

VFE Reaffirms Election Security Recommendations:

VFE previously urged ELECT to adopt of the following measures and reaffirms the call to:

- **Rescind ELECT Advisory (10/24/23):** This advisory addresses SSN4 and year of birth (YOB) verification on returned absentee ballots, and should be replaced with ELECT guidance for Election Officers to verify all material information, including SSN4 and YOB.
- **Public Access to ELECT Guidance:** Guidance from ELECT should be made publicly available on its website and distributed to electoral board members.
- **Utilization of SAVE Program:** For the accuracy of the voter rolls, ELECT and Registrars should fully utilize the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) program, as outlined in Virginia Code 24.2-404E, ensuring that DMV provides the mandatory document numbers required (§24.2-328(E)). ELECT should seek to expand their utilization of SAVE and seek additional immigration and citizenship data from DHS that is unavailable via SAVE.
- **Social Security Number (SSN) Verification:** ELECT should work with the Social Security Administration (SSA) to verify SSNs for voter registration purposes and confirm the accuracy of the voter database. DMV should also enter into an information exchange agreement with the SSA to enable DMV to validate SSNs for voter registration purposes.

Additional Time Sensitive Recommendation:

Further, given that noncitizen DMV licenses and IDs are identical in appearance to IDs issued to U.S. citizens but are prohibited for voting (VA code §24.2-643), VFE recommends:

- **Identifying Prohibited IDs:** Immediate guidance from ELECT that includes instructions to identify a potential prohibited ID, including a Driver Privilege Card, which has easily overlooked but distinct differences; require training for Officers of Election on this material. The guidance should also direct Officers of Election who recognize a potential prohibited ID during voter check-in to refer the ID to the Chief Officer of Election. The Chief should contact the Registrar or ELECT to determine through DMV, SAVE, or other DHS data whether the ID was issued to a noncitizen. Additionally, ELECT should work with the DMV to ensure a noncitizen ID cannot successfully scan on poll pads used by Officers of Election to check-in voters.