

**VOTER REGISTRATION FOR
RE-ENTERED CITIZENS**

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Classification of Ohio's Jails

Type of Jail	Temporary-holding facility	Twelve-hour	Twelve-day	Minimum Security	Full-Service	State Prison
Length of Stay	6 hours	12 hours	12 days	Up to 1 year	Up to 1 year	Depends on conviction
Operated by	Municipalities and Townships	Municipalities and Townships	Municipalities and Townships	Jail Warden or Local Sheriff	Jail Wardens, local and county Sheriffs	Operated by State Prisons or Federal Bureau of Prisons
Individuals are held for:	Processing, booking, awaiting transport	Booking and processing or holding of local ordinance offenders	Booking and processing, or holding of local ordinance offenders	Misdemeanors or non-violent felony 4 and 5 crimes (detainees are designated as minimal security)	Booking, processing. Awaiting trial, misdemeanors and felony crimes of all classifications	Holds those who are convicted of serious crimes, including: high level misdemeanors and F1-F5 detainees

Registering Men and Women Released From Prison in Ohio

- Many people mistakenly believe they lose their right to vote while they are detained in jail or while they are awaiting trial.
- Anyone who is a resident of Ohio, not currently incarcerated for a felony conviction, and meets other eligibility requirements can vote.
 - This includes the thousands of Ohio residents currently detained in one of 72 county jails and who have not yet been convicted of a felony.

Registering Men and Women Released From Prison or Re-entered Citizens in Ohio

- The ACLU of Ohio and League of Women Voters advocate for the rights of incarcerated voters
 - educating detainees and the public about voting rights in jail
 - forming partnerships between community volunteers, local jail officials, Ohio jail officials and county boards of elections.
- These groups work to protect the integrity of the voting process - providing registration cards and absentee ballots to people in local and Ohio jails.
 - These simple actions allow detainees to feel more connected to their communities while incarcerated and re-entered individuals and will help ensure that every eligible voter can participate in our democracy.

Registering Homeless or Transient Voters

- Registration address at homeless shelters or local community organizations that will accept mail on their behalf
- ID requirements on election day may be prohibitive for homeless voters – drivers license, state id, etc.
- Early in person voting and absentee voting do not require an id. Voters need their date of birth and last 4 digits of their SSN

Common Errors

Incomplete. Most commonly, the blanks are (in order of frequency):

- Citizenship/Age Eligibility
- Identification number (Driver License, State ID or Social Security)
- Date and Signature

Other errors we watch for:

- List County, NOT Country
- List Birth date, NOT Today's Date
- Voting Address (No P.O. BOX) vs. Mailing Address
- Write Legibly

Returning Paper Registration Forms

Returning **someone else's** form:

- Forms must be returned the earlier of
 - 10 days after the registration form is completed, or
 - by the VR deadline (This election deadline was October 5)
 - Return to any BOE office

Registration Confirmation

Within 20 business days after receiving the properly completed voter registration form, their county board of elections must register that applicant to vote and promptly notify them by mail of their precinct, polling location and the identification requirements for voting.

Online Voter Registration (OVR)

VoteOhio.gov

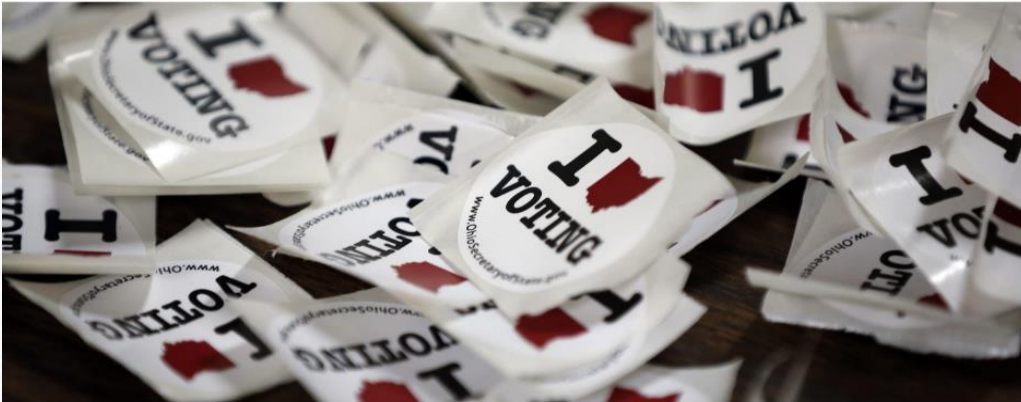


- As of January 2017, Ohio voters can register to vote online through the Secretary of State's website: <https://olvr.sos.state.oh.us/>
- D.O.B and either last 4 digits of SSN or an Ohio state ID (like a driver's license), is required to process online registration or to update addresses.

Voter Purges

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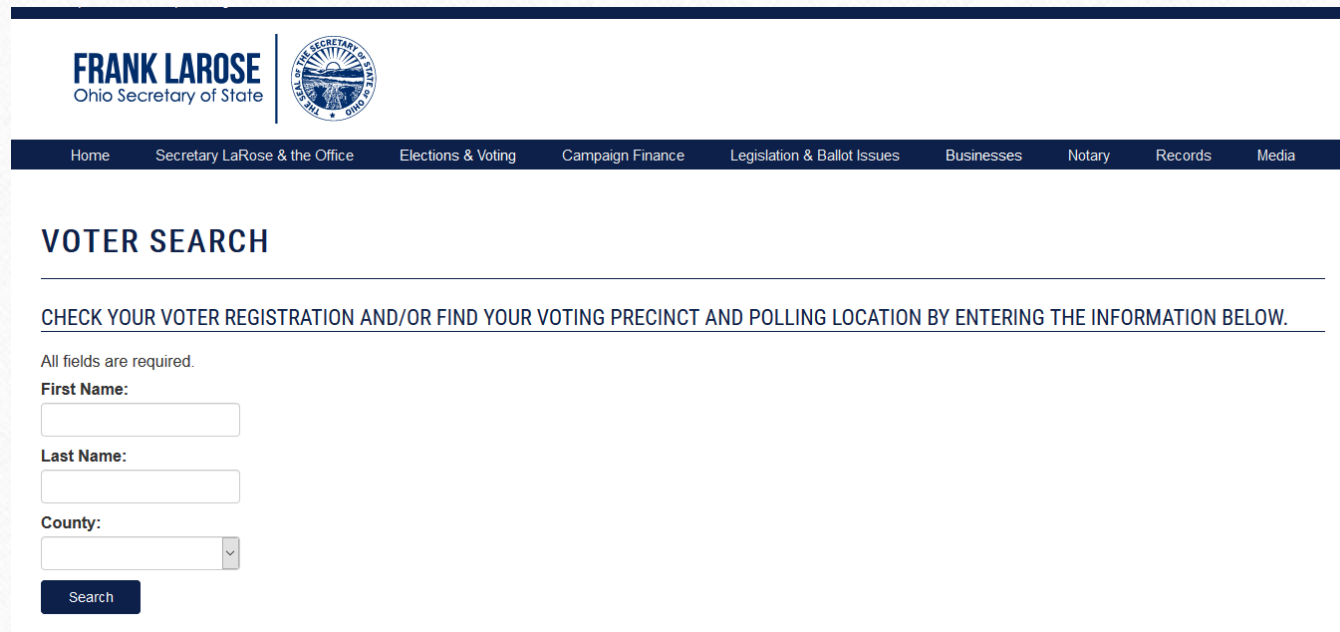


- ✓ Check your voter registration status at www.bit.ly/lwvoAMiREGISTERED
- ✓ Click on your name
- ✓ Voters in "confirmation" status should re-register immediately

- In September 2019, 182,000 Ohioans were purged from the voter roles.
- Ohio's voter purge procedure, upheld in 2018 by the Supreme Court: BOEs send voters who have not voted in two years a postcard. If they do not respond or vote in the remaining four years, they are purged.
- **Best Practice: Verify that re-entered citizens' registration is current!**

Verify Voter Registration Status

- Check Voter Registration Status using Ohio Secretary of State website:
<https://voterlookup.ohiosos.gov/>



The screenshot shows the website for Frank LaRose, Ohio Secretary of State. The header includes the name and title, along with the official seal. A navigation menu lists various services: Home, Secretary LaRose & the Office, Elections & Voting, Campaign Finance, Legislation & Ballot Issues, Businesses, Notary, Records, and Media. The main content area is titled "VOTER SEARCH" and contains instructions to check voter registration and find voting precincts. It includes three input fields: "First Name", "Last Name", and "County" (a dropdown menu). A "Search" button is located below the fields.

FRANK LAROSE
Ohio Secretary of State

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VOTER SEARCH

CHECK YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION AND/OR FIND YOUR VOTING PRECINCT AND POLLING LOCATION BY ENTERING THE INFORMATION BELOW.

All fields are required.

First Name:

Last Name:

County:

Search

Absentee Ballot Applications

- Right now, absentee ballots cannot be submitted online. They must be printed out, signed and mailed to the BOE.
- SB 191 (currently in committee) would allow for online absentee ballot requests if passed
- Given uncertainty of social distancing requirements in the November, 2020, election, we suggested that voters vote by mail.

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- Volunteers and advocacy groups are working to assist detainees with registering to vote by learning the strategies and tools for jail voting initiative.

Voting In Prison or Reentry Citizens Cont'd

- Absentee voting, or voting by mail, allows detainees who are jailed for failure to post bond, a misdemeanor or are awaiting trial to cast a ballot on Election Day.
- Detainees can choose to vote by mail or they can have two election officials administer the ballot to them while they remain in jail.
- Detainees requesting to vote from jail will need a volunteer to help them complete either form [11-A](#) or [11-F](#).

Read more about how detainees can vote by mail, using the jail's mailing system or with the help of election officials.

Flyer In Reentry Packets, along with VR & Absentee



The cuffs are off!

Make a difference with your vote!

And it's **YOUR RIGHT** after you have served your time.

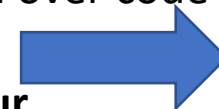
Don't let anyone tell you anything different. **Register NOW!**

Register/change your address online at <https://olvr.ohiosos.gov/>

Supported by the ACLU of Ohio

OR

1. Point your cell phone camera over code
2. Follow pop up link
3. Register to vote or check your registration information



Questions?

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