

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

MR. SPEAKER:

The Committee on **Elections** recommends **HB 2437** be amended on page 1, following line 8, by inserting:

"New Section 1. As used in this act:

(a) "SAVE" means the systematic alien verification for entitlements database administered by the United States department of homeland security.

(b) "Statewide voter registration system" means the centralized electronic voter registration database maintained by the secretary of state.

(c) "Election official" means the secretary of state and any county election officials.

New Sec. 2. (a) The secretary of state shall:

(1) Conduct two checks each calendar year to compare the statewide voter registration system against SAVE;

(2) ensure that one check is completed not later than 180 days before a regularly scheduled federal general election; and

(3) transmit any potential noncitizen matches to the appropriate county election official for immediate review.

(b) Upon receipt of such information from the secretary of state, the county election officer shall:

(1) Notify the voter pursuant to the national voter registration act requirements before any voter registration cancellation occurs;

(2) place the voter in challenged or pending verification status until resolution;

- (3) require confirmation of the identified voter's citizenship status; and
- (4) remove from the voter rolls any individual who is confirmed to be ineligible.

New Sec. 3. The secretary of state in conjunction with county election officials, shall submit an annual report on the outcomes of the periodic checks specified in section 2, and amendments thereto, to the house and senate committees on elections by January 31 of each year.

Such report shall include:

- (a) The number of records checked against SAVE during the prior year;
- (b) the number of voters flagged as potential noncitizens;
- (c) the number of voters ultimately removed from the statewide system as a result of the SAVE verification process; and
- (d) any recommendations for statutory or administrative improvements to ensure voter roll accuracy.

New Sec. 4. All SAVE data and related voter information shall be processed in a secure environment consistent with state and federal data-protection standards. Personally identifiable information shall not be disclosed publicly, except as required by law.

New Sec. 5. If any provision of this act or its application is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect the other provisions or applications of the act that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application.

New Sec. 6. If at any time the SAVE system ceases to allow for batch uploads or provide database searches by driver's license number or social security number, the secretary of state shall publish a notice of such change in the Kansas register. Upon publication of such notice, the provisions of sections 1 through 5, and amendments thereto, shall have no force and effect.";

On page 3, in line 43, by striking "month" and inserting "quarter"; also in line 43, after "list"

by inserting ", which shall be";

On page 4, in line 1, after "vehicles" by inserting "at such times as prescribed by the secretary of state,"; in line 2, by striking "month" and inserting "quarter"; in line 3, by striking "the following information" and inserting "a list of deceased residents of this state provided by the social security administration"; in line 4, by striking the colon; by striking all in lines 5 through 7; in line 8, by striking all before the semicolon; following line 24, by inserting:

"Sec. 8. K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 25-2324 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-2324. (a) Every quarter, the director of the division of motor vehicles shall provide a list of all permanent and temporary drivers' licenses issued to noncitizens~~quarterly and forward this list~~ to the secretary of state. The list of noncitizens shall contain the names, addresses, phone numbers, social security numbers, dates of birth, alien registration numbers, temporary drivers' license numbers and expiration dates of such licenses. The secretary of state shall compare such lists with the voter registration rolls and, after an investigation, direct the county election officer to remove within five business days any names of noncitizens that appear on the voter rolls. The county election officer shall notify any person removed from the voter registration rolls that the person may be reinstated on the voter registration rolls by providing proof of their citizenship.

(b) Every quarter, the director of the division of motor vehicles shall provide a list of all permanent and temporary driver's licenses issued to persons who have subsequently been issued a driver's license by another jurisdiction to the secretary of state. The list shall contain the names, addresses, phone numbers, dates of birth, driver's license numbers and expiration dates for such licenses. The secretary of state shall compare such lists with the voter registration rolls and, after an investigation, direct the county election officer to remove within five business days any names of such persons that appear on the voter rolls. The county election officer shall notify any person removed from the voter registration rolls that such person may be reinstated on the voter

registration rolls by providing proof of residency in this state."

Also on page 4, in line 25, by striking "is" and inserting "and 25-2324 are";

And by renumbering sections accordingly;

On page 1, in the title, in line 2, after the semicolon by inserting "requiring periodic comparisons with the federal systematic alien verification for entitlements (SAVE) database;"; in line 5, after "25-2316c" by inserting "and 25-2324"; in line 6, by striking "section" and inserting "sections"; and the bill be passed as amended.

_____Chairperson