



# Office of Secretary of State Wes Allen



## AVID

Moments after I was inaugurated as Alabama's Secretary of State, I signed a letter informing the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC) of Alabama's withdrawal. I promised then that we would develop an Alabama based solution to manage the integrity of our State's voter list.

The Alabama Voter Integrity Database (AVID) is the fulfillment of that promise. AVID is a four-prong system that my team and I have spent the last 8 months developing to help us maintain a clean and accurate registered voter list.

## The four prongs of AVID

- **Cooperative agreement with ALEA:** the objective is to identify registered voters in Alabama who have moved and obtained a driver's license or non-driver ID in another state.
- **National Change of Address file:** this file lists individuals who have notified the United States Postal Service that they would like their mail forwarded due to the fact that they have moved out of state.
- **Memorandums of Understanding** with other states that allow our office to exchange registered voter lists with the states that have signed these agreements. By comparing our voter list to the list of those states, we can identify individuals who are registered to vote in Alabama but who are also registered to vote in another state.
- **Social Security Death Index** is a nationwide index of deceased individuals whose deaths were reported to the Social Security Administration. Access to this list allows us to identify people who are currently on our voter list who have passed away, regardless of the state in which they died.

## More on AVID

AVID is the common sense solution to maintaining clean and accurate voter rolls.

For more information on AVID visit [www.sos.alabama.gov](http://www.sos.alabama.gov)

“*The only thing we need to be harvesting in Alabama is crops, not ballots.*”

## B a l l o t   H a r v e s t i n g

Ballot Harvesting occurs when an individual or group seeks to profit from the absentee voting process by acquiring an absentee ballot or absentee application other than their own. To combat this practice, Allen supports Senate Bill 1 (SB1), which has been pre-filed for the 2024 regular legislative session by State Senator Garlan Gudger. The Bill makes it illegal to pay or receive payment to assist voters in completing an absentee ballot application or ballot. It would effectively prevent party activists, campaign consultants and other absentee ballot brokers from manipulating the absentee voting process and intimidating absentee voters.

## N u m b e r s   f r o m   S O S   D i v i s i o n s   f o r   F Y   2 0 2 2

### **A t h l e t e A g e n t s**

Licenses issued: 114

Licenses denied: 2

Currently registered: 284

### **B u s i n e s s S e r v i c e s**

Domestic Business  
Formations: 50,751

Foreign Registrations: 8,313

Annual Reports: 222,625

### **U n i f o r m C o m m e r c i a l C o d e**

178,762 filings

