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MEMORANDUM

TO: Florida Supervisors of Elections
FROM: Ronald A. Labasky
DATE: July 18, 2012
RE: Voter Rolls / Non-Citizens / SAVE Database

Yesterday, I had a conversation with Dan Nordby, who is the General Counsel for the Department of State. He had contacted me in order to bring me up to date with their efforts concerning access to the SAVE database, which was recently obtained. As indicated in the letter sent by Ken Detzner on July 14, 2012, to all Supervisors of Elections, the previously-created list of potentially ineligible voters is obsolete, outdated, and should not be used in any fashion.

It appears that it will be a couple of weeks before the Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Homeland Security, and other documents, are prepared and completed, which will allow for access to the SAVE database. Staff training on how to use the SAVE database will be implemented as soon as possible thereafter.

The Department has access to Alien I.D. numbers, which are necessary to utilize the SAVE data and identify individuals who may be in that database. The SAVE database is current, up to 72-hours.

After access, the Department of State intends to go back to the original list it created and do a DMV and SAVE database review of those original 2,600 names. The Department intends to move slowly and cautiously in implementing this process in order to ensure that the data is very credible.

I asked him what information would be provided to the Supervisors as backup when individuals are identified. He indicated that he was not certain but hoped that some type of screenshot from the database could be provided with the identification of the voter whose status is to be reviewed. I advised him I felt that this would be very important. My understanding of the information is that nothing will be processed and sent prior to the primary. After the primary, this process will be initiated. If any information is developed or names identified, they should not be forwarded in mass but more in item-by-item fashion. We are in contact with the Department concerning development of the process and the end-product and will keep you advised.