



## 2022 South Dakota Legislature

# Senate Bill 202

Introduced by: **Senator Frye-Mueller**

1 **An Act to update maintenance requirements for voter registration files.**

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

3 **Section 1. That § 12-4-9 be AMENDED:**

4 **12-4-9.** The county auditor shall maintain and safeguard a file of voters in  
 5 computer format that contains the information of each person registered in each voting  
 6 precinct within the county. This file shall be known as the master registration file and shall  
 7 be, at all times during office hours, open to public inspection. However, public access to  
 8 social security numbers, driver license numbers, and dates of birth contained in the master  
 9 registration file is prohibited. The master registration file ~~shall~~ must contain all information  
 10 from each voter's registration card. The master registration file ~~shall~~ must also include the  
 11 date of the last election the voter has voted in and when the voter's information was last  
 12 updated. The master registration file may also contain additional voter history information.  
 13 Any voter registration form for a purged or unregistered voter ~~shall~~ must be kept for  
 14 twenty-two months. No purged or unregistered voter may be included in the master  
 15 registration file. The master registration file must be updated twice each year, including  
 16 no less than sixty days prior to a general election.

17 **Section 2. That chapter 12-4 be amended with a NEW SECTION:**

18 If the county auditor has reason to believe that a person no longer resides at the  
 19 person's registered address, the auditor shall mail a notice to that person requesting  
 20 confirmation that the person still resides at the person's registered address. The county  
 21 auditor shall remove the person from the master registration file if the person fails to:  
 22 (1) Respond to the notice and vote in the registered precinct at least once during a  
 23 period of four consecutive years covering two general federal elections; or  
 24 (2) Update the voter's registration with the auditor and vote at least once during a  
 25 period of four consecutive years covering two general federal elections.

1           The secretary of state, pursuant to chapter 1-26 and in compliance with federal  
2 law, shall prescribe by rule the means to remove a person from the master registration  
3 list pursuant to this section and create the confirmation notice that is sent to a registered  
4 voter before removal.