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Jesse White Reports on Earth Day More Illinois Motorists Going Green with Online Vehicle Renewals

More than 1 million renewals processed via the Internet, conserving paper and saving \$400,000 in postage

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White is reporting that more motorists are going green by conducting their vehicle renewals online this Earth Day, resulting in the conservation of paper and tax dollars.

Over the last year -- from April 2013 to March 2014 -- the office reported that there were 1.1 million Internet vehicle renewals. In addition, more Illinoisans have signed up to receive their renewals via email. For the month of March 2014, there were 10,500 new email signups per week.

"I'm pleased to use technology and conserve paper as well as taxpayer dollars in order to create a more efficient and earth-friendly process for our customers," White said.

The project will result in a \$400,000 estimated savings per year, according to White.

In honor of Earth Day, vehicle owners are encouraged to go green by registering for email renewal at www.cyberdriveillinois.com.

To register, drivers will need their vehicle registration card or renewal notice containing their Registration ID" and PIN numbers. If vehicle owners do not have a renewal notice or a current registration card, they should call the Public Inquiry Division at 800-252-8980. Once they have those, they can visit www.cyberdriveillinois.com and go to the "Email My Renewal Notice" tab on the right side of the webpage.

Vehicle owners began receiving paperless renewals in September 2013, White said. Since the program's inception, 820,000 plate records have been signed up to receive renewal notices via email.

Some renewals, such as those for commercial vehicles, cannot be processed via the Internet. However, those owners can still receive email notices containing all the same information of as a regular renewal.

In addition, for those who have not signed up for the email service, renewal notice postcards are now being mailed to vehicle owners instead of paper renewals. About 9 million postcards, which are smaller and require less postage, have saved taxpayers about \$1 million to date, White said.