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Nebraska joins multi-state cooperative election pact

LINCOLN – Nebraska has joined Iowa, Kansas and Missouri in agreeing to explore cooperative ways to improve election administration, according to Nebraska Secretary of State John Gale.

One area of interest is the exchange of data from each state’s voter-registration system to cross-check for duplicate voter registrations. Such duplicates usually arise when people move from one state to another and fail to disclose their previous registration.

Other areas of cooperation that will be explored include training of election officials, testing of election systems, improvements in election-security processes and uniform protocols for international-election observers.

“It was felt that there could be some real benefits from collaboration among the four states,” Gale said.

The cooperative measures were outlined in a memorandum of understanding signed by the secretaries of state of the four states.

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