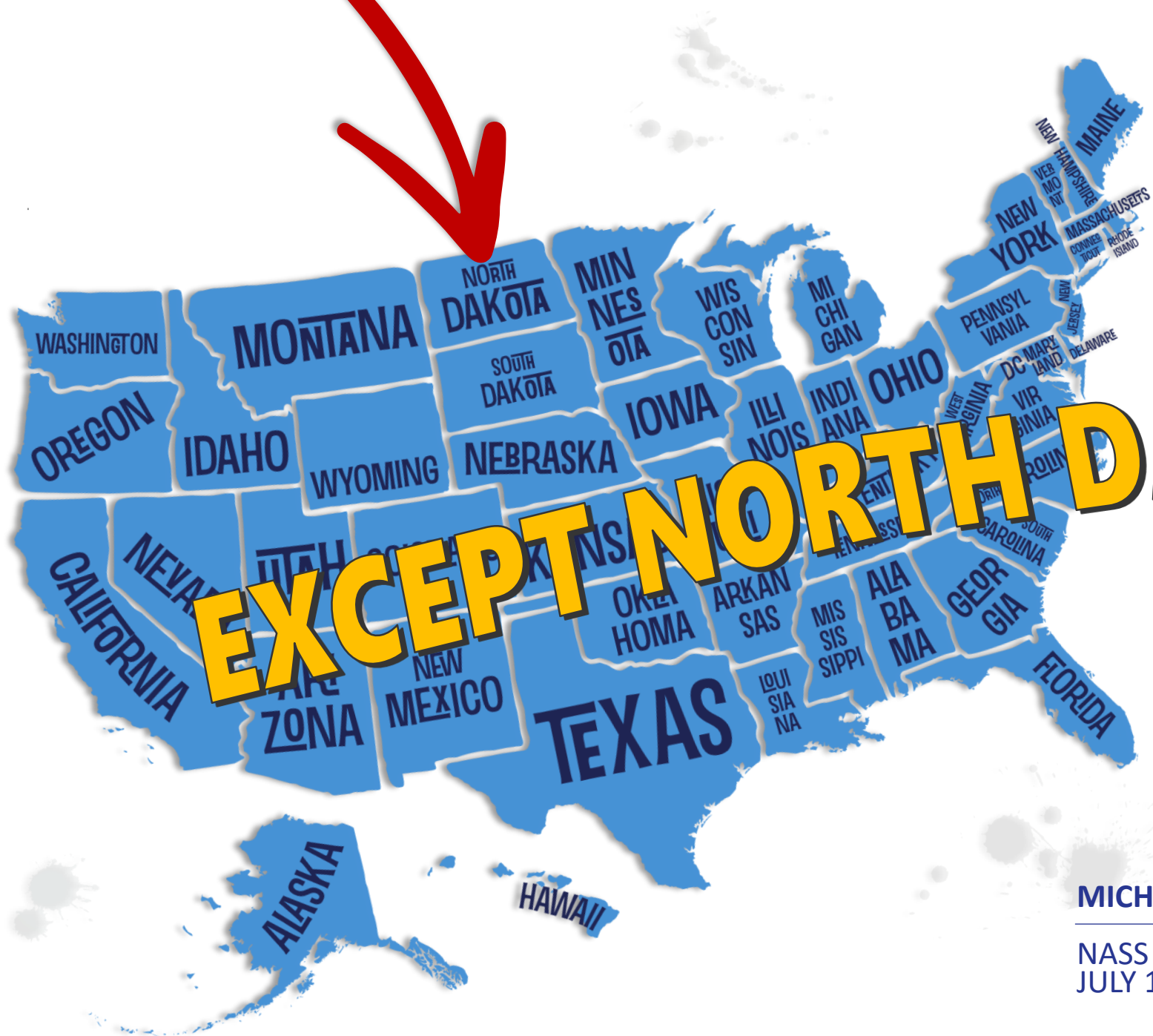




NORTH DAKOTA
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EXCEPT NORTH DAKOTA

**NO VOTER REGISTRATION.
STRONG VERIFICATION.
CLEAN ROLLS.**

MICHAEL HOWE, SECRETARY OF STATE

NASS SUMMER CONFERENCE
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ELECTION SECURITY

NO VOTER REGISTRATION DOES NOT MEAN LESS SECURE

ADVANTAGES OF NOT HAVING VOTER REGISTRATION



INTEGRITY

Records managed daily to reflect changes in residency, citizenship, eligibility, death or other factors



SIMPLICITY

Absence of “registration” requirement – eliminates need for a separate cumbersome registration process for voters



ACCESSIBILITY

Every eligible voter is automatically included in voter rolls – enhancing ease of civic participation



NO VOTER ROLLS?

NOT EXACTLY ... CENTRAL VOTER FILE



CENTRAL VOTER FILE INCLUDES:

- Everyone with a North Dakota ID
 - Eligible Voters
 - Underage Citizens – eligible upon turning 18
 - Non-Citizens (residing here legally)
 - Dead People
 - Individuals who have voted with a Tribal ID

**CENTRAL VOTER FILE
ENSURES
ONE VOTE = ONE PERSON**

NO ADDITIONAL STEPS FOR CITIZENS

NO ID ON ELECTION DAY



- ✓ Vote set-aside
- ✓ Obtain North Dakota ID
- ✓ Cure before county canvass

ELECTION SECURITY

VOTER VERIFICATION ALIGNS WITH AND EXCEEDS FEDERAL STANDARDS

CENTRALIZED VOTER VERIFICATION

North Dakota ID Required - Collaborative process between Department of Transportation and NDSOS



SINGLE SOURCE OF VOTER VERIFICATION
NO MULTI-AGENCY REGISTRATION SOURCES

- Prevents record duplication
- Verifies voter eligibility through government issued documents for citizenship and residency
- Requires North Dakota IDs for voting which indicate citizenship status
- DAILY information exchange

ROBUST VOTER ID LAWS IN NORTH DAKOTA

OUR LAWS MAKE US THE ONLY STATE WITHOUT VOTER REGISTRATION

VALID IDs IN NORTH DAKOTA INCLUDE:

ND Drivers License
Tribal ID

ND Non-Drivers ID

ID LAW APPLIES TO ALL VOTING

Vote by Mail
Early Voting

Absentee
Election Day

YOU MUST BE:

18 Years Old

U.S. Citizen

Lived in North Dakota for 30 days prior to Election Day



IDs SERVE AS PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP

INDICATORS ON NORTH DAKOTA
IDs FOR NON-CITIZENS LEGALLY
RESIDING IN THE STATE

Multiple Check Points for Officials

- Central Voter File
- E-Pollbooks
- Identification Markers



**NORTH DAKOTA ID
NOT VALID FOR VOTING**

Any Style North Dakota ID with
TEMPORARY or **PERMANENT**
on the ID cannot be used for voting.

The graphic displays two North Dakota driver licenses. The top license is a 'TEMPORARY DRIVER LICENSE' for 'SAMPLE CONNOR MICHAEL, JR.' with a red 'SAMPLE' watermark. The bottom license is a 'PERMANENT DRIVER LICENSE' for 'SAMPLE ANDREW' with a red 'SAMPLE' watermark. A red prohibition sign is overlaid on the top license, and a black arrow points from the text 'NOT VALID FOR VOTING' to the 'TEMPORARY' and 'PERMANENT' labels on the licenses.

SAFEGUARDING ELECTIONS

DAILY LIST MANAGEMENT FOR VOTER RECORDS

ADDRESS UPDATES

Daily Changes from the NDDOT

CITIZENSHIP UPDATES

NDDOT Verification

MOVES OUT OF STATE

Notified When a Voter Obtains Out-of-State ID

INCARCERATED FELONS

Admission and Release Files Shared

DECEASED RECORDS

Death Records and Obituaries/Public Records



UNDER NORTH DAKOTA LAW

- Update status when known
- No voter written requests
- North Dakota ID determines eligibility

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