



Voter Rolls

Voters must register to vote and voter list maintenance is the process by which election officials update and clean the voter rolls. A variety of federal/state laws and procedures from the Virginia Department of Elections mandate routine processes that state and local officials must execute.

VOTER REGISTRATION

APPLICATION

Voters complete an application to register to vote or to update their registration. This happens online, in our office, by mail, and during an election.



REVIEW/ENTRY

Staff verifies the application is complete and enters the information in the state voter database.



REJECTED

The voter is sent a notice their registration has been rejected, usually due to missing information or not being qualified.



ACCEPTED

The voter is now registered and is sent a notice with some basic information.

ACTIVE VOTER

Voter can vote at polling places, request a mail ballot, etc.

VOTER LIST MAINTENANCE

The records of active voters are routinely checked for updates and changes by both state and local election officials.

ROUTINE MAINTENANCE

- Cancel request directly from voter
- Weekly updates of VDH death data
- Bi-monthly DMV non-citizen report
- Monthly check of convicted felons
- Monthly "incapacitated" updates
- Death certificate submission
- Notice from other state gov't
- Duplicate registration check

VOTER MOVES

- Bi-annual USPS address check
- Mail returned to elections' office
- Citizen voter challenges

MARKED IN SYSTEM

Voters are flagged as "marked for confirmation" on the voter rolls.

CONFIRMATION MAILING

Voters are sent a notice. If they do not confirm their registered address within 30 days, they become "inactive" voters.

INACTIVE VOTER

Inactive voters have limited rights and (1) cannot vote by mail and (2) cannot vote in person without completing an Affirmation of Eligibility.

CANCELLED VOTER

If any of these processes identify a voter is no longer qualified, their voter registration is cancelled and they would no longer have the ability to vote.

TIME

After two federal elections as an Inactive voter.

