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Re: Response to June 28, 2017, Letter

Dear Mr. Herren

We are pleased to respond to your June 28, 2017, letter asking for information related to Kansas's compliance with the NVRA and HAVA. With regard to your request for the statutes, regulations, written guidance, internal policies and database user manuals that my office utilizes to implement these laws, we have an Election Standards Manual that identifies all of this information. It is found at www.sos.ks.gov/elections/elections_reform_standards.html.

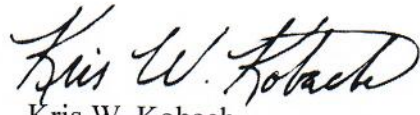
As for an explanation of which election officials are responsible for maintaining Kansas's voter registration lists, my agency is responsible, as are the county election officials in each of the 105 counties in Kansas. My office provides statewide training to the counties, each of which also relies on the Election Standards Manual provided to them and available on our website. My Elections Director and his staff are in frequent communication with county election officers and are available to assist them with any questions or procedural issues they may have.

Notably, one of the most important systems that we use to ensure compliance with the NVRA's mandate to keep voter registration lists accurate is the Interstate Voter Registration Crosscheck Program. It allows participating states to identify potential duplicate registrations where the same individual may be registered in more than one state. This program began in 2005 when the Kansas Secretary of State launched a coordinated effort of cross-checking Kansas's state voter registration database with those of Iowa, Missouri, and Nebraska. It is operated by the Kansas Secretary of State's Office and included 31 states in 2016. Participating states upload their voter registration data to a secure site. Kansas then pulls data, runs comparisons and uploads the results back onto the secure site. States can then review the comparisons involving their respective voter rolls and process them according to each state's laws and regulations. It is important to note that matches are treated only as *potential* duplicate registrations; further verification that a voter has moved is done according to the process specified in the NVRA. Data uploaded also includes voter history for the past two November general elections, which allows searches for possible double votes. In 2016, the total number of voter records compared was 98 million.

Last, with regard to the data that we reported to the EAC for the 2014 EAVS report, the data provided by Kansas for the 2014 EAVS reflected the data available to our office at the time of submission. Any omission merely indicates that data was unavailable to our office at that time. The 2016 EAVS has complete data for both question A10a and question A11g of the survey, which is available at <https://www.eac.gov/research-and-data/election-administration-voting-survey/>.”

Thank you for your work to ensure that elections are fair and voter rolls are accurate. I hope that this information is helpful.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kris W. Kobach". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each name being capitalized and prominent.

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