

Good morning. My name is Kara Templeton, and I am Director of the Bureau of Driver Licensing at the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. On behalf of Secretary Richards, thank you for the opportunity to discuss the process by which customers can make application to register to vote at PennDOT Driver License and Photo License Centers, in accordance with the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, commonly known as the Motor Voter Law.

PennDOT's role in motor voter is as a conduit of information – the Department of State has oversight over the motor voter process itself. We work closely with the Department of State in the facilitation of this process. The language in the motor voter questions and the order in which they are presented to the customer is determined by the Department of State and implemented in the Image Capture workstations at PennDOT photo license centers by PennDOT's driver's license vendor, IDEMIA, formerly MorphoTrust.

Customers make an application to register to vote during the photo portion of their transaction. A customer who has renewed their driver's license or identification card presents their camera card to the photo license technician, who scans it. Their information is populated into the Image Capture workstation.

It should be noted that in consultation with the Department of State as of November 19, 2017, the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) indicator – that is, the marker on a customer's record that designates them as a lawfully present non-U.S. citizen – is embedded in the camera card barcode, so when the photo technician scans a camera card with this embedded indicator, the non-U.S. citizen is not presented with the voter registration application questions. Additionally, as of December 4, 2017, a non-U.S. citizen being issued their initial product will also have their INS indicator sent over to the photo license center in the electronic queue. As a result, the system does not present the customer with the voter registration questions.

If the customer is a citizen of the United States and eligible to make application to register to vote, the first screen prompts the customer to select a language. There are 14 language options. After they select their desired language, the customer is presented with an additional check to self-certify U.S. Citizenship, "Are you a citizen of the United States?"

Customers completing the electronic motor voter application complete three questions relating to citizenship. Prior to completing the electronic application, the customer is required to declare that they are a United States citizen and will have been a citizen for at least 1 month on the day of the next election, that they will be at least 18 years old on the day of the next election, that they have lived at their address of record for at least 30 days before the election, and that they are legally qualified to vote. The declaration language also advises the customer that he or she can be convicted of perjury and fined up to \$15,000, jailed for up to 7 years or both for providing inaccurate information. If the customer answers "yes," to this question

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prompting them to verify their citizenship status, they will proceed to the next motor voter question. If they answer “no,” the motor voter questions will stop and they will move on to the next section of the photo process.

Motor voter application information is electronically transmitted three times each week – Monday, Wednesday and Friday – from the vendor’s server to the Department of State. This data transmission includes two files: one file with the registration applications and one with the corresponding signature files.

I have submitted a copy of the current motor voter application screens into the record as part of my testimony.

Thank you again for the opportunity to speak to you this morning. I would be happy to take any questions from the committee.