



Your Privacy Is Our Priority

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The Office of Voter Registration & Elections is committed to safeguarding your personal information. This notice provides you with a summary of laws in Virginia governing the release of information collected by our Office when registering to vote, voting, running for office, or working at the polls.

We adhere to the County's privacy principles of collecting only data that is necessary, ensuring data integrity and accuracy, disclosing how your data is used, and to secure and protect your information.

Release of voter registration and election information is controlled by several state and federal laws. Broadly speaking, Virginia election law is more restrictive than Virginia FOIA law. Items listed below are covered for in Code of Virginia § 24.2 or by federal law. As such, they are not available under Virginia FOIA law.

Voter Registration Information

Lists of registered voters containing the name, residence address, year of birth, and last four digits of social security names is provided for a reasonable fee to **qualified persons or entities** pursuant to Code of Virginia § [24.2-405](#) from the Department of Elections.

Qualified Persons or Entities.

Entities receiving this list shall sign a statement that they are a qualified entity, the list will only be used for purposed allowable, and will not permit the list to be used by persons not authorized by Code to obtain the list.

Qualified Person or Entity	Allowable Purpose
Candidates for election or political party nomination	To further their candidacy
Political Party Committees	For political purposes
Political Action Committees with a Statement of Organization on file with the Department of Election or Federal Elections Commission	For political purposes
Nonprofit organizations that promote voter participation and registration	To promote voter participation and registration

Commissioners of Revenue and Treasurers	For tax assessment, collection, and enforcement purposes
Virginia and federal courts	For jury selection purposes
General Registrars	For official use
Department of Motor Vehicles	For maintenance of the voter registration system
Chief Election Officers of other states	For maintenance of the voter registration system. List will not contain names.
Local government census liaisons	To provide address information to the United States Bureau of the Census. List will not contain names.
Clerk of the Senate and House of Delegates	To maintain a database of constituent addresses for the General Assembly. List will not contain names.

Withhold Residence Address from Public Records

Pursuant to Code of Virginia § [24.2-418\(B\)](#) voters who meet the following criteria can provide a PO Box when they register to have a mailing address published in lieu of their residence address.

1. Any active or retired law-enforcement officer, as defined in § 9.1-101 and in 5 U.S.C. § 8331(20), but excluding officers whose duties relate to detention as defined in 5 U.S.C. § 8331(20);
2. Any party granted a protective order issued by or under the authority of any court of competent jurisdiction, including but not limited to courts of the Commonwealth of Virginia;
3. Any party who has furnished a signed written statement by the party that he is in fear for his personal safety from another person who has threatened or stalked him;
4. Any party participating in the address confidentiality program pursuant to § 2.2-515.2;
5. Any active or retired federal or Virginia justice or judge and any active or retired attorney employed by the United States Attorney General or Virginia Attorney General; and
6. Any person who has been approved to be a foster parent pursuant to Chapter 9 (§ 63.2-900 et seq.) of Title 63.2.

Applications of Registered Voters

Redacted applications for registered voters received after July 20, 2011 are available for release to the general public under the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) for a reasonable charge. Applications received prior to this date are available only to the Commonwealth's Attorney, applicant, or applicant's authorized representative.

Denied & Canceled Registrations

A list of denied registrations is available for 4 years to the general public for a reasonable charge.

A list of canceled registrations is available for public inspection and copying for 2 years for a reasonable charge.

Voter History

The list of persons who have voted in an primary, special, or general election in the preceding 4 years is available for a reasonable price for qualified persons pursuant to Code of Virginia § [24.2-406](#) from the Department of Elections.

List furnished under this code section shall publish a post office box in lieu of a residence address for any voter who has met the criteria to have their address withheld under Code of Virginia § [24.2-418\(B\)](#).

Mail and Early Voting Information

Virginia considers all ballot cast prior to election day to be absentee ballots. This includes mail ballots and votes cast early in person.

Redacted mail ballot applications are available for Virginia registered voters to inspect for 2 years. Mail ballot applications are transferred to the Clerk of the Court following each election.

The list of absentee voters is available to Virginia registered voters for 2 years for a reasonable charge. The final list of absentee voters is available for public inspection for 2 years.

Candidates

Campaign finance reports and are available from the Department of Elections. They are available for public inspection for a reasonable charge until 1 year after a final report is filed.

Candidate qualification forms are available for 5 years or through the next General Election for that office, whichever is later.

Election Officers

Names of appointed election officers are available for public inspection. The party designation of election officers assigned to work an election is available for parties and candidates for a fee. § 24.2-115

The phone number and email of officers will be shared with other workers in their assigned precinct to facilitate coordination prior to election day.