



STATE OF FLORIDA  
**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

**Jeb Bush**  
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**Glenda E. Hood**  
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

July 7, 2004

Dear Supervisors of Elections:

Approximately two months ago, the Division notified you that it was preparing to activate the potential felon matching component of the central voter database (CVD). Thereafter, training was provided to each of you and the system became operational on May 14, 2004.

As was discussed during your training, the potential felon matching component of the CVD results in a felon match status designation. One particular designation is entitled "clemency after registration date" and is referred to as "CAR." This designation was developed because a number of individuals were identified as having registered to vote after a felony conviction, but prior to having been granted clemency. You will note that this designation is mentioned on page 43 of the Central Voter Database Training Workbook and User's Guide, Version 3.0.

Recently, an issue has arisen regarding whether this designation should be used. Since it is the intent of the Division to ensure that all eligible voters are allowed to vote, the "CAR" designation has now been removed from the CVD. Please apply this change retroactively to May 14, 2004. This change will be incorporated in the next version of the Central Voter Database Training Workbook and User's Guide.

As always, the Division is available to answer any questions you may have regarding this change.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dawn Roberts".

Dawn K. Roberts  
Division Director

Attachment

July 7, 2004

**VIA FACSIMILE AND U.S. MAIL**

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**Re: NAACP, et al. v. Smith, et al.**

Dear Ms. Henderson:

As a follow up to our telephone conversation earlier today with Randall C. Marshall of the American Civil Liberties Union of Florida, Inc. and Randall C. Berg., Jr., Executive Director, Florida Justice Institute, Inc., we are advising you that the Division of Elections is instituting an immediate change to the potential felon matching component of the CVD as detailed below.

Approximately two months ago, the Division notified the Supervisors of Election that it was preparing to activate the potential felon matching component of the central voter database (CVD). Thereafter, training was provided to each of the counties and the system became operational on May 14, 2004.

As was discussed during the training, the potential felon matching component of the CVD results in a felon match status designation. One particular designation is entitled "clemency after registration date" and is referred to as "CAR." This designation was developed because a number of individuals were identified as having registered to vote after a felony conviction, but prior to having been granted clemency. You will note that this designation is mentioned on page 43 of the Central Voter Database Training Workbook and User's Guide, Version 3.0 which was sent to you at the same time as it was transmitted to the counties. Prior to receiving the ACLU's letter dated July 6, 2004, the Division had not received any comments from any of the NAACP Plaintiffs regarding the "CAR" designation.

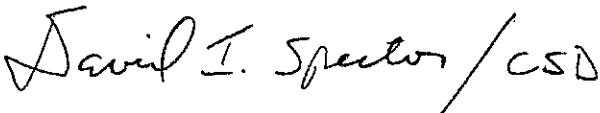
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counties should change this retroactively to May 14, 2004. This change will be incorporated in the next version of the Central Voter Database Training Workbook and User's Guide.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David I. Spector / CSD". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

David I. Spector

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