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Voter Registration & Voter List Maintenance Guide

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State Guide to Voter Registration & Voter List Maintenance Statutes

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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](#)
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[20A-2-101. Eligibility for registration.](#)

- (1) Except as provided in Subsection (2), an individual may register to vote in an election who:
- (a) is a citizen of the United States;
 - (b) has been a resident of Utah for at least the 30 days immediately before the election;
 - (c) will be:
 - (i) at least 18 years of age on the day of the election; or
 - (ii) if the election is a regular primary election, a municipal primary election, or a presidential primary election:
 - (A) 17 years of age on or before the day of the regular primary election, municipal primary election, or presidential primary election; and
 - (B) 18 years of age on or before the day of the general election that immediately follows the regular primary election, municipal primary election, or presidential primary election; and
 - (d) currently resides within the voting district or precinct in which the individual applies to register to vote.
- (2) (b) An individual who has been convicted of a felony or a misdemeanor for an offense under this title may not register to vote or remain registered to vote unless the individual's right to vote has been restored as provided in Section 20A-2-101.3 or 20A-2-101.5.

How do I cancel my voter registration?

[Link to Statutes](#)
[County Election Officials](#)

[20A-2-504. Removing names from the official register -- General requirements.](#)

- (2) The county clerk shall remove a voter's name from the official register if:
- (d) the voter requests, in writing, that the voter's name be removed from the official register;

How is voter list maintenance handled?

20A-2-502. Statewide voter registration system -- Maintenance and update of system -- Record security -- List of incarcerated felons -- Public document showing compliance by county clerks.

- (1) The lieutenant governor shall:
 - (a) develop, manage, and maintain a statewide voter registration system to be used by county clerks to maintain an updated statewide voter registration database in accordance with this section and rules made under Section 20A-2-507;
 - (b) except as provided in Subsection (2)(c), regularly update the system with information relevant to voter registration, as follows:
 - (i) on at least a weekly basis, information received from the Driver License Division in relation to:
 - (A) voter registration;
 - (B) a registered voter's change of address; or
 - (C) a registered voter's change of name;
 - (ii) on at least a weekly basis, the information described in Subsection 26B-8-114(11) from the state registrar, regarding deceased individuals;
 - (iii) on at least a monthly basis, the information described in Subsection (3), received from the Department of Corrections regarding incarcerated individuals;
 - (iv) on at least a monthly basis, information received from other states, including information received under an agreement described in Subsection (2); and
 - (v) within 31 days after receiving information relevant to voter registration, other than the information described in Subsections (1)(b)(i) through (v);
 - (c) regularly monitor the system to ensure that each county clerk complies with the requirements of this part and rules made under Section 20A-2-507;
 - (d) establish matching criteria and security measures for identifying a change described in Subsection (1)(b) to ensure the accuracy of a voter registration record; and
 - (e) on at least a monthly basis:
 - (i) use the matching criteria and security measures described in Subsection (1)(d) to compare information in the database to identify duplicate data, contradictory data, and changes in data;
 - (ii) notify the applicable county clerk of the data identified; and
 - (iii) notify the county clerk of the county in which a voter's principal place of residence is located of a change in a registered voter's principal place of residence or name.
- (2)
 - (a) Subject to Subsection (2)(b), the lieutenant governor may cooperate or enter into an agreement with a governmental entity or another state to share information and increase the accuracy of the database.
 - (b) For a record shared under Subsection (2)(a), the lieutenant governor shall ensure: (i) that the record is only used to maintain the accuracy of the database; (ii) compliance with Section 63G-2-206; and (iii) that the record is secure from unauthorized use by employing data encryption or another similar technology security system.
 - (c) The lieutenant governor is not required to comply with an updating requirement described in Subsection (1)(b) to the extent that the person responsible to provide the information to the lieutenant governor fails to provide the information.

20A-2-504. Removing names from the official register -- General requirements.

- (1) The county clerk may not remove a voter's name from the official register solely because the voter has failed to vote in an election.
- (2) The county clerk shall remove a voter's name from the official register if:
 - (a) the voter dies and the requirements of Subsection (3) are met;
 - (b) the county clerk, after complying with the requirements of Section 20A-2-505, receives written confirmation from the voter that the voter no longer resides within the county clerk's county;
 - (c)
 - (i) the county clerk obtains evidence that the voter's residence has changed;
 - (ii) the county clerk mails notice to the voter as required under Section 20A-2-505;
 - (iii) the county clerk:
 - (A) receives no response from the voter; or
 - (B) does not receive information that confirms the voter's residence; and
 - (iv) the voter does not vote or appear to vote in an election during the period beginning on the date of the notice described in Section 20A-2-505 and ending on the day after the date of the second regular general election occurring after the date of the notice;
 - (d) the voter requests, in writing, that the voter's name be removed from the official register;
 - (e) the county clerk receives notice that a voter has been convicted of any felony or a misdemeanor for an offense under this title and the voter's right to vote has not been restored as provided in Section 20A-2-101.3 or 20A-2-101.5; or
 - (f) the county clerk receives notice that a voter has registered to vote in another state after the day on which the voter registered to vote in this state.
- (3) The county clerk shall remove a voter's name from the official register within five business days after the day on which the county clerk receives confirmation from the Office of Vital Records that the voter is deceased.
- (4) No later than 90 days before each primary and general election, the county clerk shall update the official register by reviewing the official register and taking the actions permitted or required by law under this section, Section 20A-2-503, and Section 20A-2-505.

20A-2-505. Removing names from the official register -- Determining and confirming change of residence.

- (1) A county clerk may not remove a voter's name from the official register on the grounds that the voter has changed residence unless the voter:
 - (a) confirms in writing that the voter has changed residence to a place outside the county; or
 - (b)
 - (i) does not vote in an election during the period beginning on the date of the notice described in Subsection (3), and ending on the day after the date of the second regular general election occurring after the date of the notice; and
 - (ii) does not respond to the notice described in Subsection (3).
- (2)
 - (a) Within 31 days after the day on which a county clerk obtains information that a voter's address has changed, if it appears that the voter still resides within the same county, the county clerk shall:
 - (i) change the official register to show the voter's new address; and
 - (ii) send to the voter, by forwardable mail, the notice described in Subsection (3).
 - (b) When a county clerk obtains information that a voter's address has changed and it appears that the voter now resides in a different county, the county clerk shall verify the changed residence by sending to the voter, by forwardable mail, the notice described in Subsection (3), printed on a postage prepaid, preaddressed return form.

20A-2-505. Cont.

(3)

(a) Each county clerk shall use substantially the following form to notify voters whose addresses have changed:

"VOTER REGISTRATION NOTICE

We have been notified that your residence has changed. Please read, complete, and return this form so that we can update our voter registration records. What is your current street address?

Street	City	County	State	Zip
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What is your current phone number (optional)? _____

What is your current email address (optional)? _____

If you have not changed your residence, or have moved but stayed within the same county, you must complete and return this form to the county clerk so that it is received by the county clerk before 5 p.m. no later than 30 days before the date of the election. If you fail to return this form within that time: - you may be required to show evidence of your address to the poll worker before being allowed to vote in either of the next two regular general elections; or

- if you fail to vote at least once, from the date this notice was mailed until the passing of two regular general elections, you will no longer be registered to vote. If you have changed your residence and have moved to a different county in Utah, you may register to vote by contacting the county clerk in your county. _____

Signature of Voter

PRIVACY INFORMATION

Voter registration records contain some information that is available to the public, such as your name and address, some information that is available only to government entities, and some information that is available only to certain third parties in accordance with the requirements of law.

Your driver license number, identification card number, social security number, email address, full date of birth, and phone number are available only to government entities. Your year of birth is available to political parties, candidates for public office, certain third parties, and their contractors, employees, and volunteers, in accordance with the requirements of law.

You may request that all information on your voter registration records be withheld from all persons other than government entities, political parties, candidates for public office, and their contractors, employees, and volunteers, by indicating here:

_____ Yes, I request that all information on my voter registration records be withheld from all persons other than government entities, political parties, candidates for public office, and their contractors, employees, and volunteers.

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION

In addition to the protections provided above, you may request that identifying information on your voter registration records be withheld from all political parties, candidates for public office, and their contractors, employees, and volunteers, by submitting a withholding request form, and any required verification, as described in the following paragraphs.

A person may request that identifying information on the person's voter registration records be withheld from all political parties, candidates for public office, and their contractors, employees, and volunteers, by submitting a withholding request form with this registration record, or to the lieutenant governor or a county clerk, if the person is or is likely to be, or resides with a person who is or is likely to be, a victim of domestic violence or dating violence.

A person may request that identifying information on the person's voter registration records be withheld from all political parties, candidates for public office, and their contractors, employees, and volunteers, by submitting a withholding request form and any required verification with this registration form, or to the lieutenant governor or a county clerk, if the person is, or resides with a person who is, a law enforcement officer, a member of the armed forces, a public figure, or protected by a protective order or a protection order."

20A-2-505 (Cont.)

(b) The form described in Subsection (3)(a) shall also include a section in substantially the following form:

BALLOT NOTIFICATIONS
If you have provided a phone number or email address, you can receive notifications by text message or email regarding the status of a ballot that is mailed to you or a ballot that you deposit in the mail or in a ballot drop box, by indicating here:
_____ Yes, I would like to receive electronic notifications regarding the status of my ballot.

- (4)
- (a) Except as provided in Subsection (4)(b), the county clerk may not remove the names of any voters from the official register during the 90 days before a regular primary election or the 90 days before a regular general election.
- (b) The county clerk may remove the names of voters from the official register during the 90 days before a regular primary election or the 90 days before a regular general election if: (i) the voter requests, in writing, that the voter's name be removed; or (ii) the voter dies.
- (c)
 - (i) After a county clerk mails a notice under this section, the county clerk shall, unless otherwise prohibited by law, list that voter as inactive.
 - (ii) If a county clerk receives a returned voter identification card, determines that there was no clerical error causing the card to be returned, and has no further information to contact the voter, the county clerk shall, unless otherwise prohibited by law, list that voter as inactive.
 - (iii) An inactive voter may vote, sign petitions, and have all other privileges of a registered voter.
 - (iv) A county is not required to: (A) send routine mailings to an inactive voter; or (B) count inactive voters when dividing precincts and preparing supplies.
- (5) The lieutenant governor shall make available to a county clerk United States Social Security Administration data received by the lieutenant governor regarding deceased individuals.
- (6) A county clerk shall, within ten business days after the day on which the county clerk receives the information described in Subsection (5) or Subsections 26B-8-114(11) and (12) relating to a decedent whose name appears on the official register, remove the decedent's name from the official register.
- (7) Ninety days before each primary and general election the lieutenant governor shall compare the information the lieutenant governor has received under Subsection 26B-8-114(11) with the official register of voters to ensure that all deceased voters have been removed from the official register.

20A-5-204. Duplicate registration.

- (1) Upon finding duplicate registration, the county clerk shall first check for errors in the record.
- (2) If duplicate registration does exist, the clerk shall:
 - (a) eliminate one registration entry; and
 - (b) change the date of voter registration on the voter's file to the most recent registration date.

20A-5-206. Change of precinct boundaries -- Revising list.

- (1) Whenever the boundaries of any voting precinct are changed, or a new voting precinct is created, the county clerk shall ensure that the names of all voters residing within the territory affected by the change are updated in the official register.
- (2) Any registered voter whose name has been erroneously updated in the official register, or erroneously not updated in the official register, may vote in the voting precinct in which the voter resides if the voter uses a provisional ballot.

[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 - a registered voter who has not been classified as an inactive voter by the county clerk.	20A-1-102
Inactive - (i) After a county clerk mails a notice under this section, the county clerk shall, unless otherwise prohibited by law, list that voter as inactive. (ii) If a county clerk receives a returned voter identification card, determines that there was no clerical error causing the card to be returned, and has no further information to contact the voter, the county clerk shall, unless otherwise prohibited by law, list that voter as inactive. (iii) An inactive voter may vote, sign petitions, and have all other privileges of a registered voter. (iv) A county is not required to: (A) send routine mailings to an inactive voter; or (B) count inactive voters when dividing precincts and preparing supplies.	20A-2-505

How do I file a HAVA complaint?

[Link to HAVA Complaint Process](#)

[Link to Contact Lt. Governor](#)

All administrative complaint proceedings will be designated as informal and conducted in accordance with Utah Code [\[Title 63-4-2\]](#) *Administrative Procedures Act*.

A committee will be formed to review the notarized complaints. The committee will consist of two political party representatives, two county clerks (one urban and one rural), the state elections office, and two advocacy representatives (including one from the visually impaired community). After reviewing the complaint, the committee may refer it to mediation or court as necessary.

It is anticipated that most complaints that are received over the [phone or other written complaints will be resolved immediately without using the formal complaint procedure.

How do I file a non-HAVA election complaint?

[Link to Statutes](#)

[Link to Complaint Process](#)

20A-1-803. Verified petition by registered voter

- (1) A registered voter may file a verified petition alleging a violation of any provision of this title [Title 20A Election Code], if the registered voter: (a) has information relating to the alleged violation; (b) the allegation is against a candidate for whom the registered voter had the right to vote, a personal campaign committee of that candidate, or a member of a personal campaign committee of that candidate.
- (2) The registered voter described in Subsection (1) shall file the verified petition with the receiving official.

20A-1-802. Definitions

“Receiving official” means: (a) the lieutenant governor, unless the verified petition described in Section 20A-1-803 alleges a violation by the governor, the lieutenant governor, or an employee of the lieutenant governor’s office; or (b) the attorney general, if the verified petition described in Section 20A-1-803, alleges a violation by the governor, the lieutenant governor, or an employee of the lieutenant governor’s office.

Who can I contact regarding an election related complaint?

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