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SECRETARY OF STATE ANNOUNCES THE START OF VOTER LIST MAINTENANCE

(**Pierre, S.D.**) – South Dakota's 66 county auditors will begin the voter list maintenance process this summer, continuing the state's longstanding commitment to clean, accurate, and secure elections.

South Dakota conducts list maintenance every odd-numbered year between January 1st and November 15th. This process ensures that voter rolls remain up to date by removing individuals who have moved, passed away, or are otherwise no longer eligible to vote.

"Maintaining accurate voter rolls is essential to election integrity," said Secretary of State Johnson. "This routine but critical process helps us uphold both federal and state law while preserving every South Dakotan's right to vote."

Voters who have not participated in recent elections or responded to confirmation mailings may be moved to inactive status. However, inactive voters remain eligible to vote and may update their registration when they go to the polls. A voter must be inactive for eight years (four general election cycles) without any activity before they are removed from the registration file.

Please register or update your information today!

All eligible South Dakotans are encouraged to check their voter registration status and ensure their information is current. You may check your registration by visiting the <u>Voter Information Portal (VIP)</u>.

A common method for voter registration is to complete a voter registration form and mail it to your local county auditor. Additional registration options and details are available here.

"Keeping your registration current is one of the easiest ways to ensure a smooth voting experience," said Secretary Johnson. "If you've moved, changed your name, or haven't voted in recent elections, now is the time to check."

For more information on list maintenance, eligibility requirements, and secure elections in South Dakota, visit https://sdsos.gov/elections-voting/default.aspx.