



Secretary of State Jason Kander
Election Review
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Buchanan County – Improper Registered Voter

Background

Article VIII, Section 2 of the Missouri Constitution requires that all qualified voters of the state meet three basic requirements in order to vote. First, all voters must be United States' citizens. Second, all voters must be 18 years of age by Election Day. Finally, all voters must reside in Missouri.

In 2009, the Buchanan County Clerk received a voter registration from an

individual that affirmed he was a citizen of the United States. On November 5, 2009, the individual was registered to vote. The individual subsequently voted in multiple elections between 2010 and 2014. In October of 2014 the Buchanan County Clerk's Office determined that the individual was not a United States citizen. The Clerk's office deleted the voter's registration from the system.

Results

The Secretary of State's Office (Office) received a complaint on September 28, 2016 from an individual alleging that she knew a voter who was not a United States citizen.

Section 115.133, RSMo., establishes the qualifications of voters and states that “. . . any citizen of the United States . . . shall be entitled to register and to vote in any election. . .”.

The Office worked with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services to determine if the voter was a United States citizen. In addition, we contacted the Buchanan County Clerk who confirmed the

voter history and that the voter had been deleted from the voter registration records in October of 2014 when they determined he was not a United States citizen.

The Secretary of State's Office referred the issue to the Buchanan County Prosecuting Attorney as it pertained to an alleged violation of Section 115.133, RSMo, which requires an individual to be a citizen of the United States to register to vote.

The referral informed the prosecuting attorney of the alleged violation and encouraged taking any action deemed appropriate.