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Department of Justice

Voter Data Sharing With DHS - Privacy Act Compliance Records

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Issue: USPS Mail Ballot Rule - Voter Data Demands

Freedom of Information Act - 5 U.S.C. § 552

Agency

U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) - Civil Rights Division, Voting Section

- DOJ FOIA Portal: justice.gov/oip/make-foia-request-doj
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Why DOJ

In a March 2026 federal court hearing in Rhode Island, the Acting Chief of the Voting Section of DOJ's Civil Rights Division stated that the agency plans to run state voter roll data it collects against DHS's SAVE (Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements) database. DOJ has not issued any public notices or privacy impact assessments about this data collection or its plan to share the data with DHS - even though federal privacy law requires such documents before an agency collects or shares personally identifiable information for a new purpose. DOJ's own privacy and FOIA staff have seen high-profile resignations during this period. DOJ records on this data-sharing plan, and on the absence of required privacy documentation, are directly relevant to the USPS mail ballot rule, since both rest on the same underlying voter-data collection effort.

Part 1 - Requester Information

- Full Name: [Your full legal name]
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- Date of Request: [MM/DD/YYYY]

Part 2 - Description of Records Requested

A. Specific Records Requested

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I request the following records from the Department of Justice relating to the collection and planned sharing of state voter registration data with the Department of Homeland Security, covering the period January 1, 2026 to present:

1. Any Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) prepared, drafted, or under review by DOJ concerning the collection of state voter registration data or its planned transmission to DHS's SAVE system, or a written confirmation that no such PIA exists.
2. Any System of Records Notice (SORN) published or drafted in connection with this voter data collection or sharing, or a written confirmation that no such SORN has been published.
3. All records reflecting the legal basis DOJ relies on to share state voter registration data with DHS, including any Office of Legal Counsel or Civil Rights Division legal analysis of Privacy Act compliance.
4. All communications between DOJ's Civil Rights Division (Voting Section) and DHS, including the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) program office, relating to the transmission, use, or analysis of state voter registration data, from January 1, 2026 to present.
5. All memoranda, briefing materials, or talking points prepared in connection with DOJ's March 2026 statements in federal court in Rhode Island (the litigation over Rhode Island's voter file) regarding DOJ's intent to share voter data with DHS.
6. A list of all states from which DOJ has obtained full or partial voter registration files since January 1, 2025, and whether each state signed DOJ's confidential memorandum of understanding governing use of that data.

B. Standard Scope Language

This request includes records in any format, including electronic records, emails, text messages, instant messages, and communications on third-party platforms including Signal, WhatsApp, Microsoft Teams, Slack, and any other messaging platform used for official government business.

This request includes records maintained by all offices, divisions, components, and field offices of the Department, not only headquarters.

This request includes drafts, attachments, enclosures, and exhibits referenced in or attached to any responsive records.

If any responsive records are withheld in full or in part, I request a Vaughn index identifying each withheld record, the exemption claimed, and the specific reason the exemption applies to each record.

C. Why This Scope

This request is limited to records establishing whether DOJ has complied with the Privacy Act's notice requirements before collecting and sharing voter data, and to communications documenting the DHS data-sharing plan disclosed in the Rhode Island litigation. It does not seek the underlying voter files themselves.

Fee Waiver Request

I request a waiver of all fees associated with this request pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(iii). Disclosure of these records is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly

to public understanding of the operations and activities of government - specifically, whether DOJ is complying with federal privacy law before sharing sensitive voter data across agencies in connection with the 2026 elections - and is not primarily in my commercial interest.

Response Timeline

Federal agencies are required to respond within 20 business days of receipt. I look forward to your response and am glad to discuss any narrowing of this request that would expedite processing.

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