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Re: Report due under A.R.S. § 16-165(M)

Dear President Petersen and Speaker Montenegro,

Laws 2022, Ch. 370 requires the Secretary of State report the following information to the Legislature after each quarter.

I. The number of deaths reported to the Secretary of State by the Department of Health Services, the number of voter registration cancellation notices issued by the Secretary of State to the county recorders as a result of those reports and the number of registrations cancelled as a result of those notices.

- Number of deaths reported from 4/01/2026 – 7/31/2026ⁱ: 19,149.
- Number of registered voters matched from the Deceased reportⁱⁱ: 9,697.
- Number of reported deaths that were registered voters sent cancellation notices^{ii, viii}: 9,566.
- Number of registrations cancelled due to these and previous noticesⁱⁱ: 9,566.

II. The number of persons reported to the Secretary of State who have been issued a driver license or the equivalent of an Arizona nonoperating identification license in another state, the number of notices sent pursuant to subsection E of this section and the number of voter registrations that have been placed in inactive status and the number of voter registrations that have been cancelled as a result of those notices.

- Number of persons reportedⁱⁱⁱ: 35,329.
- Number of registered voters matched from the MVD reportⁱⁱⁱ: 8,931.
- Number of reported persons identified as registered voters that were sent notices^{iii, viii}: 2,961.
- Number of voter registrations placed in inactive status^{vii, viii}: 1,819.
- Number of voter registrations that have been cancelled^{iv, vii, viii}: 1,560.

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III. The number of persons who have stated on a jury questionnaire that the person is not a United States citizen, the number of notices sent pursuant to subsection A, paragraph 10 of this section and the number of registrations that have been cancelled as a result of those notices.

- Number of persons who have stated on jury questionnaire that the person is not a U.S. citizen: 659.
- Number of registered voters that had not previously proven citizenship and were sent notices^{vii, viii, ix}: 7.
- Number of registrations that have been cancelled^{v, vii, viii}: 1.

IV. The number of persons who have stated on a jury questionnaire that the person is not a resident of the county, the number of notices sent pursuant to A.R.S. § 16-165(A)(9)(b) of this section and the number of registrations that have been cancelled as a result of those notices.

- Number of persons who have stated on jury questionnaire that the person is not a resident: 7,436.
- Number of registered voters that had not proven residency after the Juror Commissioner's report who were sent notices^{vii, viii, ix}: 437.
- Number of registrations that have been cancelled^{v, vii, viii}: 155.

V. The number of registrations on the inactive voter list that have been cancelled according to the NVRA process pursuant to A.R.S. § 16-165(A)(7)^{vi}: 2.

Sincerely,

Adrian Fontes
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ⁱThe Arizona Department of Health Services provides monthly information about deaths of Arizona residents. Not all residents are registered to vote, therefore the number of cancellations and notices will be fewer than the total number of deaths reported.

ⁱⁱFor the purpose of verifying deceased resident records against the statewide voter registration database, the county recorder shall conduct an individualized inquiry and determine whether the decedents information is a “true match.” EPM, Ch. 1, Section IX(A)(1)(b), at 41-42. “The County Recorder shall send a letter confirming the cancellation to the registrant’s mailing address on record, with instructions to contact the County Recorder if the cancellation was in error.” Accordingly, to verify identity of the decedent, the number of cancellation notices may exceed the number of registrations cancelled when the verification of death is pending.

ⁱⁱⁱFor persons who have been issued an out-of-state license, the Secretary of State shall provide County Recorders a list of registered voters who have been issued an out-of-state license within 10 days of receipt. A.R.S. § 16-165(F). “If there is a true match, the County Recorder shall send each person a notice by forwardable mail. The notice shall inform the person that failure to return the form within ninety (90) days will result in the person’s registration being placed in inactive status.” EPM, Ch. 1, Section IX(B)(4), at 45.

^{iv}Systematic cancellations within 90 days of a primary or general election is prohibited under the NVRA. EPM, Ch. 1, Section IX(D) & (E) at 50-53.

^vA County Recorder must complete any program to systematically cancel registration records at least 90 days before a primary or general election. 52 U.S.C. § 20507(c)(2)(A). Systematic programs include the cancellation of records through the NVRA process described in Chapter 1, Section IX(D). Systematic programs also include potential cancellation of records based on periodic summary reports from jury commissioners or jury managers. EPM, Ch. 1, Section IX(E) at 53.

^{vi}A voter registration may be cancelled through the NVRA process if the registrant: (1) Does not timely respond to the Final Notice by submitting a new registration form or otherwise update their voter registration address with the County Recorder; and (2) Fails to vote in any election in two federal/statewide general election cycles following the Final Notice. A.R.S. § 16-165(A)(7); A.R.S. § 16-166(E); 52 U.S.C. § 20507(b)(2), (d)(1)(B), (d)(2). EPM, Ch. 1, Section IX(D)(1) at 50-51.

^{vii}Due to close alignment of various procedures for changing the status of a voter. In some cases, the voter may be placed in an incorrect status reason, but their status is correct. Resulting in potential under-reporting of status changes to Inactive and Cancelled.

^{viii}Under the revised data collection methods which results with greater alignment with statute A.R.S. § 16-165(M), data regarding notices from Maricopa and Pima is not provided to AVID, the statewide voter registration database, from Maricopa’s and Pima’s voter registration databases at this time.

^{ix}In some cases, voters may not report their Citizenship or Residence status accurately to the Jury Commissioner. This can inflate initial counts, however when county staff review the record, they may determine that citizenship and/or residency requirements have been previously met. Therefore, those individuals may not be sent a notice, however the county reports back to the Jury Commissioner. The return report from the county to the Jury Commissioner is not available to the Secretary of State’s office.