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Dear Committee Members:

I am pleased to present the fourth report pursuant to Elections Code section 2201(e)(2). This report highlights the progress our office has made implementing Elections Code section 2214 and provides updates regarding VoteCal integration related to list maintenance notices for voter registration restorations and cancellations.

If you have any questions about this report, please feel free to contact me at (916) 653-7244 or have your staff contact the Elections Office at (916) 657-2166.

Sincerely,

Shirley N. Weber, Ph.D. California Secretary of State

Attachment

Executive Summary:

Assembly Bill (AB) 2951 (Chapter 424, Statutes of 2024) is a follow-up to AB 2841 (Chapter 807, Statutes of 2022), and extends the implementation deadline to July 1, 2025, for necessary system upgrades to VoteCal (the State of California's centralized voter registration database), pertaining to voters whose registration status may be subject to cancellation due to death.

AB 2951 also included a requirement for the SOS to provide an update to the Legislature that details the Secretary of State's (SOS) efforts and progress in fully implementing and achieving compliance with Elections Code sections 2208, 2209, 2210, 2211, 2211.5, and 2214. (Elec. Code, § 2201(e)(1).)

Compliance Update Report as of May 1, 2025:

SOS compliance with Elections Code section 2214:

Efforts are ongoing to develop interactive training courses to be hosted through CalLearns. These ongoing efforts include the following:

- Course 1 of 3 is being prepared by CalHR for testing.
- Course 2 was received back from the contractor complete with graphics, media, and interactive quizzes. The SOS has conducted quality assurance review of the transcript, closed captioning, voice over narration, the screen text and graphics, and matched against approved Course 2 scripts. Feedback was provided to the contractor for further development.
- Course 3 script is under SOS review.
- These enhanced training courses will be available at the beginning of Fiscal Year 25/26.

VoteCal Integration:

- The VoteCal maintenance and operations contractor conducted additional design session meetings with SOS.
- SOS initiated list maintenance training plan discussions with the operations contractor.
- In early June and in prepartion of implementation, SOS is participating in Mock List Maintenance Testing with counties in a test environment.
- Test scripts are being refined and and Election Management System vendors are participating in preparation activities for the Mock List Maintenance Testing by supporting the test counties, including new counties who have signed up to be test counties.
- SOS is on track to automate in VoteCal the list maintenance notices for voter registration restorations and cancellations by July 1, 2025. (Elections Code section 2201.).