PUBLIC INTEREST LEGAL FOUNDATION

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ATTN: Division of Elections
The Hon. Cord Byrd
Florida Secretary of State
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RE: Interstate Duplicate Registrations to Resolve

Dear Secretary Byrd:

I am writing on behalf of the Public Interest Legal Foundation to share findings from our review of Florida's voter registration data. We appreciate the work your office does to maintain accurate voter rolls, and we hope this information will be useful to those efforts.

Apparent Interstate Duplicate Registrations

As the Foundation has done in the past, we offer a review of what appears to be interstate duplicate voter registrations between Florida and a collection of second states that, depending on their individual facts, may require more immediate attention than others ahead of this November election. These findings should not be construed to mean the Florida Secretary of State is violating the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 or the Help America Vote Act of 2002.

The September 2026 edition of the Florida voter file was compared against similarly dated voter rolls from **California, Iowa, Maine, Michigan, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, and Pennsylvania**. This effort produced **84,260 apparent interstate duplications** in a variety of Active-Active and Active-Inactive status matches.

State	Pairs*	FL Active	FL Inact.	Act-Act	A-A %
New York	28,284	20,403	7,752	4,685	17%
North Carolina	23,194	4,667	18,509	4,321	19%
Pennsylvania	9,316	2,021	7,286	1,833	20%
Ohio	8,431	1,668	6,761	1,528	18%
Michigan	8,128	1,990	6,133	1,871	23%
California**	4,231	1,435	2,795	1,435	34%
Iowa	1,352	238	1,113	188	14%
Maine	1,324	245	1,076	198	15%

*Mathematic inconsistencies between table and underlying data due to interstate matches connecting to duplicated registrants in Florida or a second state.

**Los Angeles, San Diego, Orange Counties, only.

For sets showing Active-Active statuses, the Foundation raises these as a higher priority, **given their ability to cast ballots in both jurisdictions unimpeded**. Inactive Florida registrants in the findings are offered to assist with voter list maintenance operations in 2027 and beyond.

Apparent interstate duplicates are matched based on reciprocal references between the Florida voter roll's mailing address fields to identical name registrants in a second state's residential address fields, and vice versa. After reciprocal addresses are connected, full names and date of birth information must follow precision matching rules.

Thank you for your time and for considering this information. We look forward to working with your office.

Should you need to contact the Foundation regarding this matter, please contact me at lchurchwell@publicinterestlegal.org. Thank you for your service on this matter.

Sincerely,



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