Cancel Your Voter Registration!



Here is the compiled list of all 50 states in alphabetical order. It's not complete yet, but some citations are much harder to find than others. If you would like me to fast-track your state, <u>email</u> <u>me</u>, and I'll do my best.

1. Alaska

a. <u>You can cancel your voter registration</u> by contacting your Regional Elections office, writing by mail, fax, or by emailing the following information: statement requesting to cancel your registration, your name, and an identifier (Alaska voter number, driver's license number, SSN, DOB, etc.)



2. Arizona

a. <u>Arizona Revised Statutes: Title 16, Article 5, 16-165</u> states that the county recorder shall cancel a registration at the request of the person registered.

3. California

- a. <u>California Statutory Election Code: Division 2</u>, Ch. 3, Article 1, 2200-2201(a)
- b. Note: to my knowledge, the program they use doesn't allow a direct link, so I will post the screenshot, just in case.

ELECTIONS CODE - ELEC DIVISION 2. VOTERS [2000 - 2501] (Division 2 enacted by Stats. 1994, Ch. 920, Sec. 2.) CHAPTER 3. Cancellation and Voter File Maintenance [2200 - 2241] (Chapter 3 enacted by Stats. 1994, Ch. 920, Sec. 2.) ARTICLE 1. General Provisions [2200 - 2213] (Article 1 enacted by Stats. 1994, Ch. 920, Sec. 2.)

2200. The registration of a voter is permanent for all purposes during his or her life, unless and until the affidavit of registration is canceled by the county elections official for any of the causes specified in this article. (Enacted by Stats. 1994, Ch. 920, Sec. 2.)

2201. The county elections official shall cancel the registration in the following cases: (a) At the signed, written request of the person registered.

(b) When the mental incompetency of the person registered is legally established as provided in Sections 2208, 2209, 2210, and 2211.

(c) Upon proof that the person is presently imprisoned or on parole for conviction of a felony.

(d) Upon the production of a certified copy of a judgment directing the cancellation to be made.

(e) Upon the death of the person registered.

(f) Pursuant to Article 2 (commencing with Section 2220).(a) Upon official notification that the voter is registered to vote in another county or state.

(g) Upon official notification that the voter is registered to vote in anoth (h) Upon proof that the person is otherwise ineligible to vote.

4. Colorado

a. Fill out this form to cancel your voter registration.

5. Delaware

- a. <u>How do I cancel my voter registration?</u>
 - i. "Send a letter to the Department in your county asking that they cancel your registration."

6. Florida

- a. <u>Immediate removal</u>: a voter will be removed from the list of registered voters under the following circumstances: the voter requests in writing to have their name removed. Name, address, date of birth, and original signature is required.
- b. Cancellation Request Form
- c. I've found forms for various counties, which leads me to believe most counties have them. I will provide the exact law citation, if I find it, at a later date.

7. Georgia

- a. 2010 Georgia Code. Title 21 (Elections), Ch. 2, Article 6, § 21-2-232(a)
 - i. "Removal of elector's name from list of electors: (A) An elector may request to have such elector's name removed from the list of electors by making a written request to the registrars of such elector's county of residence. Upon receipt of such request, the registrars shall remove such elector's name from the list of electors and shall confirm such removal by written notice by first-class mail sent to the address on the elector's registration records."

8. Hawaii

a. Fill out this form to cancel your voter registration.

9. Idaho

- a. Statutory Code Title 24, Ch. 4, 34-435
 - i. This citation states that if a citizen of Idaho doesn't vote for four years, it will automatically cancel. Idaho is tricky. I haven't yet found anything in the Idaho Constitution, statutory, or administrative code pertaining to cancellation at the request of the registrar. Worst case scenario, just don't vote for four years and the problem will fix itself. I will search for a more precise citation later.

10. Illinois

- a. <u>Administrative Code: 26 IL ADC 216.50</u> and <u>US Code: 42 USCA s1973gg-6(a)(3)</u>
 - i. For more information, <u>read my article</u>. Illinois was not easy to locate.

11. Indiana

a. Fill out <u>this form</u> to cancel your voter registration. Note: this is applicable to the entire state.

12. Iowa

a. <u>Statutory Code: 48A.30 Section 1C</u>. Cancellation of voter registration.

13. Kansas

a. <u>KSA 25- 2316c(f)(2)</u> - A registrant may at any time file a written request with the county election officer to have his/her name removed from the list.

14. Kentucky

- a. <u>Kentucky Revised Statutes Chapter 116.0452 (3)(a)</u>: Standards for timely receipt of voter registration application removal of names from registration books...
 - i. "The name of a registered voter shall not be removed from the registration books except: (a) Upon request of the voter."

15. Maryland

- a. Maryland Statutory Code: Election Law § 3-501 (1)
 - i. "An election director may remove a voter from the statewide voter registration list only: (1) at the request of the voter, provided the request is: (i) signed by the voter; (ii) authenticated by the election director; and (iii) in a format acceptable to the State Board...

16. Michigan

a. <u>Voter registration can be canceled if</u>: "The voter directs the cancellation of his or her registration record in a written, signed communication."

17. Minnesota

a. <u>Minnesota Statutory Code: 201.13 Subd. 4</u>- Request for removal of voter record. If a voter makes a written request for removal of the voter's record, the county auditor shall inactivate the record of the voter in the statewide voter registration system.

18. Montana

a. Montana Annotated Code 13-2-402

19. Nebraska

a. <u>Nebraska Revised Statutes 32-326</u>: The voter requests in writing that his or her name be removed.

20. Nevada

a. Nevada Revised Statutes: <u>NRS 293.540 (6)</u> states that the county clerk shall cancel the registration at the request of the person registered.

21. New Mexico

a. <u>1-4-30 NMSA 1978(A)(3)</u> provides that the county clerk shall cancel a certificate of voter registration upon the request upon the written request of the voter.

22. New York

a. <u>New York Code Section 5-400 (g)</u> states that a voter's registration shall be cancelled, since the time of... (g) Personally requested to have his name removed from the list of registered voters.

23. North Carolina

a. North Carolina General Statutes 7A § 163-82.1 (C)(1) – The registrant requests in writing to the county board of elections to be removed from the list of registered voters.

24. North Dakota

a. <u>If you live in North Dakota, you already know this</u>, but it was a new find for me. North Dakota is the only state without voter registration and hasn't had it since 1951. Therefore, there is no way to cancel something that doesn't exist.

25. Ohio

a. Fill out this form to cancel your voter registration.

26. Oklahoma

a. <u>Oklahoma Statutes §26-4-120.7</u>: Removal from registries. "The registration application of registered voters whose registration has been canceled, upon written notice of the voter..."

27. Oregon

- a. I couldn't find the citation, but for a few counties, on the <u>Frequently Asked</u> <u>Questions</u> page regarding election, it states, "To cancel your Oregon registration in "fill-in-the-blank" county, please mail or fax a signed note requesting cancellation.
- b. So, the first step is to <u>go here</u> and find your county and either mail them a request to cancel your voter registration (make sure to include: name, birth date, address, and signature). The next step, is to follow up a couple of weeks later and check to see if you're still registered.

28. Pennsylvania

a. Fill out <u>this form</u> to cancel your voter registration.

29. South Carolina

a. Fill out <u>this form</u> to cancel your voter registration.

30. Tennessee

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31. Texas

a. <u>Texas Election Code: Section 16.036</u>

32. Utah

a. <u>Utah Code Title 20(A) Ch. 2 Pt. 3 Section 305 20A-2-305(d)</u> – Removing names from the official register... (d) The voter requests, in writing, that the voter's name be removed from the official register.

33. Virginia

a. <u>Virginia Statutory Code: § 24.2-427(A)</u>

34. West Virginia

a. <u>Statutory Code: §3-2-23</u>. Cancellation of registration of deceased or ineligible voters.

35. Washington

a. Fill out <u>this form</u> to cancel your voter registration. Note: this is applicable to the entire state.

36. Wyoming

- a. Wyoming Statutory Code § 22-3-115(a)(vi)
 - i. "A registered elector's registration shall be cancelled for any (1) of the following reasons: (vi) Upon written request of the elector."

	Title 22 Elections Chapter 3 Registration
	Chapter 3 Registration
	Wyo. Stat. § 22-3-115 (2014)
5 22-3-1	15. Grounds for cancellation of registration.
(a) A regi	istered elector's registration shall be cancelled for any one (1) of the following reasons:
(i)	Failure to vote in any general election;
(ii)) Death;
(iii	i) Removal of residence from the county or state more than thirty (30) days prior to an election;
(iv	/) Disqualification to vote;
(v)	Receipt of notification that the elector has registered to vote in another jurisdiction;
(vi	I) Upon written request of the elector.
(b) A regi	istered elector's registration shall not be cancelled if the elector in any general election requested an absentee ballot which was rejected

37. Connecticut

- a. <u>Chapter 143, Section 9-21</u>: Removal of elector from registry list.
 - i. Side note: I'm not positive if that is exactly it, but it is the closest thing I could find.

38. New Jersey

a. <u>NJ Rev Stat § 19:31-15(a)</u>

39. Vermont

a. <u>Title 17, Chapter 43, Subchapter 2, § 2150. (a)(3)</u>

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- 1. Arkansas
- 2. Louisiana
- 3. New Hampshire
- 4. Mississippi
- 5. Maine
- 6. Rhode Island
- 7. Massachusetts
- 8. Wisconsin
- 9. Alabama
- 10. Missouri
- 11. South Dakota

For those states listed above, I could not find anything pertaining to the cancellation of voter registration. I have noticed that in some states, voter registration is not handled by the legislative branch. Rather, in some states, it is handled by the executive branch, such as in Illinois. It is also possible, yet unlikely, that I just missed something.

Regardless, here is the non-legal advice that I will offer. The first step is contacting your local voting "authority" and see if they can give you any information. If they can't, it seems pretty uniform among most states, that if you just send them a letter (or go to the County Clerk office, or your town/county's equivalent, depending on the situation) requesting your voter registration to be cancelled, it is possible that they will do it. Make sure to include your name, birth date, address, and signature and make sure to request a receipt.

The final step would be to follow up with them afterwards and see if you're still a registered voter.

If none of that works, there is one final option. Depending on your state, if you don't vote for a certain amount of time, they will automatically cancel your voter registration after a specified time listed in most state statutory law. This part will require you to do some basic research through your various state law and find those said legal citations. It isn't a quick win, but nonetheless, depending on the state, it could be a win.

I will request that if any of my readers take this positive step in their respective state, please send me the proof so we can document our results. Please redact any personal information to protect your privacy.