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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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County Election Offices:	https://sos.nebraska.gov/elections/election-officials-contact-information

How do I register to vote?

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

[VI-1. Qualifications of electors.](#)

Every citizen of the United States who has attained the age of eighteen years on or before the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November and has resided within the state and the county and voting precinct for the terms provided by law shall, except as provided in section 2 of this article, be an elector for the calendar year in which such citizen has attained the age of eighteen years and for all succeeding calendar years.

[32-313. Qualifications of elector; abstract of felony convictions; clerks of court; duty; notification of federal court felony conviction; how treated.](#)

(1) No person is qualified to vote or to register to vote who is non compos mentis or who has been convicted of treason under the laws of the state or of the United States unless restored to civil rights. No person who has been convicted of a felony under the laws of this state or any other state is qualified to vote or to register to vote until two years after the sentence is completed, including any parole term. The disqualification is automatically removed at such time.

How do I cancel my voter registration?

[Local Election Offices](#)
[Link to Statutes](#)

To cancel your voter registration, contact your local election office.

[32-326. Removal of name and cancellation of registration; conditions.](#)

The election commissioner or county clerk shall remove the name of a registered voter from the voter registration register and cancel the registration of such voter if:

(2) The voter requests in writing that his or her name be removed;

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32-313. Qualifications of elector; abstract of felony convictions; clerks of court; duty; notification of federal court felony conviction; how treated.

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- (2) The clerk of any court in which a person is convicted of a felony shall prepare an abstract each month of each final judgment served by the clerk convicting an elector of a felony. The clerk shall file the abstract with the election commissioner or county clerk of the elector's county of residence not later than the tenth day of the month following the month in which the abstract is prepared. The clerk of the court shall notify the election commissioner or county clerk in writing if any such conviction is overturned.
- (3) Upon receiving notification from the United States Attorney of a felony conviction of a Nebraska resident in federal court or of the overturning of any such conviction, the Secretary of State shall forward the notice to the election commissioner or county clerk of the county of such person's residence. The election commissioner or county clerk shall remove the name of such person from the voter registration register upon receipt of notice of conviction.

32-314. Loss of eligibility to vote; when; update voter registration record; when; change of residence within county; change of name or party affiliation; effect.

- (1) Any person going into another territory or state and registering to vote or voting in that territory or state shall lose his or her eligibility to vote in this state. Any person going into another county of this state and registering to vote or voting in that county shall lose his or her eligibility to vote in the county where he or she was registered.
- (2) A registered voter who changes his or her residence in one county to a residence address in a different county in the state shall register again or update his or her voter registration record in order to be eligible to vote.
- (3) A registered voter who changes his or her name or residence within the county and has retained legal residence in the county since the date of his or her last registration shall register again or update his or her voter registration record to avoid additional requirements at the time of voting as provided in sections 32-914 and 32-915 and may be entitled to vote pursuant to section 32-914.01, 32-914.02, or 32-915.
- (4) A registered voter who wants to change his or her party affiliation for purposes of a primary election shall complete a registration application pursuant to section 32-312.04 and submit it to the election commissioner or county clerk as provided in and prior to the deadline prescribed by section 32-302 or 32-321.

32-315. Change of name or address; election commissioner or county clerk; duties.

Upon receiving a completed voter registration application pursuant to section 32-308, 32-309, or 32-310 indicating that a voter who is registered in the county has changed his or her name or moved to another residence within the same county, the election commissioner or county clerk shall change the voter registration record of the registered voter to the new name or new address and shall send an acknowledgment card to the registered voter indicating that the change of registration has been completed and the address of the voter's new polling place.

32-317. Designation of postal address; when; no residence; how treated.

Any registered voter whose residence address is not a permissible postal address may designate a postal address for registration records. When the election commissioner or county clerk has reason to believe that the registration residence address of a registered voter is not a permissible postal address, the election commissioner or county clerk shall attempt to determine a proper postal address for the registered voter. If a registered voter has no residence address, his or her residence address shall be deemed to be the office of the election commissioner or county clerk of the county of such voter's residence for purposes of the Election Act.

32-318. Signature; when required.

Any registered voter whose signature does not appear in the registration records, due to fading, damage, loss, or other circumstance that affects the appearance or presence of the signature, may be required to submit his or her signature on a form prescribed by the Secretary of State to be included with the registration records of the registered voter. If the election commissioner or county clerk determines at any time that a then current signature of any registered voter is needed or if a registered voter's signature becomes subject to verification and a similar signature is not on file for such voter, the election commissioner or county clerk may request that the registered voter submit his or her signature on a form prescribed by the Secretary of State to be included with the voter's registration records.

32-322. Acknowledgment of registration; when required; duplicate registration; notice required.

Upon receipt by the election commissioner or county clerk of a complete and correct registration application showing that the registrant is qualified to be a registered voter pursuant to sections 32-312.01 to 32-312.05, the registrant shall be a registered voter and the election commissioner or county clerk shall send, by nonforwardable first-class mail, an acknowledgment of registration to the registrant at the postal address shown on the registration application. If an acknowledgment of registration is returned as undeliverable, a second nonforwardable first-class mailing shall be attempted. If a registration application is a duplicate of a registration already on file, the registrant shall be so notified.

32-324. Change of address; election commissioner or county clerk; duties; acknowledgment of registration; when.

- (1) When a person who previously has been registered to vote in another state registers to vote in Nebraska, the election commissioner or county clerk accepting the registration shall notify the appropriate election official in the other state that the voter has registered in Nebraska. The notification shall contain the printed or type-written name and previous address of the registered voter and the signature or certification of the election commissioner or county clerk.
- (2) The election commissioner or county clerk accepting an application for registration from a voter who was previously registered in a different county in Nebraska shall update the voter's voter registration record with the information from the application and shall send an acknowledgment to the voter indicating that the change of registration has been completed. The acknowledgment shall advise the voter of the address of his or her new polling place.

32-325. Update of voter registration record; deadline; effect.

(1) A registration application completed and signed by a registered voter seeking to update his or her voter registration record shall be completed in person at or delivered or mailed to the office of the election commissioner or county clerk or submitted pursuant to section 32-304 to the Secretary of State. To avoid additional requirements at the polling place pursuant to section 32-914.01, 32-914.02, or 32-915, an application to update a voter registration record must be:

- (a) Completed or delivered by the applicant in person at the office of the election commissioner or county clerk on or before the deadline prescribed in section 32-302; or
- (b) Delivered by a personal messenger or personal agent, submitted pursuant to section 32-304, or mailed so that it is received by the election commissioner or county clerk on or before the deadline prescribed in section 32-321.

(2) After verifying the signature on the previous registration of the registered voter, the election commissioner or county clerk shall make the change of name, party affiliation, or address on all pertinent election records. The election commissioner or county clerk shall send an acknowledgment card to the registered voter indicating that the change of registration has been completed and shall include the address of the registered voter's new polling place.

32-326. Removal of name and cancellation of registration; conditions.

The election commissioner or county clerk shall remove the name of a registered voter from the voter registration register and cancel the registration of such voter if:

- (1) The election commissioner or county clerk has received information that the voter is deceased;
- (2) The voter requests in writing that his or her name be removed;
- (3) The election commissioner or county clerk has received information that the voter has moved from the address at which he or she is registered to vote from the National Change of Address program of the United States Postal Service pursuant to section 32-329 and the voter has not responded to a confirmation notice sent pursuant to section 32-329 and has not voted or offered to vote at any election held prior to and including the second statewide federal general election following the mailing of the confirmation notice;
- (4) The election commissioner or county clerk has received information that the registrant has moved out of the state and has registered to vote or voted in another territory or state pursuant to section 32-314;
- (5) The election commissioner or county clerk has received information from the Department of Motor Vehicles that the registrant has changed the registrant's state of residence by surrendering the registrant's Nebraska motor vehicle operator's license or state identification card to another state; or
- (6) The voter has become ineligible to vote as provided in section 32-313.

32-327. Death of registered voter; removal from registration records; Department of Health and Human Services; duty.

The election commissioner or county clerk may at any time remove from the voter registration register a voter registration of a deceased person when the election commissioner or county clerk has any supporting information of the death of such voter. The Department of Health and Human Services shall provide, at cost, a record of the deaths of residents which occur in each county every three months to the appropriate election commissioner or county clerk.

32-328. Voter registration register; precinct list; issuance of ballots; correction of errors; procedures.

- (1) The election commissioner or county clerk shall, upon the personal application of any registered voter or whenever informed of any error and after due investigation, correct any error in the voter registration register. For such purpose, the election commissioner or county clerk may summon witnesses and compel their attendance to appear at the office of the election commissioner or county clerk to give testimony pertaining to residence, qualifications, or any other facts required to be entered in the voter registration register. Such testimony shall be transcribed and become a part of his or her records.
- (2) If the name of any registered voter of any precinct does not appear on the precinct list of registered voters through an error and the election commissioner or county clerk informs the precinct inspector or judge of election that credible evidence exists that substantiates that an error has been made, the precinct inspector or judge of election shall enter the correction in the precinct list of registered voters, initial the correction, and authorize the receiving board to issue the proper ballots to the voter as directed by the election commissioner or county clerk and receive his or her vote. The election commissioner or county clerk shall designate whether the voter is entitled to a regular ballot or a provisional ballot as provided in section 32-915. The election commissioner or county clerk shall implement the policy regarding designation of ballots uniformly throughout the county. All corrections shall be entered on the voter registration register as soon as possible after the election.

32-329. Registration list; maintenance; voter registration register; verification; training; procedure; voter registration systems; information exempt from disclosure, when; Secretary of State; report.

- (1) The Secretary of State with the assistance of the election commissioners and county clerks shall perform list maintenance with respect to the computerized statewide voter registration list on a regular basis. The list maintenance shall be conducted in a manner that ensures that:
 - (a) The name of each registered voter appears in the computerized list;
 - (b) Only persons who have been entered into the register in error or who are not eligible to vote are removed from the computerized list; and
 - (c) Duplicate names are eliminated from the computerized list.
- (2) The election commissioner or county clerk shall verify the voter registration register by using (a) the National Change of Address program of the United States Postal Service and a confirmation notice pursuant to subsection (3) of this section or (b) the biennial mailing of a nonforwardable notice to each registered voter. The Secretary of State shall provide biennial training for the election commissioners and county clerks responsible for maintaining voter registration lists. No name shall be removed from the voter registration register for the sole reason that such person has not voted for any length of time.
- (3) When an election commissioner or county clerk receives information from the National Change of Address program of the United States Postal Service that a registered voter has moved from the address at which he or she is registered to vote, the election commissioner or county clerk shall update the voter registration register to indicate that the voter may have moved and mail a confirmation notice by forwardable first-class mail. If a nonforwardable notice under subdivision (2)(b) of this section is returned as undeliverable, the election commissioner or county clerk shall mail a confirmation notice by forwardable first-class mail. The confirmation notice shall include a confirmation letter and a preaddressed, postage-paid confirmation card. The confirmation letter shall contain statements substantially as follows:

32-329. (Cont.)

- (a) The election commissioner or county clerk has received information that you have moved to a different residence address from that appearing on the voter registration register;
 - (b) If you have not moved or you have moved to a new residence within this county, you should return the enclosed confirmation card by the regular registration deadline prescribed in section 32-302. If you fail to return the card by the deadline, you will be required to affirm or confirm your address prior to being allowed to vote. If you are required to affirm or confirm your address, it may result in a delay at your polling place; and
 - (c) If you have moved out of the county, you must reregister to be eligible to vote. This can be accomplished by mail or in person. For further information, contact your local election commissioner or county clerk.
- (4) The election commissioner or county clerk shall maintain for a period of not less than two years a record of each confirmation letter indicating the date it was mailed and the person to whom it was mailed.
- (5) If information from the National Change of Address program or the nonforwardable notice under subdivision (2)(b) of this section indicates that the voter has moved outside the jurisdiction and the election commissioner or county clerk receives no response to the confirmation letter and the voter does not offer to vote at any election held prior to and including the second statewide federal general election following the mailing of the confirmation notice, the voter's registration shall be canceled and his or her name shall be deleted from the voter registration register.
- (6)
- (a) In the event that the Secretary of State becomes a member of a nongovernmental entity whose sole purpose is to share and exchange information in order to improve the accuracy and efficiency of voter registration systems, information received by the Secretary of State from such nongovernmental entity is exempt from disclosure as a public record pursuant to sections 84-712 to 84-712.09 and any other provision of law, except that the Secretary of State may provide such information to the election commissioners and county clerks to conduct voter registration list maintenance activities.
 - (b) If the Secretary of State becomes a member of a nongovernmental entity as described in subdivision (6)(a) of this section, the Secretary of State shall submit an annual report electronically to the Clerk of the Legislature by February 1 encompassing the preceding calendar year. The report shall describe the terms of membership in the nongovernmental entity and provide information on the total number of voters removed from the voter registration register as a result of information received by such membership and the reasons for the removal of such voters.

[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

Registration Statuses	
Active - an elector who has a valid voter registration record on file with the election commissioner or county clerk in the county of his or her residence. ("Inactive" registered voters must be counted as registered voters until their names are legally removed from the voter rolls.)	32-115.
Inactive - If information from the National Change of Address program or the nonforwardable notice under subdivision (2)(b) of this section indicates that the voter has moved outside the jurisdiction and the election commissioner or county clerk receives no response to the confirmation letter and the voter does not offer to vote at any election held prior to and including the second statewide federal general election following the mailing of the confirmation notice, the voter's registration shall be canceled and his or her name shall be deleted from the voter registration register.	32-329.

How do I file a HAVA complaint?

[Link to HAVA Complaint Process](#)

[Link to Form](#)

Any person may file a complaint with the Secretary of State believes that a violation of Title III of the Help America Vote Act or corresponding sections of state statute has occurred, is occurring or is about to occur. Such complaint shall be filed on a form developed by the Secretary of State and shall contain the name, address and phone number of the person making the complaint, the nature of the violation of Title III of the Help America Vote Act or corresponding state statutes, the date of the violation if the violation had previously occurred and other information deemed necessary by the Secretary of State.

How do I file a non-HAVA election complaint?

[Link to Statutes](#)

The Secretary of State's office maintains an Election Integrity Unit, consisting of trained staff members who can take information from voters wishing to report any inappropriate behavior witnessed at a polling place.

[32-1548. County attorney; prosecute violations; suspension of sentence or judgment; when.](#)

Except as provided in subdivision (2) of section 84-205, the county attorney of any county in this state shall prosecute all complaints which may be made of violations of the Election Act to final judgment. The court before which any conviction for such violation shall be had shall not in any case suspend sentence or judgment for more than twenty days, except that no indictment or information for such violation shall be brought to trial unless the complainant, if he or she is found, has had at least two days' notice, in writing, from the county attorney of the day when he or she intends to try the same.

Who can I contact regarding an election related complaint?

Secretary of State' Office - Election Integrity Unit	
Physical Address:	301 S. 13th Street, Suite 410 Lincoln, NE 68508
Mailing Address:	P.O. Box 94608 Lincoln, NE 68509-4608
Phone Number:	402-471-2555
Fax Number:	402-471-7834
Email Address:	sos.elect@nebraska.gov
Website:	https://sos.nebraska.gov/elections/elections-
County Elections:	https://sos.nebraska.gov/elections/election-officials-contact-information

Nebraska Attorney General Office	
Physical Address:	2115 State Capitol Lincoln, NE 68509
Mailing Address:	PO Box 98920 Lincoln, NE 68509
Phone Number:	402-471-2683
Fax Number:	402-471-3297
Email Address:	ago.info.help@nebraska.gov
Website:	https://ago.nebraska.gov/contact-us
County Attorneys:	https://necaa.org/county-attorneys/