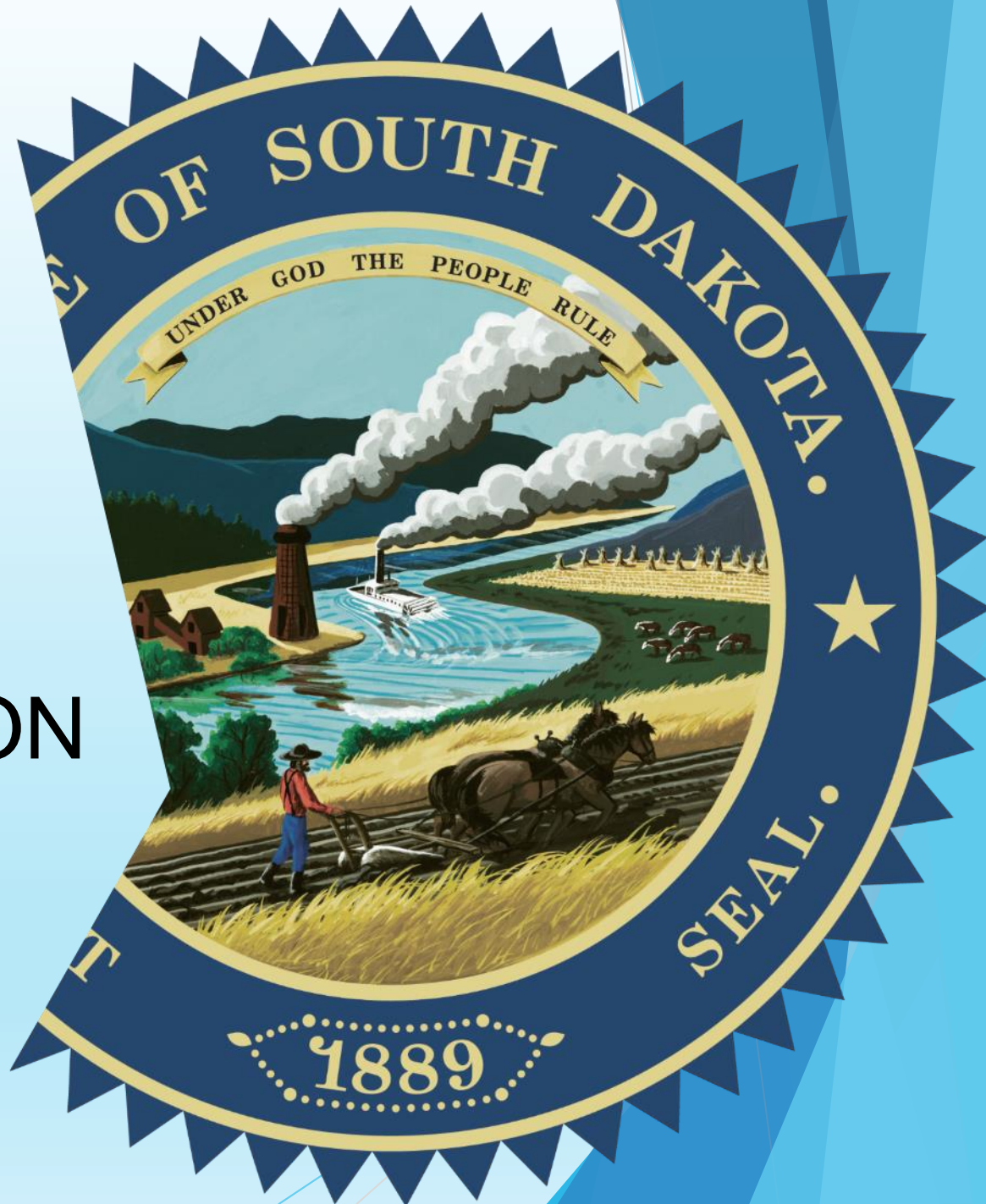


# VOTER REGISTRATION



# Thank You!

**Thank you for the work you do! You play a critical role in the vote registration process!**

## **DL Voter Registration Numbers**

- 2010 – 20,399
- 2011 – 22,228
- 2012 – 26,038
- 2013 – 23,506
- 2014 – 27,689
- 2015 – 33,359
- 2016 – 39,012
- 2017 – 33,600
- 2018 – 39,195
- 2019 – 39,717
- 2020 – 35,682
- 2021 – 36,482

# History

- National Voter Registration Act (also known as NVRA or the Motor Voter Act)
  - Signed in 1993 by President Clinton
  - Sets forth certain voter registration requirements with respect to elections for federal office.
  - Section 5 – Motor Vehicle Agencies - requires that States offer voter registration opportunities at State motor vehicle agencies.
  - Section 6 – Mail Registration - requires that States offer voter registration opportunities by mail-in application.
  - Section 7 – Voter Registration Agencies - requires that States offer voter registration opportunities at certain State and local offices, including public assistance and disability offices.
  - Section 8 – Administration of Voter Registration - contains requirements with respect to the administration of voter registration by States and requires States to implement procedures to maintain accurate and current voter registration lists.

# Section 5 – Motor Vehicle Agencies

- Each State motor vehicle driver's license application (including any renewal application) submitted to a State motor vehicle authority must serve as a simultaneous voter registration application unless the applicant fails to sign the voter registration application. This application for voter registration must be considered as updating any previous voter registration by the applicant.
- Any change of address form submitted for State driver's license purposes must also serve as notification of change of address for voter registration purposes unless the registrant states on the form that the change of address is not for voter registration purposes. This means that all changes of address submitted to State motor vehicle offices must be forwarded to election authorities unless the registrant affirmatively requests otherwise by opting out on the form.

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* I will be 18 on or before the next election;	* I authorize cancellation of my previous registration.

# Section 5 – Motor Vehicle Agencies *cont.*

- This applies to all license transactions with driver's license offices.
- The NVRA defines the term 'motor vehicle driver's license' to include "any personal identification document issued by a State motor vehicle authority", making the voter registration opportunity apply to applications, renewals, and change of address transactions regarding any personal identification document issued by a State motor vehicle authority (including remote applications for driver's licenses, driver's license renewals, or driver's license changes of address, via mail, telephone, or internet or other means).

# Section 5 – Motor Vehicle Agencies *cont.*

## Current DL Application

- Each State must include a voter registration form as part of an application for a State driver's license and any application for driver's license renewal.
- The voter registration portion of the application may not require any information that duplicates information required on the driver's license portion of the application and may require only the minimum amount of information necessary to prevent duplicate voter registrations and permit State officials both to determine the eligibility of the applicant to vote and to administer the voting process.

**SOUTH DAKOTA DRIVER LICENSE / I.D. CARD APPLICATION**  
(Print in Black Ink)

SD DRIVER LICENSE/ID NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER ---

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Circle One: Jr Sr II III IV DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_  
LAST FIRST MIDDLE

RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ Apt # \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_  
(If different than above)

HEIGHT \_\_\_\_\_ FT. \_\_\_\_\_ IN. WEIGHT \_\_\_\_\_ EYE COLOR \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ DAYTIME PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

I AM APPLYING FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ DRIVER LICENSE \_\_\_\_\_ INSTRUCTION PERMIT \_\_\_\_\_ IDENTIFICATION CARD

DRIVER LICENSE CLASS:  
 Car/Light Truck/Moped: \_\_\_\_\_ Class 1  
 Car/Light Truck/Moped/Motorcycle: \_\_\_\_\_ Class 2  
 Motorcycle Only: \_\_\_\_\_ Class 3  
 Commercial Driver License: \_\_\_\_\_ CDL (Complete Sections A, B & D)

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**SECTION A: ALL APPLICANTS**

1. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ Do you have a Living Will and want it to be indicated on your license?
2. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ Do you have Durable Power of Attorney for Health and want it to be indicated on your license?
3. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ Are you currently behind in child support payments of \$1,000 or more?
4. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ Are you currently licensed to drive in another state/country?  
If YES, in what state/country? \_\_\_\_\_ LICENSE # \_\_\_\_\_
5. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ Do you currently have an Identification Card issued in any other state/country?  
If YES, in what state/country? \_\_\_\_\_ ID # \_\_\_\_\_
6. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ Do you currently, or have you ever had your right to drive suspended, revoked, canceled, disqualified, or denied?  
If YES, When \_\_\_\_\_ Which State? \_\_\_\_\_ Reason? \_\_\_\_\_
7. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ Have you, in the past twelve months, experienced any epileptic or narcoleptic episodes or other convulsions, seizures, or blackouts? If YES, the date of the last episode \_\_\_\_\_
8. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ Are you currently on active duty, or the dependent of a person on active duty, in the U.S. Armed Forces? (Must show ID)
9. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ Have you ever been known by any other name, including maiden name?  
If YES, what name(s) \_\_\_\_\_
10. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ Are you a United States citizen? (If no, you must show documents proving lawful status.)
11. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ Would you like veteran indicated on your license? Must prove honorable discharge by providing military DD Form 214, DD Form 2 (retired), DD Form 2A (reserve retired), National Guard Form NGB22, or certificate signed by veteran's service officer.

In the event of my death, I would like to be an organ/tissue donor.  
 To remove an existing donor indicator on your card, write "remove" here and initial \_\_\_\_\_.

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**SECTION C: LOST LICENSE/IDENTIFICATION CARD CERTIFICATION**

If you are applying for a duplicate, renewal or transfer of your driver license or identification card, and have lost the last driver license/identification card issued to you, complete this section:

I have lost, destroyed the last driver license or identification card issued to me by the state of \_\_\_\_\_ and it is not now in my possession. I fully realize that by making this statement, said license/identification card is null and void and may not be used for operating a motor vehicle or for identification purposes.

I UNDERSTAND that I, as an operator of a motor vehicle in this State, have consented to the withdrawal of my blood or other bodily substance in accordance with SDCL 32-23-10, which requires me to submit to the withdrawal of my blood or other bodily substances subsequent to being arrested for a violation of SDCL 32-23-1. I declare and affirm under the penalties of perjury that this application has been examined by me, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, is in all things true and correct. Any false statement or concealment of any material facts subjects any license issued to immediate cancellation. I consent to the release of my driving record information.

I certify that, if required by law, I have already registered with the Selective Service, or if I have not registered I am consenting to registration as required by Federal law. I authorize the Department of Public Safety to forward my personal information required for such registration to the U.S. Selective Service System pursuant to SDCL 32-12-12 and SDCL 32-12A-7.1.

I understand that upon issuance of a driver's license or identification card in the state of South Dakota, any driver's license or identification card previously issued by another state will be cancelled.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF APPLICATION: \_\_\_\_\_  
Your signature here applies to the entire application

1 200,000 copies were printed at a cost of \$ 0.16 cents per copy per SDCL 5-18D-15  
Implementation Date: July 8, 2022

# Section 5 – Motor Vehicle Agencies *cont.*

- The voter registration application must state each voter eligibility requirement (including citizenship), contain an attestation that the applicant meets each requirement, state the penalties provided by law for submission of a false voter registration application and require the signature of the applicant under penalty of perjury (red box). In addition, the application shall also include statements specifying that: 1) if an applicant declines to register to vote, the fact that the applicant has declined to register will remain confidential and will be used only for voter registration purposes; and 2) if an applicant does register to vote, the identity of the office at which the applicant submits a voter registration application will remain confidential and will be used only for voter registration purposes (blue box).

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# Section 5 – Motor Vehicle Agencies *cont.*

- Once the voter registration application is completed, they must be transmitted to the appropriate State election official no later than ten days after acceptance.
- If an application is accepted at a motor vehicle agency within five days of a voter registration deadline for an election, the application must be transmitted to election officials no later than five days after acceptance. The agency providing voter-registration services may not require a registrant to mail in the form himself or herself or discourage him or her in any manner from submitting the form to the agency. Similarly, if it is agency practice to make sure that agency forms are completed and signed when submitted by an applicant, the same practice should apply to a voter registration application submitted by that applicant.



# NVRA Coordinators

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# Required Information to Register to Vote

- First and Last name
- Residence address IN SOUTH DAKOTA – if no physical residence address, they need to provide a description (under the bridge on 4<sup>th</sup> street, etc)
  - The mailing address may be out of state or a PO BOX
  - If the PO Box is listed as the residential address, please let the voter know they cannot list a PO Box address as their physical address.
  - You, as the examiner, do not make the determination if a person is qualified to register to vote.
- Date of Birth
- South Dakota Driver's license number
- Last four digits of their Social Security Number can only be used if they do not have a SD Driver's License.

# Required Information to Register to Vote cont.

- **NEW THIS YEAR** - If they do not have a SD Driver's License **OR** an SSN, the examiner must provide voter registration services.
  - Examiner will need to provide a personal identification affidavit to the applicant.

**Statement by Person Registering to Vote  
Without a South Dakota Driver License, Nondriver  
Identification Card, or Social Security Number**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (print complete name), under oath, declare that I do not have a valid South Dakota driver license or South Dakota nondriver identification number, and that I have not been issued a social security number. Because I do not have a South Dakota driver license, South Dakota nondriver identification number, or social security number, my voter registration form is blank in the spot requiring such number.

(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_

Sworn to before this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

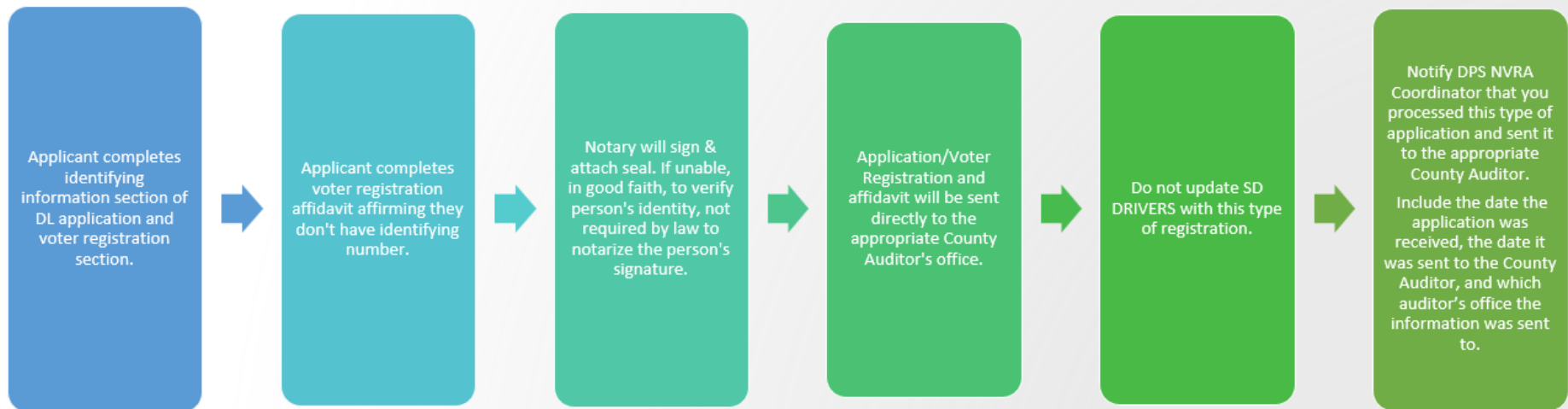
(Seal)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Notary of Public

\_\_\_\_\_  
My Commission Expires

# Required Information to Register to Vote *cont.*

## Voter Registration Services for Applicant Presenting with No Identifying Number (Driver's License, Non-Driver ID Card, Social Security Number)



# Required Information to Register to Vote cont.

- Choice of Party
  - We encourage the individual to fill this section out, however if left blank, the system on the Secretary of State's side will fill it in with IND/NPA or if the voter is currently registered, it will pull the choice of party on their current voter registration). **You do not fill anything in if this field is left blank.**

*Effective July 1, 2019*

*12-4-15. A person may designate or change that person's party affiliation, name, or address by completing a new registration card. For any registration card completed by a person changing that person's party affiliation, name, or address, if the field for party affiliation is left blank, the person's party affiliation shall be the most recent party affiliation registered for that person. For any registration card completed by a person who is registering to vote for the first time in this state, if the field for party affiliation is left blank, the party affiliation shall be registered as independent or no party affiliation.*

- Signature

# Recognized Political Parties in SD

- DEM: Democrat, Democratic, D, DEM, DFL
  - REP: Republican, R, RP, Rep, GOP
  - LIB: Libertarian
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## Unofficial Political Parties in SD

- Americans Elect, AME
- Conservative
- Liberal
- Green Party
- Tea Party
- Or any other party name

**If an individual leaves this line blank, you will leave it blank in the DLVR system!**

# Unofficial Political Parties in SD *cont.*

- Independent (IND)/No Party Affiliation (NPA) - these are one in the same.
  - IND: Independent, I, Ind
  - NPA: No Party Affiliation, no party, no choice, none, non-partisan, line crossed off, or the field is blank

South Dakota does not have an Independent Party

*SDCL 12-1-3 (22) Defines "Independent (IND)" or "no party affiliation (NPA)," as follows: Any currently registered voter who writes independent, I, Ind, no party affiliation, no party, no choice, nonpartisan, or line crossed off in the choice of party field on the voter registration form and any individual who is not currently registered to vote who leaves the choice of party field blank on the voter registration form;*

**If an individual leaves this line blank, you will leave it blank in the DLVR system!**

# Personal or Private Mailbox (PMB)

- Full-Time RVers often use PMBs as their “residence” address to vote.
- Larger PMBs are located in Lake, Minnehaha, Hanson, Pennington and Brule counties.
- We receive calls from RVers, asking how to fill out the form. We instruct them to read the “I declare” statement and make their own determination.
- You do not make the determination if a person is qualified to register to vote

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# Ensure Accuracy

- Voter's address is linked to a specific jurisdiction.
- Every voter has two or more of the following jurisdictions:
  - State House
  - State Senate
  - Municipal
  - School District
- Voters can also have the following:
  - Ambulance District
  - County Commissioner District
  - Municipal Ward
  - Sanitary District
  - School Board Representation Area
  - Water District
  - Road District
  - Fire District
  - Consumer Power District
  - Other special districts

# Ensure Accuracy *cont.*

- Each of these previous districts can have an election.
- Not entering the information correctly can cause someone to be linked to the incorrect jurisdiction.
- This results in not being eligible to vote in their election.
- The county auditor receives the voter registration information from Driver's Licensing by an electronic data feed.
- Data entered by Driver's Licensing is what the county auditor receives.
- The county auditor may not catch a mistake if you enter the information incorrectly.

# Ensure Accuracy *cont.*

- Wrong spelling of name
- Last name entered in as first name
- First name entered in as middle name
- Middle name entered in as last name
- Political party entered incorrectly
  - Ask – Do you want to leave this blank?
- County name entered incorrectly
- Date of Birth entered incorrectly
- Ensure the apartment number isn't left off
- Wrong zip code entered

# Ensure Accuracy *cont.*

## Example #1

- John Smith registered to vote at his local driver's license exam station prior to the VR deadline.
  - He lives at 123 Main St. in Pierre, SD, but the person entering his voter registration information enters 1123 Main St.
  - 123 Main St. is in Ward 1.
  - 1123 Main St. is in Ward 2.
  - Ward 1 is having an election and John Smith shows up at the polling location. He would not be on the voter registration list because he is linked to Ward 2 because he was entered in as 1123 Main St.

# Ensure Accuracy *cont.*

## Example #2

- Someone shows up at the polling location to vote and their name is not on the registration list. Person insists that they registered to vote at the Driver's Licensing Exam Station.
  - Pollworker calls county auditor.
  - County auditor contacts the Secretary of State's office.
  - SOS office contacts Driver's Licensing to pull the app or SOS staff finds the app themselves in FileDirector.
  - Driver's Licensing/SOS retrieves the original Driver's License application.
  - SOS office receives original application and contacts the county auditor.
  - County auditor contacts pollworker.
  - Person is allowed to vote if the person did in fact check "Yes" on the original application.

# Ensure Accuracy *cont.*

## Example #3

- Sample application where the voter marked the box “Do not use my information for voter registration purposes” but then initials on the top.
- Always error on the side of the voter and pass on the registration.
- Also, if you see them fill in any information below, better to send it on.

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# Percentage of Electorate Registered in 2022

- SD Population Estimate (7/1/21) – 895,376
- Voting age population (7/1/21) – 675,114
- Registered Voters (9/29/22) – 654,463
- South Dakotan's serving a felony sentence (not eligible to register)  $\approx$  4,216
- Eligible South Dakotan's Not Registered  $\approx$  16,435

**QUESTIONS?**