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RALEIGH, (SGRToday.com) - The State Board of Elections today completed an audit of more than 10,000 registered voters with questionable citizenship status, finding that 1,425 currently registered are likely non-citizens.

The agency analyzed data provided by the N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, according to a statement.

"We are working to ensure that no ballot cast by a non-citizen will count in this or any future election," said Board Executive Director Kim Westbrook Strach, in the statement. "Our ongoing partnership with DMV strengthens the integrity of our elections process and security of the voter rolls."

Early voting began October 23. State Board administrators have prepared guidance instructing elections officials to challenge ballots cast by those identified as non-citizens. The challenge process will provide notice and an opportunity for the voter to present proof of citizenship.

It is a crime for any non-citizen to register or to vote in North Carolina.