

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
For State Voter Registration Data Comparison
States of Ohio and Alabama

This Memorandum of Understanding is made by and between the Secretary of State for the State of Alabama and the Secretary of State for the State of Ohio (collectively, the "Parties"). This Memorandum of Understanding is effective as of the date it is signed by both Parties.

WHEREAS, the Parties are the chief election officials for their respective states and responsible for the maintenance of their states' voter registration lists;

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to ensure the accuracy, integrity, and efficiency of their respective voter registration lists, and believe that the exchange of relevant voter registration data will assist in achieving the Parties' objectives; and

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to enter into this Memorandum of Understanding to set forth the terms of an Agreement between them, on behalf of their respective states, to establish a process for each state to improve the accuracy of their voter registration lists by facilitating voter registration data comparisons.

NOW, THEREFORE, the undersigned Parties, in consideration of the mutual promises and commitments contained in this Memorandum of Understanding, do hereby agree as follows:

1. The Parties agree to share statewide voter registration information for the purposes of matching and identifying duplicate registrations and instances of voting more than once in the same or similar election.
2. The process of matching will be as follows, to the extent permitted by law:
 - 2.1 Each Party will share its voter file containing statewide voter registration data to the other participating Party in a format and on a schedule to be determined by mutual agreement executed by the Parties in writing.
 - 2.2 All data will be transferred to and from the participating Parties using industry standard encryption technology and passwords as determined by mutual agreement in writing executed by the Parties.
 - 2.3 Each participating Party's voter file containing voter registration data will be compared to the voter file containing voter registration data from the other participating Party.
 - 2.4 Each Party will return the results of the data matching to the other participating Party in a format and on a schedule to be determined by mutual agreement executed by the Parties in writing.

3. Each participating Party shall maintain procedures and controls pursuant to their respective state laws for the purpose of assuring that information in its possession is not mishandled, misused, released, disclosed, or used in an inappropriate manner by it, its agents, officers, or employees. All Parties to this Agreement shall take all reasonable steps and precautions to safeguard this information. All Parties to this Agreement shall produce the information subject to their respective state's public records laws.

6. Each Party shall designate such staff from his or her respective office as may be deemed necessary to carry out the terms of this Memorandum of Understanding.

7. This Memorandum of Understanding contains the entire Agreement between the Parties regarding its subject matter and supersedes all other prior agreements and understandings between the parties. This Memorandum of Understanding may not be amended or modified except in writing by mutual agreement of the Parties.

8. This Memorandum of Understanding shall be effective for a period of one year from the effective date ("Term") and shall automatically renew for another one-year period unless sooner terminated in accordance with the provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding. Each Party shall have the right to terminate the relationship created under this Memorandum of Understanding at any time prior to the contemplated end date for any reason or no reason at all with thirty (30) days' notice provided in writing to the other Party.

9. No amendments or additions to this Agreement will be binding unless in writing, signed by election officials of each participating state.

10. The provisions of this Agreement are separate and severable and the invalidity of any of them shall not affect or impair the validity or enforcement of the remaining provisions.

Signatures:

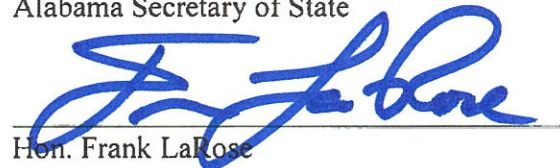
By signing my name below, I affirm that I am authorized to obligate my state in a Memorandum of Understanding with another state for the purposes herein above stated.



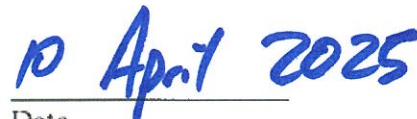
Hon. Wes Allen
Alabama Secretary of State



Date



Hon. Frank LaRose
Ohio Secretary of State



Date