
Kansas

Voter Registration & Voter List Maintenance Guide

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State Guide to Voter Registration & Voter List Maintenance Statutes

This is a guide to your state's laws relating to voter registration and voter list maintenance.

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Who can I contact with election related questions?

[Link to Elections Official](#)

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How do I register to vote?

[Link to Register](#)
[Link to Statutes](#)

[Kansas Constitution, Article 5](#)

§ 1: Qualifications of electors. Every citizen of the United States who has attained the age of eighteen years and who resides in the voting area in which he or she seeks to vote shall be deemed a qualified elector. Laws of this state relating to voting for presidential electors and candidates for the office of president and vice-president of the United States shall comply with the laws of the United States relating thereto. A citizen of the United States, who is otherwise qualified to vote in Kansas for presidential electors and candidates for the offices of president and vice-president of the United States may vote for such officers either in person or by absentee ballot notwithstanding the fact that such person may have become a nonresident of this state if his or her removal from this state occurs during a period in accordance with federal law next preceding such election. A person who is otherwise a qualified elector may vote in the voting area of his or her former residence either in person or by absentee ballot notwithstanding the fact that such person may have become a nonresident of such voting area during a period prescribed by law next preceding the election at which he or she seeks to vote, if his new residence is in another voting area in the state of Kansas.

§ 2: Disqualification to vote. The legislature may, by law, exclude persons from voting because of commitment to a jail or penal institution. No person convicted of a felony under the laws of any state or of the United States, unless pardoned or restored to his civil rights, shall be qualified to vote.



How do I cancel my voter registration?

[Link to Statute](#)

Voters who wish to cancel their registrations can make a written request to their [county election office](#) that their registration record be cancelled.

How is voter list maintenance handled?

25-2316c. Registration of voters; change of name of registered voter; change of residence by registered voters; provisional ballots; advance voting ballot, application; required confirmation notice to registrants upon certain events; removal of names of voters from registration lists; basis for removal of names.

(a) When a registered voter changes name by marriage, divorce or legal proceeding, if the voter is otherwise qualified to vote at such voting place the voter shall be allowed to vote a provisional ballot at any election, or apply for an advance voting ballot, on the condition that the voter first completes the application for registration prescribed by K.S.A. 25-2309, and amendments thereto. Completion of the application shall authorize the county election officer to update the registration records, if appropriate, for voting in future elections. The county election officer shall send, by nonforwardable mail, a notice of disposition to any voter completing such application.

(b) When a registered voter changes residence, the voter shall reregister in order to be eligible to vote, except that when a registrant has moved from an address on the registration book to another address within the county and has not reregistered, the registrant shall be allowed to vote a provisional ballot at any election, or to apply for an advance voting ballot, on the condition that the registrant first completes the application for registration prescribed by K.S.A. 25-2309, and amendments thereto. Completion of the application shall authorize the county election officer to update the registration record, if appropriate, for voting in future elections. The county election officer shall send, by nonforwardable mail, a notice of disposition to any such voter. Whenever the county election officer receives from any other election officer a notice of registration of a voter in a different place than that shown in the records of the county election officer, the officer shall remove the name of the voter from the registration book and party affiliation list.

(c) Every application for registration completed under this section shall be returned to the county election officer with the registration books.

(d) A registrant shall not be removed from the registration list on the ground that the registrant has changed residence unless the registrant:

- (1) Confirms in writing that the registrant has moved outside the county in which the registrant is registered, or registers to vote in any other jurisdiction; or
- (2) (A) (i) has failed to respond to the notice described in subsection (e)(1) through (e)(4); or (ii) the notice described in subsection (e)(5) is returned as undeliverable; and (B) has not appeared to vote in an election during the period beginning on the date of the notice and ending on the day after the date of the second federal general election that occurs after the date of the notice.

(e) A county election officer shall send a confirmation notice upon which a registrant may state such registrant's current address, within 45 days of the following events:

- (1) A notice of disposition of an application for voter registration is returned as undeliverable;
- (2) change of address information supplied by the national change of address program identifies a registrant whose address may have changed;
- (3) if it appears from information provided by the postal service that a registrant has moved to a different residence address in the county in which the registrant is currently registered;

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- (1) if it appears from information provided by the postal service that a registrant has moved to a different residence address outside the county in which the registrant is currently registered; or
- (2) if the registrant has no election-related activity for any four-calendar year period. No election-related activity means that the elector has not voted, attempted to vote, requested or submitted an advance ballot application, filed an updated voter registration card, signed a petition, which is required by law to be verified by the county election officer or the secretary of state, or responded to any official election mailing transmitted by the county election office.

The confirmation notice shall be sent by forwardable mail and shall include a postage prepaid and preaddressed return card in a form prescribed by the chief state election official.

(f) Except as otherwise provided by law, when a voter dies or is disqualified for voting, the registration of the voter shall be void, and the county election officer shall remove such voter's name from the registration books and the party affiliation lists. Whenever (1) an obituary notice appears in a newspaper having general circulation in the county reports the death of a registered voter, or (2) a registered voter requests in writing that such voter's name be removed from registration, or (3) a court of competent jurisdiction orders removal of the name of a registered voter from registration lists, or (4) the name of a registered voter appears on a list of deceased residents compiled by the secretary of health and environment as provided in K.S.A. 65-2422, and amendments thereto, or appears on a copy of a death certificate provided by the secretary of health and environment, or appears in information provided by the social security administration, the county election officer shall remove from the registration books and the party affiliation lists in such officer's office the name of any person shown by such list or death certificate to be deceased. The county election officer shall not use or permit the use of such lists of deceased residents or copies for any other purpose than provided in this section.

(g) When the chief state election official receives written notice of a felony conviction in a United States district court, such official shall notify within five days the county election officer of the jurisdiction in which the offender resides. Upon notification of a felony conviction from the chief state election official, or from a county or district attorney or a Kansas district court, the county election officer shall remove the name of the offender from the registration records.

(h) Except as otherwise provided in this section, no person whose name has been removed from the registration books shall be entitled to vote until such person has registered again.

25-2353. Move of registrant; update of registration record and provisional ballot.

A registrant who has moved to a new address in the same county shall be permitted to update the voter's registration record and vote a provisional ballot at the registrant's new polling place, or at a central location determined by the county election officer.

25-2354. Check of the registration records of voters by chief state election officer or county election officer.

(a) Once each calendar year a check of the registration records of voters in the state of Kansas shall be commenced by the chief state election official or the county election officer by comparing such records to the National Change of Address files. A county election officer may complete one or more checks each calendar year. If the chief state election official performs the check, any discrepancies discovered in the check shall be reported to the appropriate county election officer, who shall initiate the confirmation process prescribed by K.S.A. 25-2316c, and amendments thereto, within 45 days. As an alternative to participation in the national change of address program, the county election officer may conduct mass or targeted mailings to registered voters to obtain information upon which to base the confirmation mailings.

(b) The chief state election official may adopt rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this section.

[The National Voter Registration Act of 1993](#)

Congress enacted the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (also known as the “NVRA” and the “Motor Voter Act”), to enhance voting opportunities for every American. The Act has made it easier for all Americans to register to vote and to maintain their registration. Section 8 of the NVRA contains requirements with respect to the administration of voter registration by States and requires States to implement procedures to maintain accurate and current voter registration lists.

For more information about the NVRA, please visit the [Department of Justice website](#).

List of voter registration statuses and their definitions

[Link to Statutes](#)

Registration Statuses	
Active	Anyone who is a US citizen, 18 years or older, a resident of Kansas, and has completed the terms of any sentence from a felony conviction, is legally qualified to vote.
Inactive	When a registered voter changes residence, the voter shall reregister in order to be eligible to vote, except that when a registrant has moved from an address on the registration book to another address within the county and has not reregistered, the registrant shall be allowed to vote a provisional ballot at any election, or to apply for an advance voting ballot, on the condition that the registrant first completes the application for registration prescribed by K.S.A. 25-2309, and amendments thereto. Completion of the application shall authorize the county election officer to update the registration record, if appropriate, for voting in future elections. The county election officer shall send, by nonforwardable mail, a notice of disposition to any such voter.
Canceled	Except as otherwise provided by law, when a voter dies or is disqualified for voting, the registration of the voter shall be void, and the county election officer shall remove such voter's name from the registration books and the party affiliation lists.

How do I file a HAVA complaint?

[Link to HAVA Complaint Process](#)

[Link to Form](#)

[25-4704. Filing of complaint.](#)

Any person who believes that a violation of any provision of title III is occurring, has occurred, or is about to occur, may file a complaint with the secretary of state.

[25-4705. Form of complaint.](#)

(a) A complaint shall be made in writing and signed by the complainant under oath before a notary public.

(b) The complaint shall be submitted on a form prescribed by the secretary of state. The complaint form shall be available from the secretary of state or from any county election office.

[25-4706. Time limits for filing complaints.](#)

(a) A complaint shall be filed with the secretary of state within 30 days after the occurrence of the actions or events that form the basis for the complaint. For violations that are occurring or about to occur that may need immediate remedy, the complaint shall be timely filed to allow for resolution.

How do I file a non-HAVA election complaint?

[Link to Process](#)

[Link to Webform](#)

If you witness suspicious activity related to an election, please report it via the [Report Voter Fraud link](#). Your information will be forwarded directly to the Kansas Secretary of State's Elections Division.

Or call the Voter Fraud hotline at 800-262-8683. An elections investigator may contact you for additional information.

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