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Social Security Makes Help America Vote Act Data Available

Michael J. Astrue, Commissioner of Social Security, today announced the agency is publishing data on its Open Government website www.socialsecurity.gov/open about verifications the agency conducts for States under the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) of 2002. Under HAVA, most States are required to verify the last four digits of the Social Security number of people newly registering to vote who do not possess a valid State driver's license.

"I strongly support President Obama's commitment to creating an open and transparent government," Commissioner Astrue said. "As we approach another federal election year, it remains absolutely critical that Americans are able to register to vote without undue obstacles. Making this data publicly available will allow the media and the public on a timely basis to raise questions about unexpected patterns with the appropriate State officials."

The data available at www.socialsecurity.gov/open/havv represents the summary results for each State of the four-digit match performed by Social Security under HAVA.

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