

Attachment A

Voter Fraud

- Have there ever been any verified cases of voter fraud in South Carolina?
 - The State Election Commission does not have the authority to investigate or prosecute alleged voter fraud. Voter fraud is investigated by law enforcement and prosecuted by Solicitors. As a result, the State Election Commission is not necessarily aware of all verified cases of voter fraud in the state. While the State Election Commission is aware of some isolated cases of election crimes, the best source of comprehensive information on these cases are the offices that investigate and prosecute these alleged crimes. While the agency has no comprehensive information about all cases of voter fraud, the known cases seem to indicate that voter fraud is not a significant or widespread problem in South Carolina.
- What actions does the state take to try and prevent voter fraud?
 - The State Election Commission takes voter fraud very seriously and has implemented numerous actions to ensure that everyone eligible to vote has the opportunity to vote, and to ensure those who are not eligible to vote do not vote.
 - Voter Registration
 - Voters must be registered to vote. In applying for voter registration, voters swear under penalty of law that they are qualified. Voters who register by mail must provide proof of identity before voting for the first time. Voters who register online are verified through a crosscheck with Department of Motor Vehicles records.
 - Absentee Voting
 - Voters are required to request an application for absentee voting for each election. Voters sign the application. Voters who are mailed a ballot must also sign the ballot envelope and have it witnessed. Original voter signatures are kept on file at each county voter registration and elections office. Voters who vote absentee in person are required to show one of five qualified Photo IDs before voting.
 - Voting at the Polls
 - Voter registration lists and procedures ensure voters are registered before voting. Voters are required to show one of five qualified Photo IDs before voting. An exception for voters who have a reasonable impediment to obtaining a Photo ID allows these voters to vote after signing an affidavit attesting to their identity and impediment. Voters are required to sign a poll list before voting.

- Training
 - County boards of registration and elections are trained in the proper procedures for conducting voter registration and elections. Election-specific training is conducted prior to every statewide election.
 - Poll Workers are trained by county election officials prior to every election using a training program approved by the State Election Commission.
 - Voters are educated and informed on the proper procedures for registering to vote and voting.
 - SEC conducts a monthly training and information sharing session with county directors.
 - Election Infrastructure Security
 - The agency takes all reasonable measures to secure the state's election infrastructure.
 - The SEC works with the Department of Administration, the State Law Enforcement Division, the S.C. National Guard, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and private vendors to ensure the physical and cyber security of the state's election infrastructure.
 - Voter Registration System contains numerous security elements and features to include the use of Two-Factor Authentication for system user access.
 - Voting System equipment is not connected to the internet.
- How does the state investigate allegations of voter fraud?
 - The State Election Commission does not have the authority to investigate voter fraud. The SEC provides any evidence of voter fraud to the State Law Enforcement Division. However, allegations of voter fraud typically occur at the county level. The SEC instructs county boards of registration and elections to provide any evidence of voter fraud to local law enforcement or Solicitors. The SEC instructs members of the public to provide any allegation or evidence of voter fraud to local law enforcement.
- How does the state address circumstances of voter fraud, when it is found to have occurred? If it has never been found to have occurred, what would the state do to address the situation if found in the future?
 - If the SEC is notified of instances of voter fraud by the results of prosecution, the SEC conducts assessments of state and county operations to identify areas and processes that may need revision.