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Exhibit A

June 15, 2007 Letter of Intent to Challenge
(1 page)

Date of Mailing: 06/15/2007
NOTICE: LETTER OF INTENT TO CHALLENGE

Dear Registered Voter:

We are writing to notify you that we have reason to believe you are registered to vote in Texas and Louisiana. If you would like to remain registered to vote in Louisiana, you may only do so by presenting us with proof of cancellation of your out-of-state voter registration within 30 days of this notice. You may mail or fax a certified copy of the cancellation to your Louisiana parish's registrar of voters as listed below.

If you do not provide such proof of cancellation within 30 days of this notice, you will receive a second notification requiring you to appear in person at your Louisiana parish's registrar of voters office, within 21 days of the second notice, to provide proof of why you should not be canceled from the voter registration rolls in Louisiana. If you fail to appear in person and you have not provided the proof referred to in the first paragraph of this notice, you will be canceled from Louisiana's voter registration rolls.

If you have any questions regarding this notification, you may call your parish registrar of voters at the number provided below or you may call the Louisiana Secretary of State's office at 1-800-883-2805.

ROBERT POCHE
Registrar Of Voters
Parish of ASCENSION
828 S IRMA BLVD #205
GONZALES, LA 70737 3631
Phone: (225) 621-5780
Fax: (225) 621-5783

**IMPORTANT
BRING THIS NOTICE WITH YOU**



Exhibit B

July 15, 2007 Letter of Irregularity
(1 page)

Date of Mailing: 06/15/2007
NOTICE: LETTER OF IRREGULARITY

Dear Voter:

This office has received information which provides reason to believe that you may no longer be qualified to be registered to vote in Louisiana for the following reason:

YOU HAVE REGISTERED TO VOTE IN ANOTHER STATE.

In order to remain registered to vote in Louisiana, the law requires that you appear **IN PERSON** at the office of the registrar within 21 days after the date on which this notice was mailed to show proof why your voter registration should not be canceled. If you do not appear within the required 21 days, the registrar is required by law to cancel your name from the list of eligible voters. (La. R. S. 18:193G).

ROBERT POCHE
Registrar Of Voters
Parish of ASCENSION
COURTHOUSE ANNEX - RM. 205, 828 S. IRMA
GONZALES, LA 70737 - 3631

COURTHOUSE WEST, 300 HOUMAS ST
DONALDSONVILLE, LA 70346

Form #0053 (04/02)

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Exhibit C

August 7, 2007 Letter from John Tanner to
Angie LaPlace Requesting Information
(2 pages)



U.S. Department of Justice
Civil Rights Division

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DJ 166-012-3
2007-3062

Voting Section - NWB
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

August 7, 2007

Ms. Angie LaPlace
Commissioner of Elections
P.O. Box 94125
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9125

Dear Ms. LaPlace:

This refers to your June 8, 2007, letter concerning the procedures for an out of state voter registration comparison project for the State of Louisiana. We received your correspondence on June 8, 2007; supplemental information was provided through July 11, 2007.

During the July 26, 2007, telephone conversation with members of our staff, we informed you that the information provided does not meet the requirements for a proper submission of a change affecting voting under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. 1973c. In particular, your letter does not satisfy Section 51.27(c) of the Procedures for the Administration of Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act (See 28 C.F.R.) (www.usdoj.gov/crt/voting/28cfr/55/28cfr55.htm), which requires that a submission contain, in the absence of self-explanatory documents, "a clear statement of the change explaining the difference between the submitted change and the prior law or practice, or explanatory materials adequate to disclose to the Attorney General the difference between the prior and proposed situation with respect to voting." In the conversation you stated that you would write to us and clearly set forth the proposed changes and the benchmark practice or procedure. However, we have not received this information.

Under Section 5, a jurisdiction has the responsibility for clearly identifying the voting change for which preclearance is being requested. *Clark v. Roemer*, 500 U.S. 646 (1991); *McCain v. Lybrand*, 465 U.S. 236 (1984); *Allen v. State Board of Elections*, 393 U.S. 544 (1969). Therefore, we are unable to accept your letter as a request for review under Section 5. See 28 C.F.R. 51.26(d) and 51.35.



We further note that any voting changes that have been adopted, for which a proper submission is required, are legally unenforceable unless Section 5 preclearance has been obtained. *Clark v. Roemer, supra*; 28 C.F.R. 51.10. Please call Ms. Autumn Payne (202-514-6335) of our staff, if you require further clarification or information in connection with the resubmission of these voting changes.

Sincerely,



John Turner
Chief, Voting Section

Exhibit D

August 8, 2007 Re-Submission of 2007-3062
by State of Louisiana
(5 pages)



JAY DARDENNE
SECRETARY OF STATE

Secretary of State
State of Louisiana

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SECTION 5 SUBMISSION

NO. 2007-3062

August 8, 2007

John Tanner
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Civil Rights Division
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2007

Re: 2007-3062

Dear Mr. Tanner:

As per the request of your office, we are re-submitting for Section 5 approval the procedure of the Secretary of State in providing possible duplicates in Louisiana voter registration files and other states' registration files with a 30 day pre-notice letter. We submitted this information by e-submission and it was assigned as #2007-3062. This information today should supplement all information previously sent in e-submission number 2007-3062. This pre-notice letter is an additional step implemented by the Secretary of State, in addition to the 21 day notice letter required by law when a person registers in another state.

Enclosed herein as *Exhibit 1* is a copy of the Memorandum to All Registrars' of Voters from Secretary Dardenne and others which was delivered to each registrar with a listing for their parish of possible out of state registrants, including name (Last, First and middle, if available), date of birth, and address in Louisiana and in other state(s). The memorandum includes 2 attachments: *Attachment A Sample* is the 30 day pre-notice letter, and *Attachment B Sample* is the 21 day notice letter. This memorandum informs the registrars of the voter registration data that we were able to compare in the following states and/or counties so far:



San Diego, CA
Colorado
Florida
Georgia
Las Vegas, NV
New York, NY
Tennessee
Texas

The Secretary of State has the authority to enter into cooperative agreements with other states to share voter registration information for purposes of determining whether a voter is registered in more than one state pursuant to R.S. 18:18(D). A link to this law:

<http://www.legis.state.la.us/lss/lss.asp?doc=81505>

Additionally R.S. 18:1308.3(C)

(<http://www.legis.state.la.us/lss/lss.asp?doc=365728>)

Provides for special provisions for temporarily displaced persons and requires the registrar to contact the appropriate election official in a jurisdiction where an applicant requests for an absentee by mail ballot to be sent prior to sending the ballot. In providing assistance to the Orleans Parish Registrar of Voters in the spring mayoral elections in 2006, the Secretary of State assigned staff to call all states to begin the dialogue of compliance with these two laws on behalf of Orleans and the State. Enclosed herein as *Exhibit 2* is a copy of the project notes from initial contact to all states. Enclosed herein as *Exhibit 3* is the chart listing of state contacts for registration database sharing of information.

There is no document embodying a voting practice that is proposed for repeal, amendment, or any other change. The 30 day pre-notice letter is an additional letter that Secretary Dardenne sent to those voters of possible duplicated registrations in the State of Louisiana and one or more other states. The 30 day pre-notice letter was mailed to both the Louisiana address and the other state(s) address. It allowed possible duplicates 30 days to cancel their other state registration and inform their registrar by either mail or fax with proof of such cancellation in order to remain registered to vote in Louisiana and to not receive the 21 day notice letter which requires personal appearance. The 21 day notice letter is provided for in R.S. 18:193(G),

(<http://www.legis.state.la.us/lss/lss.asp?doc=81519>) where a registrar informs a voter that they have 21 days to appear in person before the registrar to show cause why they should not be canceled when a registrar has reason to believe that the person is no longer qualified to be registered for a reason other than a change of address, such as a registration in another state.

The 30 day pre-notice letters were mailed on June 15, 2007. Prior to the mailing of this letter, the Secretary held a telephone conference with all Registrars to discuss the project. The Secretary of State's office received telephone calls on the toll free hotline to assist voters in handling this matter. The Registrars used the LR-3 form, enclosed here as *Exhibit 4*, where appropriate to assist the voters in canceling their out of state registrations. This form is traditionally filled out by a voter when they appear to register in Louisiana and they inform the registrar of the previous out of state registration. The registrars mailed, faxed or gave this LR-3 form to voters who called and/or appeared in their offices to handle this matter personally and the registrars transmitted this notice to out of state election officials to cancel out of state registrations. The mailing date of June 15, 2007 allowed the 30 day notice to run through July 15, 2007, however, we extended the time through July 20, 2007 to allow the registrars additional time to work their list. We then mailed the 21 day notice letters on July 25, 2007 to run through August 15, 2007, which is almost 1 month before the closing of the registration books, September 19, 2007, for the upcoming gubernatorial election, October 20, 2007.

On June 20, 2007 we presented all of this information to the Senate and Governmental Affairs Committee, chaired by Senator C. D. Jones (link to senate information: <http://senate.legis.state.la.us/Jones/>), and on June 21, 2007 we presented all of this information again to a Joint Committee of the House and Governmental Affairs Committee and Senate and Governmental Affairs Committee. The house committee is chaired by Representative Lancaster (link to house information: http://house.louisiana.gov/H_Reps/members.asp?ID=80).

We have worked closely with all registrars, handling calls and transmitting the information to them either by phone or email. As a supplement to the email communication to Mr. McCorkle, we are enclosing herein as *Exhibits 5 and 6*, which are email communications to all registrars on June 21, 2007 informing them of a suggestion to send a new voter ID card to the Louisiana registrant who remains registered to vote in Louisiana and reminding them of their authority to CLOSE any event that does not appear to be a match upon visual inspection of the data. (Closing an event in our ERIN system stopped the process, and the voter did not receive the 21 day notice letter. The voter remained in their current status.) On June 27, 2007 we transmitted an email communication to all registrars, which is enclosed herein as *Exhibit 7*. This communication was to assist the registrars in "working" their list to CLOSE the event on all of those persons that were easily determined to NOT match. And on June 28, 2007 we answered a question regarding matching names with only middle initial or no middle name, enclosed herein as *Exhibit 8*.

On July 22, 2007 our IT Department closed all events that were not an exact match and prepared the 21 day letters for mailing on July 25th to only those voters who were exact matches, which included an exact match of last name, first name, and middle name, and date of birth. Enclosed as Exhibit 9 is an email communication from our IT staff informing us of the status on this project. The first stats on EXACT MATCHES shows that the registrars manually sent a 21 day challenge to 5 voters, who canceled after the 21 days; 5 were manually canceled due to death; 1 was manually canceled due to felon conviction; 1 was manually canceled due to an irregularity; 331 were transferred; and 408 were canceled voluntary, meaning at the request of the voter. For the NOT EXACT MATCHES stats, the registrars statewide canceled 5 for manual 21 day challenge, 18 for death, 2 for felon conviction, 1 for irregularity, 410 for transfers, and 680 for voluntary requests from voters.

On July 25, 2007 the 21 day notice letter was mailed to the Louisiana registrant in accordance with law. It was mailed to EXACT MATCHES that remained as opened events in our ERIN system (statewide registration database). The July 24th email, Exhibit 10, from our IT staff for response to the legislature on HCR 232 and 238 <http://www.legis.state.la.us/billdata/streamdocument.asp?did=443235> <http://www.legis.state.la.us/billdata/streamdocument.asp?did=443239>, shows that the exact match open events totaled 22,551 (20,069 registered in other state on or after 9/1/2005 and 2,482 before 9/1/2005). The documents sent to the legislature are voluminous, and are not being enclosed herein, but will be sent as an attachment in an email to Ms. Yvette Rivera.



Exact Matches on or NOT Exact Matches
 after 9-1-2005 - with on or after 9-1-2005

R.S. 18:18 was precleared as follows:

R.S. 18:18 was added by Louisiana Act 1976, No. 697, amended by Acts 1977, No. 523; Acts 1994, 3rd Ex. Sess., No. 10; Acts 2001, No. 1181; and Acts 2003, No. 286, precleared as follows [year / act no. / submission date / preclearance date / DOJ file no]:

1976	697	10-22-76	p/c 1/27/89	no info.
1977	523	8-11-77	P/C 10-11-77	A1955-2003
1994,3rd e.s.	10	9-22-94	P/C 11-21-94	NA
2001	1181	9/26/01	p/c 11-30-01	2001-3212
2003	286	9-4-03	10-30-03	2003-3319

2004, R.S.	526	Election code omnibus bill	7/16/04, expedite req.	p/c 9-20-04
2005	220		p/c 12/19/2005	P/C
2006	403	1/1/01	Omnibus Bill	P/C

R.S. 18:193 was precleared as follows:

Year DOJ #	Act No.	Subm. Date	Preclearance date	
1976	697	10-22-76	p/c 1/27/89	no info.
1986	669		p/c 12-30-86	
1987	831	9-2-87	P/C 11-2-87	S8098-8137 S5811-8098
1987	890	11-30-87	P/C 1-28-88	S977
1989	179	8-28-89	P/C 10-27-89	Z2120-2123 Z3519-3534
1994, 3rd c.s.	10	9-22-94	P/C 11-21-94	NA
1997	Act 1420	7-29-97	partial P/C 9-29-97 (see file)	97-2264
2001	1181	9/26/01	p/c 11-30-01	2001-3212
2004	526	2004	p/c 9/20/04	2004-3159

R.S. 18:1308.3 was passed by Act No. 4 of the 2006 1st special session and Act 403 of the 2006 regular session, but we do not have preclearance information on either of these acts, although we have been informed by our Attorney General's office that the acts did receive preclearance.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (225) 922-0900 or by email angie.laplace@sos.louisiana.gov. Thanking you in advance for your consideration and review, we remain

Yours very truly,

JAY DARDENNE
SECRETARY OF STATE


ANGIE ROGERS LAPLACE
Commissioner of Elections

ARL;dr

Enclosures

Exhibit E

June 14, 2007 Memorandum to All Registrars
from Jay Dardenne et al.
(2 pages)



JAY DARDENNE
SECRETARY OF STATE

Secretary of State
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MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL REGISTRARS' OF VOTERS

FROM: JAY DARDENNE, SECRETARY OF STATE
ANGIE ROGERS LAPLACE, COMMISSIONER OF ELECTIONS
JOANNE GUIDROZ, DIR. NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION
CHRISIE WEATHERFORD, IT DIRECTOR

DATE: JUNE 14, 2007

RE: REGISTRATIONS FROM OTHER STATES

Enclosed is the listing of possible out of state registrants in your parish that have been mailed the 30 day pre-notice letter. This 30 day pre-notice letter is enclosed as "Attachment A." This 30 day pre-notice letter was mailed to each voter's Louisiana registration address and to the out of state registration address.

The voter may mail or fax proof of the cancellation of his out of state registration if he wants to remain registered to vote in Louisiana. Your address, phone and fax numbers are included on the letter to the voter. The voter has been instructed to mail or fax a certified copy of the cancellation of his out of state registration. If you are not sure whether the document is valid, please contact Angie LaPlace at (225) 922-0900 and we will work with you on this matter.

We were able to compare voter registration data in the following states and/or counties so far:

- San Diego, CA
- Colorado
- Florida
- Georgia
- Las Vegas, NV
- New York, NY
- Tennessee
- Texas



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All Registrars' of Voters

We used name (Last, first) and date of birth for matching purposes. We also looked at last date of registration to be sure the voter's latest registration was in the other state. If a person calls to question why he received this letter, you can ask for identifying information, such as mother's maiden name or last 4 digits of social security number, to make a better determination for a match. If the voter confirms that he is not the same person on our voter registration rolls, you need to close the event in ERIN and document the voter's record.

We plan to continue working with other Secretaries of States on comparisons of voter registration rolls until we have completed all states.

If you receive proof of the cancellation of the voter's out of state registration within the 30 day period, you need to close the event in ERIN on the voter so that he will not receive the 2nd notice, which will be the 21 day notice. If you have any questions on this procedure, please contact Joanne Guidroz at (225) 922-0900.

If a voter does not respond to the 30 day pre-notice letter, the event should remain open and the ERIN System will automatically generate the 21 day notice letter. If the voter fails to appear, within the 21 days to show proof of why he should remain registered to vote in Louisiana, he will be cancelled.

ARL:dr
Enclosures
Attachment A

Exhibit F

June 21, 2007 Memorandum to All Registrars
from Angie LaPlace
(2 pages)

MEMORANDUM

TO: TO ALL REGISTRARS:

FROM: ANGIE ROGERS LAPLACE
COMMISSIONER OF ELECTIONS

DATE: JUNE 21, 2007

RE: OUT OF STATE REGISTRANTS

We thank you for your work on this project. We know that it is difficult to deal with voters who appear to be possible matches, but in fact are not, but it is very important that we maintain the most accurate voter registration system possible.

We have received some great ideas from you and we are very appreciative! We are forwarding all suggestions to everyone as they develop. The most recent being the new ID card being sent to a voter to confirm that they remain a valid registered voter. If a voter calls and they are not registered in another state, you can CLOSE the event in ERIN and send the voter a new ID card. Inform the voter that you will send them a new ID card and that will be confirmation of your conversation with them and proof that they will remain on the rolls.

We are writing to summarize the different scenarios that you may receive:

- Registered in LA & out of state & wants to cancel out of state:
Voter calls and is registered out of state and wants to cancel out of state registration. (1) They can write the out of state election official to cancel their out of state registration and either mail or fax a copy to their Parish ROV or SOS. (2) They can appear at ROV office and fill out an "Authorization to Cancel Voter Registration" LR-3 form. (3) They can contact out of state election official and have registration canceled and copy faxed or mailed to parish ROV.
- Registered in LA & out of state & wants to cancel LA registration:
Voter calls and wants to cancel their registration in Louisiana. Do NOT close the event and inform the voter that they will receive the 2nd notice and they will be canceled by not responding. An alternative is for the voter to send us a statement in writing that they



wish to cancel their LA registration. Once received, the ROV can cancel the registration.

- LA registrant who never registered out of state: Voter calls and is a LA registered voter and claims never registered out of state. Confirm their name (Last, first, middle), date of birth, mother's maiden name and CLOSE the event in ERIN and mail new voter ID card to confirm registration remains valid.
- Not a registered LA voter but received the letter in another state: Voter calls from another state and claims that he has never been registered in LA and does not understand why he received the letter. Explain that it is only a possible match, but we will CLOSE the event in ERIN and he will not receive any other correspondence from us.

If any of you have any other suggestions, please do not hesitate to email me!
Again, thank you for working with us on this important project!

ARL;dr

Exhibit G

September 28, 2006 Letter from John Tanner to
William Bryan III regarding Act No. 403
(1 page)



U.S. Department of Justice
Civil Rights Division

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2006-5398

Voting Section - NWD
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Washington, DC 20530

September 28, 2006

Mr. William P. Bryan, III
Assistant Attorney General
P.O. Box 94125
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9125

Dear Mr. Bryan:

This refers to Act No. 403 (H.B. 909) (2006), which provides numerous changes to the election code, for the State of Louisiana, submitted to the Attorney General pursuant to Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. 1973c. We received your submission on August 3, 2006; supplemental information was received through September 11, 2006.

The Attorney General does not interpose any objection to the specified changes. However, we note that Section 5 expressly provides that the failure of the Attorney General to object does not bar subsequent litigation to enjoin the enforcement of the changes. In addition, as authorized by Section 5, we reserve the right to reexamine this submission if additional information that would otherwise require an objection comes to our attention during the remainder of the sixty-day review period. Procedures for the Administration of Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act (28 C.F.R. 51.41 and 51.43).

Act No. 403 (H.B. 909) (2006), includes provisions that are enabling in nature. Therefore, the State of Louisiana is not relieved of its responsibility to seek Section 5 review of any changes affecting voting proposed to be implemented pursuant to this legislation (e.g., cooperative agreements entered into by the Secretary of State with other states to share voter registration information for the purpose of determining whether a voter is registered in more than one state). See 28 C.F.R. 51.15.

Sincerely,

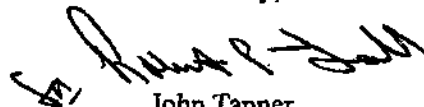

John Tanner
Chief, Voting Section



Exhibit H

June 21, 2007 Email from Chrissie Weatherford
to Angie LaPlace et al.
(1 page)

Angie LaPlace

From: Chrissie Weatherford
Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2007 1:00 PM
To: SOS-ROV; SOS-MIS
Cc: Angie LaPlace; Joanne Guidroz
Subject: Out of State Compare

It is within the ROV's authority to review the list submitted by the Department of State and close any event that does not appear to be a match upon visual inspection of the data. You may do this on your own initiative if you feel there is a discrepancy significant enough to merit closing the event. The example is a man that has a totally different middle name. You cannot always do this for a woman because their names change more frequently. The event must be closed before July 15th to prevent the second (challenge) notice from going out.



Exhibit I

June 27, 2007 Email from Angie LaPlace to All Registrars
(1 page)

Angie LaPlace

From: Angie LaPlace
Sent: Wednesday, June 27, 2007 3:11 PM
To: SOS-ROV
Cc: SOS-Elections; SOS-Elections-Absentee; Helpdesk; Merietta Norton; Chrissie Weatherford; Joanne Guidroz; 'Ortego, Christian (CRT)'
Subject: FW: New Information on handling possible out of state registrants list
Importance: High

TO ALL REGISTRARS OF VOTERS:

Secretary Dardenne, Chrissie, Joanne, Merietta and I are all concerned that some possible matches may not contact us and ultimately get canceled when they should not be canceled. We need you to look at your list that was mailed to you and work the list. What does that mean?

We were only able to match First Name, Last name and DOB. Therefore, if you look at your hardcopy list of voters that was sent the first notice, you should be able to tell which voters in Louisiana having a possible match in another state are NOT CORRECT. For example, if Angie Rogers LaPlace in Louisiana w/ DOB 8/4/64 is listed as a possible match with a voter in Texas as Angie Wallace LaPlace DOB 8/4/64, THAT IS NOT A MATCH AND YOU SHOULD CLOSE THAT EVENT. Do not wait to hear from the voter. We need you to work the list now.

As always, we should err on the side of the voter - allowing the voter to remain registered to vote if we have doubt. We know that we have 5585 voters who have voted in Louisiana after they registered in another state. Although the data could be wrong, we should err on the side of the voter and CLOSE THE EVENT if we find that the voter is actively voting in Louisiana and the match does not seem correct. More likely, the possible match is not correct due to a middle name. PLEASE WORK YOUR LIST AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

We are considering our options at this time, such as extending the date of the first notice, and/or sending ID cards to those voters that we have not yet heard from in order to determine whether or not they have received our first notice, as suggested by Ernie in Caddo. We are also considering closing any event that we have received return mail from and making the voter inactive, instead of sending the 21 day notice. Therefore, we need your assistance in working and completing your lists as soon as possible before we proceed forward.

If you have already worked your list and you feel like you have closed all events that are NOT clearly an out of state voter, please email me and let me know. Otherwise, I will contact you early next week for this information. If you have any questions, or if we can help you with this process, please let me know. We are willing and able to send staff to your office to assist with this project. Thanks!

Angie LaPlace
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6/27/2007



Exhibit J

June 28, 2007 Email from Angie LaPlace to All Registrars
(1 page)

Angie LaPlace

From: Angie LaPlace
Sent: Thursday, June 28, 2007 4:03 PM
To: Lafourche ROV A; SOS-ROV
Cc: Joanne Guidroz; Chrissie Weatherford; Merietta Norton
Subject: RE: New Information on handling possible out of state registrants list

I'm going to answer the question below for the benefit of everyone.

Question?

You addressed a match for names that list a full middle name, what about the names that list a middle initial for one and full middle name starting with a different letter in the other? For example, Lisa A. Anderson vs. Lisa Pruitt Anderson. Should the event be closed for this one or is it possible she used her former middle name (maybe Ann) and what should we do with that?

Answer: Leave the event OPEN unless you have any other information that could assist you in making this determination. This is the problem with the female voters on your list. One registration may be under their middle name and one may be under their maiden name as their middle name.

Other information that may be of assistance: Look at voting history. If this person has never voted, or not voted in the last couple of years, or if they are on inactive status from the canvass – all of this information should help you to make a decision, which should probably be to leave the event OPEN. BUT, if the voter voted recently and is active, it is more likely that you do not have a match and may consider closing that event. You are going to have to use your best judgment in these situations.

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6/28/2007



Exhibit K

July 22, 2007 Email from Denise Wisner
to Angie LaPlace & Chrissie Weatherford
(1 page)

Angie LaPlace

From: Denise Wisner
Sent: Sunday, July 22, 2007 10:13 AM
To: Angie LaPlace; Chrissie Weatherford
Subject: Stats from Sunday on the Out of State Comparison

These are the stats from Sunday, we will start the challenge process on the exact matches tomorrow.

EXACT MATCHES

Number of Voter that have been cancelled since they received the first letter and the reason that they were cancelled:

5 21 Day Manual Challenge
5 Deceased
1 Felon
1 Irregularity
331 Transferred
408 Voluntary

Number of manual challenges since they received the first letter and their current status:

Active Voters 17 Challenges
Inactive Voters 15 Challenges
Cancelled Voters 5 Challenges - same as above - 21 Day Manual Challenge.

NOT EXACT MATCHES

Number of Voter that have been cancelled since they received the first letter and the reason that they were cancelled:

5 21 Day Manual Challenge
18 Deceased
2 Felon
1 Irregularity
410 Transferred
680 Voluntary

Number of manual challenges since they received the first letter and their current status:

Active Voters 370 Challenges
Inactive Voters 208 Challenges
Cancelled Voters 5 Challenges - same as above - 21 Day Manual Challenge

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Exhibit L

August 17, 2007 News Article, "Registrar Drops More
Than 21,000 from Voters Rolls," The Advocate
(2 pages)

By MARSHA SHULER

Advocate Capitol News Bureau

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More than 21,000 people have been dropped from Louisiana's voter rolls, state election officials reported Thursday.

The names showed up as being registered to vote in other states, according to a report issued by the Secretary of State's Office.

The majority of the people dropped had been registered in areas hardest hit by the 2005 hurricanes, the report stated.

About one-third of the voters — 6,932 — were on Orleans Parish rolls, the report says.

The next highest registration cancellation occurred in Jefferson Parish where 2,871 voters were dropped. St. Tammany lost 1,558 voters and Calcasieu, 1,138 voters.

East Baton Rouge Parish lost 1,613 voters in the purge, according to the report.

Registrar drops more than 21,000 from voters rolls

Orleans and Jefferson parishes were among the hardest hit by 2005's Hurricane Katrina, which scattered residents throughout the U.S. Many of them have not returned some two years later.

The Secretary of State's Office started out with 53,554 people with potential dual voter registration in June. At the end of challenge period, 21,192 people were dropped from state rolls.

The office's elections division compared Louisiana's 2.8 million voter list with those from Texas, Florida, Georgia, Colorado and Tennessee as well as the counties of New York, Las Vegas and San Diego.

Elections Commissioner Angie LaPlace said those areas are among those from which the state got the most requests for absentee ballots to vote in Louisiana elections. The office surveyed to make sure that people weren't trying to vote in two states, she said.

The project also served to check voter registration data with other states to make sure the rolls are accurate, LaPlace said.



Because no national database exists, LaPlace said Louisiana is working to share information more regularly.

Louisiana has a statewide voter base so it is easier to keep up with voter registration changes from one parish to the other, LaPlace said.

LaPlace said election officials won't do another survey until after the fall elections. The timing depends on how much information is received from other states in the coming months, she said.

Election officials sent out initial notices to 53,554 people in mid-June giving them 30 days to prove they have canceled their registration in another state or that a mistake had been made when Louisiana voter rolls were compared to those in other states.

The state used first and last names as well as date of birth to do the comparison.

Some 1,883 voters came off the rolls as of that deadline.

A second notice went out in late-July giving the voters another 21 days to clear up any problem with their voter registration at local registrars offices.

The 21-day period ended at close of business Wednesday and another 19,309 voters came off the rolls.

"We wanted to give everybody time to update their voter registration information timely before the (Oct. 20) election if they wanted to stay in Louisiana," LaPlace said.

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Exhibit M

August 27, 2007 News Article, "Voter Purge Drops 20,000
from Louisiana Rolls," New Orleans City Business
(1 page)

New Orleans CITYBUSINESS

Voter purge drops 20,000 from Louisiana rolls

7:00 p.m. Monday, August 27, 2007

Louisiana Secretary of State Jay Dardenne deleted nearly 20,000 former Louisiana residents from voter rolls Aug. 15 after finding they had registered to vote in other states.

The former residents were all dropped for the same reason — dual registration, said secretary of state spokesman Jacque Berry.

"This had absolutely nothing to do with Katrina. This is a completely different issue," Berry said. "We found a certain number, which ended up being around 55,000 voters who we think may have been the same as voters registered to vote in another state."

The 20,000 dropped voters were all confirmed as being registered in more than one state, while the remaining voters will be purged in future registration sweeps, Berry said.

"If the voters are not registered in another state, it's perfectly within their rights to never step foot in this state again but continue to vote through absentee by mail," he said. "Or they can come back for the elections and vote. As long as they maintain their residency here and not register in another state, they have every right to continue to vote in Louisiana. But once they register in that other state, that's when it becomes an issue."

Orleans Parish Clerk of Court Arthur Morrell questions the timing and fairness of the registration sweep.

"You still have people out that want to come back to New Orleans that can't come back because of one of who knows how many reasons," Morrell said. "If what they (the secretary of state's office) are doing is following the law as far as voter registration and eligibility, then I can't do anything about that. But people would still like to participate and have some sayso on who they want to represent New Orleans or be their elected official."

Berry said nearly a dozen neighboring states such as Texas and Mississippi generate a lot of absentee voters for Louisiana elections and were contacted to determine if their registered voters also appeared on Louisiana lists.

Morrell said new voters who have turned 18 since evacuating to another state after Katrina should have the ability to submit absentee votes by mail, just like the children of military personnel are allowed, without having to come to New Orleans to vote the first time.

"It's not fair," Morrell said. "I think the timing is bad with this big election coming up."

All new voters registered in other states since Sept. 1, 2005, were examined regardless of reason, Berry said. If a name showed up on more than one list, the person received a letter instructing them to present proof of residency in their home precinct to the appropriate registrar of voters within 30 days to avoid being deleted, Berry said.

A second letter was later sent giving the voters 21 more days to prove residency.

"We didn't even look at the day the voters registered in another state. We just looked at everything from that date (Sept. 1) on," he said. "There were a lot of them who, when we sent them a letter, said they thought they would have immediately been canceled in Louisiana when they registered in another state. But since there's no national voter database, that's not the way it happened."

Registrars ask new voters where they last registered and contact that state to avoid dual registration. But it doesn't always happen, Berry said.

More than 6,700 former Orleans Parish voters were also registered in another state, which Orleans Parish Registrar of Voters Sandra Wilson said probably resulted from the availability of voter registration forms when citizens apply for a driver's license in a new state.

"There are people who registered to vote using that motor voter system, and they aren't even aware that they are registering to vote in another place," Wilson said. "That happens all the time. A lot of people have called us and said they haven't registered to vote only to find out that they did through the motor voter system."

Registrar of Voters Administrative Supervisor Darlene Landry said her office processes at least 1,000 voting applications per day looking for irregularities such as dual registration.

Louisianians who have not voted in the two most recent federal elections are placed on the inactive list, which has up to 6,000 inactive voters, Landry said.

Inactive and absentee voters differ from those registered in two states because they still have the constitutional right to vote, Berry said.

Berry said the voters will continue to be deleted from Louisiana rolls if they are registered in another state.

Exhibit N

June 15, 2007 Press Release from Secretary of State Dardenne
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**SECRETARY DARDENNE: VOTERS REGISTERED IN MULTIPLE STATES
SHOULD NOTIFY REGISTRAR OF VOTERS TO AVOID BEING CANCELED**

Secretary of State Jay Dardenne is taking steps to ensure that Louisiana voters who have registered to vote in another state cannot vote in both states. Beginning today, the secretary of state's office is sending notices to approximately 55,000 voters who appear to be registered both in Louisiana and in another state. The notices will alert these voters that, should they choose to remain on Louisiana's voter rolls, they need to provide the registrar of voters in the parish where they are registered with a certified copy of the cancellation of their voter registration from the other state within 30 days.

"We have compared our voter rolls with those in other states and identified those voters with identical last names, first names and dates of birth. Voters who want to remain registered in Louisiana should contact their registrars at the number on the notice, or if they want to remain registered in the other state they can simply ignore the notice and be canceled," Secretary Dardenne said.

The notice advises the voters that failure to respond within 30 days will result in the mailing of a 21-day notice. This is the statutorily required notice sent to voters who have an irregularity with their registration. It requires them to appear in person at their registrar of voters office to show proof of why they should not be canceled.

"We believe that by providing the 30-day notice before sending the 21-day notice, we are giving these voters ample opportunity to show why they should remain on our voter rolls," Secretary Dardenne said. "By sending the notices to both their Louisiana addresses and their out-of-state addresses, we are confident that the voters will have every opportunity to respond. If they don't, we have reason to believe that they no longer wish to participate in the electoral process in Louisiana based on their registration in another state. This process not only protects the rights of any displaced Louisianian, but also ensures that individuals cannot vote in Louisiana if they have registered elsewhere."

Both notices will include all information needed to contact the registrar of voters offices in each voter's specific parish. The secretary of state's office requested voter information from states where the greatest numbers of Louisianians have relocated, based on the department's recent absentee ballot requests.

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