

SB293 Election Improvements . . . and Remaining Gaps

Mail-in Ballots

- ✓ Requires ballots be received by Election Day
- ⚠ UOCAVA ballots still accepted up to 4 days after Election Day

Citizenship Reviews

- ✓ Includes federal SAVE database for verification, in addition to current BMV records
- ✓ Increases review frequency from annual to at least monthly
- ✓ Reviews all voters with a valid ID instead of a select few that have BMV records
- ✓ Requires BOEs to remove voters confirmed as noncitizens, not in current law
- ⚠ Poll workers and BOEs cannot access SAVE/BMV data – and must rely on visual inspection of documents – which may be convincing counterfeits
- ⚠ New registrants may vote before their citizenship is reviewed
- ⚠ 50,000+ voters with invalid/unverifiable IDs may still cast regular ballots

Mismatched Birthdate / ID Numbers

- ✓ Requires provisional ballots when voter Birthdate or ID number does not match BMV or SSA records
- ⚠ Name mismatches removed from current SOS directive and federal law (HAVA) criteria — reducing an existing verification check
- ⚠ BOEs may remove the provisional voting requirement once updates are received, *without* re-verifying against BMV/SSA records – allowing voters with unverified identity and citizenship to cast regular ballots.

Provisional Ballot Verification

- ✓ Provisional status must remain until “*every piece of information that must be verified has been verified*”
- ⚠ Allows BOEs to “rectify” information rather than “verify” it against official databases— weakening the verification safeguard

Fictitious Registrations

- ✓ Requires cancellation of fictitious voters
- ⚠ Relies on backend verification instead of preventing fictitious registrations up front – before votes can be cast

Duplicate Registrations

- ✓ Requires removal of duplicate voter entries
- ⚠ No standards defined; BOEs claim no duplicates while outside analysts find many

Visual indicators: ✓ = Improvement ⚠ = At Risk for Ineligible Voting