

REMARKS TO THE
HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS

Secretary of State Nancy Landry

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- Good afternoon, Chairwoman Lee, Ranking Member Sewell, and members of this committee.
- It's an honor to be with you today to discuss the successes Louisiana had, and lessons we learned, in the 2024 election.
- As Louisiana's Secretary of State, the most important function of my job is to reinforce voters' confidence in our elections. I believe our work did just that, and led to a banner year in our state's election administration.
- Just months after taking office in early 2024, I announced a legislative package of 11 bills intended to strengthen our state's election integrity posture.
- These bills closed ballot harvesting loopholes, gave my office necessary tools to ensure accurate voter rolls, and strengthened our ability to verify a registrant's citizenship.
- I'm proud to say that all 11 bills passed, eight of those with bipartisan support, and our governor signed all of them into law.
- Last August, I joined Louisiana Governor Jeff Landry and Attorney General Liz Murrill to announce new steps our state is taking to ensure that only U.S. citizens can vote in Louisiana elections.

- This included a directive from the Governor requiring the Office of Motor Vehicles to share information on non-citizens who hold a Louisiana driver's license or ID.
- The tools they provided have been invaluable in safeguarding the accuracy of our voter registration list.
- Additionally, in the weeks leading up to the presidential election, I embarked on a tour that took me to 21 of Louisiana's 64 parishes.
- I met with civic groups, local election officials and staff, and conducted countless radio and television interviews to reinforce what I call the "4 Ps of Election Security." Those are:
 - Our people: that is my staff and our local election officials, the only people that ever program our equipment.
 - Our policies: the legislation that we've passed over the years to ensure election integrity.
 - Our procedures: such as our test and seal procedures that we conduct before each and every election.
 - And our physical security: every machine is stored under lock and key when not in use, and no machine is ever connected to the internet.
- While Louisiana has employed these for several years, I felt it was important to meet voters where they are and to empower our local partners with the knowledge they need to speak with authority on our election processes.
- All of the hard work we put in last year resulted in a record-breaking presidential election.

- Last year, 42% of voters who participated in the November election cast their vote early in-person; in terms of raw numbers, that was the most ever in our state's history.
- We also saw the fastest reporting of results in any presidential election in Louisiana's history—full, unofficial results were posted within three hours of our polls closing. Not three days, not three weeks—three hours.
- These efforts led to a noticeable increase in voter confidence in our elections.
- Over an eight month period in 2024, a poll found a nine point jump in the number of voters who believed that our elections are safe and secure.
- This work also led to the Heritage Foundation ranking Louisiana second in the nation for election integrity in its latest update.
- Louisiana proved that states can make it easy to vote and hard to cheat, and that doing so will instill confidence in our elections.
- I believe every state in the nation can replicate the strides we have made and, in doing so, they can reassure voters that their elections are safe and secure.
- Thank you again for having me. I look forward to your questions.