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Department of State and PennDOT Confirm Most Registered Voters Have Photo ID

Harrisburg – The vast majority of registered voters in Pennsylvania have identification that can be used for voting, according to recent a comparison of the Department of State’s voter registration rolls and PennDOT ID databases.

“This thorough comparison of databases confirms that most Pennsylvanians have acceptable photo ID for voting this November,” Secretary of the Commonwealth Carol Aichele said. “This comparison takes into account only voters with PennDOT IDs, and does not include voters who may have any of the other various acceptable forms of ID.”

All voters identified as not having a PennDOT ID number will be contacted by letter this summer, reminding them of the new voter ID law, what IDs are acceptable for voting purposes, and how to get a free ID if they don’t have one.

County election directors will also be provided with the names and addresses of voters in their counties who did not match any record in the PennDOT database.

The database comparison shows:

- 91 percent of Pennsylvania’s 8,232,928 registered voters have PennDOT ID numbers
- Of the 758,939 voters who could not be matched between the Department of State and PennDOT databases, 22 percent, or 167,566, are inactive voters, most of whom have not voted since 2007.

One of the reasons a voter can be put on “inactive” status is if he or she has not voted in five years. A notice must be sent asking if the voter is still at the listed address. If the voter does not respond to this notice, the voter is placed on “inactive” status. Federal and state law require keeping an “inactive voter” on the registration list until he or she has not voted in two consecutive general elections for federal office after the date of the notice.

“Even though many voters identified in this comparison as not having PennDOT IDs are ‘inactive voters’, most of whom have not voted since 2007, we will err on the side of caution and include them in this mailing,” Aichele said.

Other registered voters may not have matched PennDOT’s list due to a variation in names between the voter registration and PennDOT databases.

For example, an individual who is registered to vote as Jon Smith but whose driver's license name is Jonathan Smith, would not show as a match, and be reported as not having a PennDOT ID number.

This list also does not take into account voters without PennDOT identification who have other acceptable forms of identification. Such other acceptable forms include identification from accredited Pennsylvania colleges or universities, Pennsylvania care facilities, military identification, valid U.S. passports, other photo identification issued by the federal or Pennsylvania government, or employee identification issued by the federal, Pennsylvania, or a county or municipal government.

All identification used for voting must have an expiration date and be current, except for Pennsylvania driver's licenses or non-driver photo identification, which are valid for voting purposes one year past their expiration. Retired military identification with an indefinite expiration date is also valid for voting purposes.

Voters who do not have an acceptable form of photo identification for voting can get one for free at any PennDOT driver license center.

"We are committed to helping any eligible voter who does not have an acceptable ID get one to be able to vote in November," Aichele said. "We are continuing our outreach to get the word to voters about this law. The goal of this law is to allow every legal voter to cast a ballot, but detect and deter anyone attempting to vote illegally."

To find the driver license center nearest you or get more information on the voter ID law, visit www.VotesPA.com or call 1-877-VOTESPA (1-877-868-3772).

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Editor's Note: Following is a by-county list of registered voters who did not match as having a PennDOT ID number.

County	Active	Inactive	Total
ADAMS	2,526	395	2,921
ALLEGHENY	73,791	25,427	99,218
ARMSTRONG	2,351	377	2,728
BEAVER	8,820	1,445	10,265
BEDFORD	1,807	419	2,226
BERKS	10,573	1,778	12,351
BLAIR	3,744	3,422	7,166
BRADFORD	1,214	1,282	2,496
BUCKS	22,678	2,771	25,449
BUTLER	6,276	1,169	7,445
CAMBRIA	5,590	617	6,207
CAMERON	290	162	452

CARBON	2,180	106	2,286
CENTRE	10,384	1,058	11,442
CHESTER	17,928	4,547	22,475
CLARION	1,449	361	1,810
CLEARFIELD	2,458	1,435	3,893
CLINTON	1,368	734	2,102
COLUMBIA	2,999	196	3,195
CRAWFORD	4,077	930	5,007
CUMBERLAND	16,155	2,322	18,477
DAUPHIN	9,345	1,746	11,091
DELAWARE	33,130	7,417	40,547
ELK	1,511	214	1,725
ERIE	9,790	1,123	10,913
FAYETTE	5,015	3,440	8,455
FOREST	151	3	154
FRANKLIN	2,820	435	3,255
FULTON	447	139	586
GREENE	1,056	181	1,237
HUNTINGDON	899	843	1,742
INDIANA	2,908	1,663	4,571
JEFFERSON	1,632	726	2,358
JUNIATA	273	90	363
LACKAWANNA	13,990	2,933	16,923
LANCASTER	15,289	4,765	20,054
LAWRENCE	4,180	2,221	6,401
LEBANON	2,814	494	3,308
LEHIGH	9,873	3,152	13,025
LUZERNE	15,293	1,576	16,869
LYCOMING	3,142	495	3,637
McKEAN	1,518	610	2,128
MERCER	4,798	1,002	5,800
MIFFLIN	945	201	1,146
MONROE	4,949	1,329	6,278
MONTGOMERY	37,645	7,307	44,952
MONTOUR	898	572	1,470
NORTHAMPTON	12,094	5,968	18,062
NORTHUMBERLAND	3,786	60	3,846
PERRY	803	45	848
PHILADELPHIA	136,182	50,648	186,830
PIKE	1,805	447	2,252
POTTER	672	72	744
SCHUYLKILL	7,322	832	8,154
SNYDER	771	204	975
SOMERSET	2,953	1,585	4,538
SULLIVAN	173	0	173
SUSQUEHANNA	715	231	946
TIOGA	1,232	196	1,428
UNION	2,195	240	2,435

VENANGO	1,729	200	1,929
WARREN	1,021	809	1,830
WASHINGTON	7,723	3,523	11,246
WAYNE	1,189	281	1,470
WESTMORELAND	11,138	1,738	12,876
WYOMING	975	20	995
YORK	13,926	4,837	18,763
Statewide Total	591,373	167,566	758,939

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