

It's imperative, the Alabama's Secretary of State Office have accuracy, efficiency, transparency, and accountability as file manager of Alabama's Voters Records.

If elected, I will serve as the Chief Election Official and have more than 1,000 different duties as design by state law in Executive, Elections, and Business Records.

First, I will learn and know protocol and be abreast on the laws and rules for the Office of Secretary of State and the State of Alabama. I cannot undo laws passed by our State Legislators and signed into law by the past and present Governors' with a stroke of a pen. There is protocol and procedures to have Bills and laws enacted, amended, adopted, or removed.

Secondly, I will review the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC) System and determine if it has a system readiness for service for the Voters of Alabama and not a system failure for Alabama and reassure it's not wasting taxpayers money, grant money, etc.. I will review our great State of Alabama's ERIC System with a condensed lens and research for clarity to include the original seven founding states; Washington, Maryland, Utah, Colorado, Nevada, Delaware, and Virginia to include collectively 31 states, who are members. I will scan their ready available reports and willing interviews to check for accuracy, security of voters information, irregularities, system errors, or prevention of voter fraud, prevention of duplicate votes, prevention of a deceased person voting, and if long lines were cited at polling locations on election day, limitations of provisional ballots on election day, pros, complaints, and suggestions from lawmakers, to name a few.

Finally, It is said, ERIC operating costs are funded completely by annual dues paid by member states and Alabama was said to have paid approximately \$25,000.00. ERIC membership dues, from my understanding, is for the maintenance of the software, technology and system program. After I have concluded my research, I will determine if ERIC is a WIN/WIN. If it reveals a WIN/WIN, a WIN for the State of Alabama and a WIN for the Voter, I will keep the ERIC in place. As days surpasses, change will always be implemented with or without someone's approval and should hopefully, always be for the betterment and best interest of the people.

I remain,
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