

**SEC Attachment #5**

**Verification of Voter Qualifications**

SEC = State Election Commission

County Board = County Board of Voter Registration and Elections

<b>Initial Registration – All Qualifications Verified by County Board at Time of Registration</b>	
All applicants must complete a voter registration application. The applicant must attest to all qualifications on the voter registration application and by signing the application, takes an oath to that effect. Any applicant guilty of fraudulently applying for registration is guilty of perjury and is subject to the penalty for that offense.	
<b>Qualification</b>	<b>Verification Method</b>
Identity	<p><b>Required Method 1:</b> Individual reads and signs Voter Declaration affirming the individual meets all of the qualifications to vote.</p> <p><b>Required Method 2 (in person and by mail):</b> Individual provides a copy of any current, valid photo ID or a copy of a utility bill, bank statement, paycheck or any government document showing the individual’s name and address in the county.</p> <p><b>Required Method 3 (online):</b> Individual provides S.C. Driver’s License or Identification Card number and other identifying information which is verified with the S.C. Department of Motor Vehicles.</p> <p><b>Required Method 4 (National Voter Registration Act Agencies):</b> Voter registration agencies confirm an individual’s identity through their client identification process during registration for services.</p> <p><b>Optional Method 1:</b> County Boards may request additional information from an individual if the board has reason to believe the individual submitting the application is not the person he/she claims to be.</p>
U.S. Citizen	<p><b>Required Method 1:</b> Individual reads and signs Voter Declaration affirming the individual meets all of the qualifications to vote.</p> <p><b>Required Method 2 (by mail):</b> Individual must check box indicating they are a U.S. Citizen.</p> <p><b>Optional Method 1:</b> County Boards may request additional information from an individual if the board has reason to believe the individual is not a U.S. Citizen. Acceptable documents to prove citizenship include: (1) Birth certificate (issued by a U.S. State or U.S. Department of State); (2) U.S. Passport (issued by U.S. Department of State); (3) Certificate of Citizenship; and (4) Naturalization Certificate.</p>
18 Years of Age (or will be 18 years of age by the date of an upcoming election if the voter is applying within 150 days of the voter registration deadline for that election or an associated primary)	<p><b>Required Method 1:</b> Individual reads and signs Voter Declaration affirming the individual meets all of the qualifications to vote.</p> <p><b>Required Method 2 (online):</b> Individual provides S.C. Driver’s License or Identification Card number and other identifying information which is verified with the S.C. Department of Motor Vehicles.</p> <p><b>Required Method 3 (National Voter Registration Act Agencies):</b> Voter registration agencies confirm an individual’s age through their client identification process during registration for services.</p> <p><b>Optional Method 1:</b> County Boards may request additional information from an individual if the board has reason to believe the individual is not (or will not be) 18 years of age.</p>
Resident of County and Precinct	<p><b>Required Method 1:</b> Individual reads and signs Voter Declaration affirming the individual meets all of the qualifications to vote.</p>

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	<p><b>Required Method 2 (online):</b> Individual provides S.C. Driver’s License or Identification Card number and other identifying information which is verified with the S.C. Department of Motor Vehicles.</p> <p><b>Required Method 3 (National Voter Registration Act Agencies):</b> Voter registration agencies confirm an individual’s address through their client identification process during registration for services.</p> <p><b>Optional Method 1:</b> County Boards may request additional information from an individual if the board has reason to believe the individual is not a resident of the county and precinct in which the individual is registering.</p>
Not in Jail or Prison Serving Sentence for Conviction of a Crime	<p><b>Required Method 1:</b> Individual reads and signs Voter Declaration affirming the individual meets all of the qualifications to vote.</p> <p><b>Optional Method 1:</b> County Boards may request additional information from an individual if the board has reason to believe the individual is in jail or prison serving a sentence for conviction of a crime.</p>
Not Convicted of a Felony or Offense Against the Election Laws (unless disqualification has been removed by service of sentence, including probation and parole time, or by pardon)	<p><b>Required Method 1:</b> Individual reads and signs Voter Declaration affirming the individual meets all of the qualifications to vote.</p> <p><b>Optional Method 1:</b> County Boards may request additional information from an individual if the board has reason to believe the individual has been convicted of a disqualifying offense and has not served the sentence or been pardoned.</p>
Not Adjudicated by Court to be Mentally Incompetent	<p><b>Required Method 1:</b> Individual reads and signs Voter Declaration affirming the individual meets all of the qualifications to vote.</p>

**Removal from List of Active, Registered Voters** – Voters are removed at various times by SEC. Removal means the voter’s status is changed from “Active” to “Inactive.” Voter records remain in the statewide voter registration system permanently.

Reason for Removal	Source of Information	Frequency
Death	DHEC’s Bureau of Vital Statistics sends the SEC an electronic file of all those over 18 who are deceased (file includes records of only those who die in South Carolina, someone could be registered to vote here, but die in another state).	Monthly
	Social Security Administration Death File	Program under development and testing
	Correspondence from family	As received
U.S. Citizen	Voter request, information from courts	Varies
Resident of County and Precinct	Confirmation card mailing	Approximately every 4 years
	Returned mail sent by county boards to voters that has been returned as undeliverable.	As received
	Voter request received by the SEC	As received
	Information from other states/jurisdictions received by the SEC	As received

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	Information received from the Interstate Crosscheck Program with other states. Upon receipt of information showing a voter has a later registration date in another state, the SEC sends voter a postcard to confirm their status.	Biennially in odd-numbered years
	DMV notifies the SEC of SC Driver’s Licenses surrendered in other states at which time the SEC sends voter a postcard to confirm their status.	Program under development and testing
	Information received from the courts including undeliverable jury summons, returned jury summons indicated voter has moved, and court rulings.	As received
Voter Convicted of a Felony or Offense Against Election Laws (unless disqualification has been removed by service of sentence, including probation and parole time, or by pardon)	Information received from Court Administration or the US Attorney	Monthly
Adjudicated by Court to be Mentally Incompetent	Court documents received by the SEC	As received