



## STATE OF KANSAS

January 29, 2026

The Honorable Bryan Steil  
Chairman, Committee on House Administration  
1309 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515-6157

Dear Chairman Steil:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide information regarding Kansas's voter roll maintenance procedures. The Kansas Secretary of State's office relentlessly employs every method and data source authorized by the state legislature to maintain accurate voter rolls. The office has also consistently requested legislation providing for additional procedures and data sources, including those proposed for 2026, which are noted below. Attached is a narrative summary of Kansas's voter roll maintenance practices previously provided to the federal government.

Before responding to the Committee's specific questions, we wish to express our gratitude to the Trump administration for providing additional federal tools that have materially improved our ability to conduct voter-roll maintenance. We also appreciate our close working relationship with the Kansas Attorney General, who is willing to investigate and prosecute election crimes, sending a clear message that illegal election activity will not be tolerated in Kansas. Finally, we benefit from legislative leadership and committee chairs who are willing to work collaboratively with our office to enact new and improved methods for voter-roll maintenance.

### **1] How often does Kansas conduct a general program of voter list maintenance in accordance with 52 U.S.C. §20507?**

#### **Process**

State Death Certificates  
Social Security Death Index  
Obituary Review  
State Felony

#### **Minimum Frequency**

Weekly  
Annually  
Continuous  
Weekly

#### **For**

Deceased  
Deceased  
Deceased  
Felon

#### **Process**

Federal Felony  
Temporary Driver's License List  
Jury Duty  
USCIS SAVE  
Duplicate Registration Check  
National Change of Address  
Mailing for 4 Years Inactivity  
Removal of Inactive Votes  
Mailing Notices of Disposition  
Mailing Confirmation Notices

#### **Minimum Frequency**

As convicted  
Quarterly  
As Received  
Annually  
Twice a Year  
Annually  
Annually  
Biannual (after election)  
Continuous  
Continuous

#### **For**

Felon  
Citizenship  
Citizenship  
Citizenship  
Duplicate Registration  
Residence  
No activity  
Residence  
Residence  
Residence

## **2] What sources of data does Kansas rely upon to identify ineligible registrants?**

- Kansas Department of Health and Environment (death certificates)
- Department of Corrections (felony convictions)
- Division of Motor Vehicles (temporary driver's license list)
- SAVE (citizenship and social security death index)
- ELVIS – Statewide voter registration list
- NCOA – National Change of Address database
- County jury lists (citizenship)

In 2026, proposed legislation would allow the office to use:

- Reports for Kansas drivers' licenses canceled when a new license is issued in a new state.
- Any reliable federal or state government source of residence information.
- Reports of noncitizens receiving benefits from any state agency.

## **3] Does Kansas utilize free data provided by the United States Customs and Immigration Services Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements database?**

Yes. The enhanced SAVE program has provided substantial assistance in two respects. Kansas was apparently one of the first states to utilize the SAVE database and receive recognition from the President for our use of the system. After running the state's voter rolls through the process:

- For the first time in almost a decade the Secretary of State's office could cross-index the state's voter rolls with the social security death index, allowing us to identify registered voters who died out of state. As a result, more than 5,500 deceased voters have already been canceled, after verifying through other means that they were deceased.
- The office can cross-index the voter rolls for potential noncitizens to investigate and if confirmed remove from the voter rolls and for possible criminal prosecution if there is evidence amounting to reasonable suspicion of a crime.

## **4] With which states does Kansas have data-sharing agreements to account for registrants who move to other states?**

Currently Kansas has signed agreements with Texas and Missouri and is close to entering into agreements with at least two more states. Kansas ran the interstate cross-check program for 20 years, which at its height cross-indexed the voter rolls of 35 states. For several reasons, the program was compelled to be discontinued in 2018.

## **5] What steps does Kansas take to notify ineligible registrants of their removal from the state's voter rolls so that the registrant may correct any deficiencies?**

- For address changes, a confirmation notice is sent to the voter to confirm registration status. This is done in accordance with requirements under the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA).
- For convicted felons, a notice is sent to the registrant upon cancellation, informing the registrant of the notice of conviction and contact information of the county election office.
- For a person identified as a noncitizen, a notice is sent requiring the individual to provide proof of citizenship within 30 days prior to cancellation.
- For a person identified as having no activity, a confirmation notice is sent to the voter to confirm registration status.

## 6] How does Kansas identify and remove deceased individuals on its voter rolls?

- Systematic matching with official death records from Kansas vital records (weekly) and the Social Security Death Index (annually).
- Obituaries, both in newspapers and online funeral home websites, once verified.
- In 2026, proposed legislation will permit the use of family death attestations made under penalty of perjury.

## 7] How does Kansas identify and remove voters who have moved from its voter rolls?

- Annual comparison with the NCOA (National Change of Address) program from USPS.
- County election offices can send a countywide mailing at least once a year to identify persons who have moved and send a confirmation notice.
- Routine mailing indicates nonresidence plus two missed federal election cycles.
- County election officials mail a notice to anyone who has no election activity in four years.
- The Kansas Secretary of State's office enters into agreements to compare voter rolls with other states.
- In 2026, as mentioned above, proposed legislation would: 1) allow the use of reports from other states of canceled Kansas drivers' licenses when the holder moved to the new state and 2) grant general permission to use other reliable government records that indicate a registered voter may have changed residence.

## 8] How do state and local election officials verify eligibility, including citizenship, when registering voters?

- Kansas has laws that require documentary proof of citizenship to register to vote. These laws, however, were enjoined by a federal court in 2018 and cannot be enforced.
- During the act of registration, Kansas is left with the citizenship affirmation statement on the registration form made under penalty of perjury.
- Kansas has three methods to identify noncitizens on the voter rolls: 1) the federal SAVE program which became available in late 2025; 2) a quarterly report from the state's Department of Motor Vehicles of noncitizens with temporary driver's licenses, which was mandated by 2025 state legislation; and 3) jury questionnaires that indicate non-citizenship.
- In 2026, proposed legislation would: 1) require any state agency providing benefits to report quarterly any noncitizens for voter roll comparison; 2) mandate the use of the federal SAVE program; and 3) require drivers' licenses to indicate on their face if the holder is a noncitizen.
- The Kansas Secretary of State and the Kansas Attorney General have a close working relationship and any time there is reasonable suspicion of an election crime, such as noncitizen voting, it is referred to the criminal division and it is *always* fully investigated and if warranted, prosecuted.
- Once a person is registered to vote, local election officials send a notice of disposition to every registrant, which will indicate the ability to receive mail at the residence address.

The Committee request referenced the discovery that the two-term and re-elected mayor of the small city of Coldwater, Kansas, was not a citizen. This is an example of an individual who had registered to vote before the advent of a centralized voter database with standardized procedures and verification screening. His name was flagged by both the SAVE program and the state's temporary driver's license report, both tools became available only in late 2025. Criminal charges were promptly brought for registering and voting as a noncitizen.

Thank you for the opportunity to share the processes Kansas takes to ensure the integrity of the state's voter rolls and the initiatives to continue to strengthen election integrity in our state. Please contact us if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Scott Schwab". The signature is written in a dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Scott Schwab  
Kansas Secretary of State