

UPDATING VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Voters are responsible for keeping the information in their voter registration file updated with current information and must reregister if any of the of the following occurs:

- Legal name change;
- Change residence (residence or home address determines district, precinct, and polling site); or
- Change mailing address (all election related correspondence will be delivered to this address).

A voter is not properly register if his/her registration information is old or outdated. Voters who are not properly registered will be required to reregister prior to being allowed to vote on Election Day and will encounter delays if attempting to vote without first reregistering.

To reregister carefully read and complete the voter registration update portion of the Notice of Voter Registration and Address Confirmation postcard (yellow card or NVRAC) or a voter registration form, and returning it to our office as soon as possible.

Please note that changes to the information in your voter registration file must be done in writing. Voter registration file updates cannot be done over the phone.

Voters at the polls who are required to reregister must complete a Reregistration Affidavit Form and may be directed to another polling place in order to vote.

If you knowingly vote when not entitled to vote you may be guilty of a Class C felony which is punishable by up to five (5) years imprisonment and a \$10,000 fine.

NOTICE OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND ADDRESS CONFIRMATION (NVRAC) POSTCARD

To assist you in keeping your registration information current, you will receive a NVRAC (also known as the Yellow Card) in late June of each election year (even numbered years).

Your NVRAC will list your district, precinct, and polling place, as well as provide general election information and voting instructions. A portion of the postcard also allows you to update information in your registration file.

Upon receipt of your NVRAC, please review it carefully and keep for future reference. Pay close attention to the portion of the postcard containing your name and addresses. If you find any errors, please carefully complete the voter registration update portion of the card and return it to our office as soon as possible. Do not complete and return the update/correction portion of the card if the information on your NVRAC is correct.

Please note that your NVRAC will be mailed via 2nd class mail, which does not allow it to be forwarded even though you may have filed a forwarding order with the United States Postal Service

(USPS). If the USPS is unable to deliver your NVRAC as addressed (i.e. you moved or changed mailing address, but failed to reregister), it will be returned to our office.

We mail the NVRAC via 2nd class mail because we need to be alerted to voters who require followup because they have outdated information in their registration files. Conducting address confirmation mailings in this manner allows our office to maintain the integrity and validity of the voter registration file.

The return of your NVRAC will trigger a second address confirmation mailing described below.

NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRTION ACT (NVRA) POSTCARD

If your NVRAC is undeliverable as addressed and returned to our office by the USPS, you will be mailed an NVRA postcard via 1st class mail. Mailing the NVRA postcard via 1st class mail allows it to be forwarded to your new mailing address, if you established a forwarding order with the USPS.

This second and final address confirmation mailing is required by the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 and allows our office to eventually purge you from the voter rolls if:

- Your NVRA postcard is undeliverable as addressed and you fail to vote in any election within two subsequent general federal elections, or
- You receive the NVRA postcard, but fail to respond and you fail to vote in any election within two subsequent general federal elections.

Once you are purged from the voter rolls, you must properly complete and submit a voter registration form prior to the voter registration deadline to be eligible to vote in the next election.

The information provided in this section is intended primarily as a reference source and should not be used as the authority on voter registration. For additional information, review applicable sections of Hawaii Revised Statutes, the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) of 1993, visit the Office of Elections web page at www.state.hi.us/elections, or phone the Office of the County Clerk, Elections Division at (808) 241-6350.

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