per s. 101.048(2), F.S.

Requested Feedback:

- 1. NOTIFY the chief of the Bureau of Voter
 Registration Services of all cases in which file match
 was identity mismatch, administrative error, U.S.
 citizenship acquired anytime before removal, or
 person U.S. born citizen.
- 2. PROVIDE the registered voter's name and FVRS No.
- This will help to ensure the integrity and improve the process.

- It is strongly encouraged but not required (for continuing registration purposes) that a registered voter who is determined to be a U.S. citizen to correct or update his or her legal status on DHSMV record as soon as possible.
 - ✓ Refer person to DHSMV's website
 - <u>www.GatherGoGet.com</u> for documentation instructions <u>www.flhsmv.gov</u> to locate driver license or tax collector offices convenient to the person
 - ✓ Provide DHSMV's in-person contact: 850-617-2000

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- QUESTIONS?
- SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS/ENHANCMENTS?

For further information or questions, contact:
Chief, Bureau of Voter Registration Services
Florida Department of State
850-245-6205