



Wisconsin Elections Commission News

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State of Wisconsin Mails Postcards to Inactive Voters

MADISON, WI – The State of Wisconsin is mailing postcards this week to approximately 186,900 registered voters who have not voted in the past four years.

“The postcards are titled Official Voter Registration Notice,” said Meagan Wolfe, Wisconsin’s chief election official. “State law requires the Wisconsin Elections Commission to mail notices to registered voters who have not voted in four years. These voters have 30 days to respond and tell their clerk whether they want to stay on the active voter list. If we do not hear from them or if their mailing is undeliverable, they will be placed on the inactive list and need to reregister.”

“This mailing, which happens every two years following a November election, is just one of many ways we ensure the integrity of voting in Wisconsin,” said Wolfe, administrator of the commission.

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OFFICIAL VOTER REGISTRATION NOTICE

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1409 CRANBERRY WAY
SAMPLETON WI 53700-0020

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Keep Me Registered To Vote

Still at the same address? You may use this card to stay registered.

1. Sign the statement below.
2. Return this card to your municipal clerk’s office by mail or in-person by **July 15, 2021**.

I hereby certify that I still reside at the address listed below and want to stay registered to vote in Wisconsin.

Sign _____ Date ____/____/2021

SIMON MILO PASCAL
1409 CRANBERRY WAY
SAMPLETON WI 53700

CITY OF SAMPLETON - COUNTY
700400904

**State of Wisconsin
Notice of Voter Registration Suspension**

Election records show you have not voted in the last four years. Stay registered to vote by choosing one of these two options:

1. If your address hasn’t changed, sign and return the other half of this card; or
2. If your address is different, visit myvote.wi.gov to update your voter information.

Need Help? Call Wisconsin Elections Commission 1-866-868-3947.

¿Necesitas ayuda en Español?
Llama a su secretario municipal o visita myvote.wi.gov/es-es/

Statutory Notice of Suspension of Registration. You are hereby notified that **your voter registration will be suspended**, according to state law, for failure to vote within the previous 4-year period, **unless you apply for continuation of your registration within 30 days**. You may continue your registration by signing the attached statement and returning it to the office of the municipal clerk by mail or in person. Wis. Stat. sec 6.50(1).

The Wisconsin Elections Commission is sending the postcards to voters who have not voted since the November 2016 general election. Between that election and the 2020 general election, there have been 12 statewide elections and primaries. The postcard asks recipients whether they want to remain a registered voter at that address.

To stay registered, voters who still live at the address on the postcard must sign the part of the postcard that says, “Keep Me Registered to Vote” and return it to their municipal clerk by mail or in-person by July 15. Voters who do not respond will have their status changed to inactive on July 31. The registration of a voter will also be inactivated if the Post Office is unable to deliver their postcard.

If you receive a postcard and your name or address has changed, please do not return the postcard. Instead, please re-register under your new name. Voters can register online up to 20 days before an election at the [MyVote Wisconsin website \(www.myvote.wi.gov\)](http://www.myvote.wi.gov) if they have a current Wisconsin driver license or state ID card. The address printed on your DL or ID does not need to be current, but your current address must be on file with the DMV. Voters may also register by mail up to 20 days before an election, after which they may register at the clerk’s office until the Friday before the election, or at the polling place on Election Day.

If you receive an Official Voter Registration Notice postcard but believe you voted in Wisconsin in the past four years, please contact your local municipal clerk, who is responsible for recording who voted in an election. Your clerk’s name and contact information are on the postcard.

“This mailing helps municipal clerks to identify individuals who have not voted,” said Wolfe. “It is not designed to remove active voters from the list of registered voters. Often the individuals have moved and have not voted since they moved or updated their registration.”

Wolfe noted that this mailing is different than mailings from independent voter registration groups. “Our postcard will have an ‘Official Election Mail’ logo near the postage mark,” Wolfe said. “If independent mailings raise questions about whether you are registered or need to reregister, you can contact your municipal clerk’s office or check your registration status at our MyVote Wisconsin website.”

In addition to sending out postcards every two years, the WEC is continually helping Wisconsin’s 1,850 municipal clerks keep the voter list current. “Working together with Wisconsin’s clerks, the Commission is making the voter list more accurate,” Wolfe said. “This has many benefits to Wisconsin voters and taxpayers, both in the election process and in the costs of conducting elections.”

Wisconsin Voter Registration and List Maintenance Facts

- Wisconsin’s 2020 estimated voting-age population was 4,536,293 people, according to the latest numbers from the [state’s Demographic Services Center](#).
- Of those, 3,783,363 people were actively registered to vote on June 1, 2021. That’s 83% of the voting-age population.

- [State law](#) requires the Elections Commission to conduct voter list maintenance every two years after each General Election. The purpose is to identify registered voters who have not voted in the past four years, attempt to contact them, and remove those who have moved or who no longer wish to remain registered.
- This is the seventh time Wisconsin has conducted voter list maintenance since creating its statewide registration system in 2006.
- The number of postcards mailed every two years varies greatly, depending on whether it follows an election for president or for governor. In 2013, the state mailed nearly 300,000 postcards to voters, compared to nearly 100,000 postcards in 2015 and 380,000 in 2017. In 2019 there were 114,000.
- In 2019, the registrations of 95,939 voters, or 84% of people who were mailed postcards, were made inactive because the postcards were undeliverable, the voters who received them did not respond, or the voters who received the postcards asked to be removed from the active list. According to national statistics, 12% of the population moves every year.
- The Elections Commission works closely with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services and the Wisconsin Department of Corrections to identify and regularly remove voters who have died or been convicted of a felony.
- Wisconsin is a member of the multi-state [Electronic Registration Information Center](#) (ERIC), which provides the state with additional tools to identify voters who may be eligible to vote but unregistered, or who have moved or died out of state.

More information about the four-year voter record maintenance process is posted to the Commission's website: <https://elections.wi.gov>.

NOTE TO EDITORS: An image of a sample Election Mail postcard is attached. Your publication of the sample postcard as companion art to a story will help assure voters it is not a scam.

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The Wisconsin Elections Commission is responsible for administration and enforcement of election laws in Wisconsin. The Commission is made up of six Commissioners – four appointed directly by the State Senate Majority Leader, Speaker of the Assembly and the Minority Leaders in the State Senate and Assembly. The remaining two Commissioners are by the Governor with confirmation by the State Senate from lists of former municipal and county clerks submitted by the legislative leadership in each party.