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MEMORANDUM

Date: January 23, 2012
To: Rep. Bryce Bennett, Members of the Senate State Administration Committee
From: Jorge Quintana, Chief legal Counsel, Secretary of State's Office

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Rep. Bennett:

You have asked me to detail the process that County Election Administrators follow to verify that an elector has not already voted. The process is as follows.

- 1) An applicant who wishes to late register must provide his or her name, date of birth, Driver's License Number (or last four digits of Social Security Number if the applicant has not been issued a Driver's License Number), and signature on a voter registration application.
- 2) The applicant's DLN or SSN is checked against the state MVD database and/or the federal SSA database.
 - a. If the number is verified by the database:
 - i. If the applicant is not currently registered in the county or state, the application is accepted for late registration and the individual is issued a regular ballot.
 - ii. If the applicant is already registered in the county or state, the system notifies the county. In such cases, the application is accepted for late registration but the registrant is issued a provisional ballot, which is counted if and when the election administrator verifies through the precinct register or by contact from the prior county of registration that the elector did not vote in the election.
 - b. If the number is not verified by the database, every effort is made to check and verify the number. If the number is still not verified, the individual is given the option to vote a provisional ballot. The ballot is only counted if the individual provides a verified number, and subject to (2)(a)(i) and (ii).

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.