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2013 SBOE-DMV ID Analysis

In late December 2012, the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles provided the State Board of Elections data records of 12,220,731 DMV customers. Among other data, the DMV data included the customers' name, customer number (driver license number or state-issued ID number), and the last four digits of customers' social security number. The State Board of Elections compared the DMV records to the 6,624,672 active and inactive voters who were registered in this state as of January 1, 2013. A comparison of data in voters' voter registration record with the DMV driver license database showed the following:

- **5,007,790** voters have a valid driver license or state-issued ID based on an exact match of their name and their DMV license or ID number.
- An additional **315,040** voters have a valid driver license or state-issued ID based on an exact match of their name and the last four digits of their social security number.
- Potentially, an additional **688,887** voters have a valid driver license or state-issued ID based on an exact match of their name and date of birth.
- A DMV ID match could not be made on a remaining **612,955** registered voters. These voters *may* not have a DMV-issued driver license or state-issued identification card.

The chart below reflects these findings.

Table 1: Availability of DMV-issued ID of NC Registered Voters as of January 1, 2013

Registered Voters (Active & Inactive) ¹	6,624,672	% Registered
Name + NCDL Match	5,007,790	75.59%
Name + SSN Match	315,040	4.76%
Name + DOB Match	688,887	10.40%
Total Voters <i>with</i> DMV ID Match	<u>-6,011,717</u>	90.75%
Total Voters <i>without</i> DMV ID Match	<u><u>612,955</u></u>	9.25%

¹ Active voters and inactive voters are both qualified and eligible to vote. Inactive voters only reflect those voters for whom a county board of elections has been unable to subsequently verify their mailing address after their address was initially verified.

There are **133,732** voters in the total number of voters for whom no NC DMV-ID information could be matched that *do* have a driver license number in their voter registration record. Their driver license number may have been recorded inaccurately by the voter or entered incorrectly by the county board of elections. It is also possible that the voter may have provided a driver license number from a different state or a license issued by North Carolina may currently be revoked, suspended or expired. The State Board of Elections will submit this list of voters to the North Carolina DMV for further analysis. The remaining **479,223** voters without a DMV ID match did not have any record of a driver license number or identification number on their voter record.

The tables below show demographic information on the voters for whom the State Board of Elections could not identify a DMV ID match:

Table 2: Voter Status of Potential Voters with no DMV-issued ID by Party

	DEM	LIB	REP	UNA	Grand Total
Active	270,623	1,700	117,293	117,147	506,763
Inactive	54,374	141	23,856	27,821	106,192
Grand Total	324,997	1,841	141,149	144,968	612,955

Table 3: Age Group of Potential Voters with no DMV-issued ID by Party

	DEM	LIB	REP	UNA	Grand Total
AGE < 26	42,253	797	12,967	33,947	89,964
AGE > 65	93,889	56	38,676	14,988	147,609
AGE 26 - 40	77,108	671	35,597	53,564	166,940
AGE 41 - 65	111,747	317	53,909	42,469	208,442
Grand Total	324,997	1,841	141,149	144,968	612,955

Table 4: Gender of Potential Voters with no DMV-issued ID by Party

	DEM	LIB	REP	UNA	Grand Total
Female ²	221,757	964	96,090	89,580	408,391
Male	97,885	815	43,174	46,859	188,733
Undesignated	5,355	62	1,885	8,529	15,831
Grand Total	324,997	1,841	141,149	144,968	612,955

² Table 3 shows that almost 67% of the voters for whom the State Board of Elections could not determine that they have a DMV-issued identification are women. In our analysis, the State Board attempted to match on voters' name and some other identification element (driver license, SSN or date of birth). If a name discrepancy exists between a person's voter registration record and his or her DMV customer record, then it is possible that these individuals could be grouped with those voters for whom no DMV-issued ID could be matched. Women are more likely to change their last name based on marriage or divorce and if they have failed to update either their voter registration information or driver license information with a name change, then this fact could account for the higher percentage of females in the category of voters who do not *appear* to have DMV-issued ID. This rate may also be higher for women because older women may not have obtained driver licenses.

Table 5: Race of Potential Voters with no DMV-issued ID by Party

	DEM	LIB	REP	UNA	Grand Total
A ³	3,219	37	1,418	4,600	9,274
B	163,283	230	4,595	22,996	191,104
I	5,128	19	828	1,421	7,396
O	7,361	94	2,752	6,488	16,695
M	3,866	71	726	2,676	7,339
U	12,404	146	3,608	16,848	33,006
W	129,736	1,244	127,222	89,939	348,141
Grand Total	324,997	1,841	141,149	144,968	612,955

³ A= Asian; B= Black or African-American; I= American Indian or Alaska Native; M= Multiracial; O= Other; U=Undesignated; and W= White.