

# The Lifecycle of a Voter

A citizen of Pennsylvania can register to vote, vote on election day and remain registered until removed from the voter rolls.

## Voter registers to vote.

This is done by the voter completing a paper form, completing the online registration, or by making the registration selection through PennDOT services.

## Voter remains ACTIVE by...

Voting regularly OR by updating the voter record regularly.  
A voter is NOT required to vote in order to be considered active.

## Voter is removed only if:

- The voter submits a signed registration cancellation form.
- The Pennsylvania Department of Health submits a death record.
- The next of kin reports a death. (ie: signing a form or providing an obituary.)

## Voter becomes INACTIVE because...

They haven't voted in 5 years.

A voter ID card or letter was returned by USPS or a different address was provided through ERIC.

## Voter is sent a letter.

A "Five Year Notice" is issued to voters who have not voted OR made changes to their record in the last 5 years. The voter is to respond with current information or to request that their record be cancelled.

An "Address Verification Notice" or a "Notice of Change of Address" letter is sent requesting the voter update their record to reflect their current address.

## After the letter...

### If a voter responds to the "Five Year Notice", their record will be:

- Re-activated and address updated, if applicable.
- Cancelled because they have moved out of state or no longer wish to be registered.

### If they do NOT respond to the letter they will:

- Be cancelled following the next General Election cycle... **UNLESS** one of the following occurs:
- Be re-activated if a vote is cast. (Voter will be required to complete a signed affirmation prior to voting.)
- Be re-activated if an update is made to the voter record.

### If a voter responds to the mailing, their voter record will be:

- Re-activated and address updated.
- Cancelled because they have moved out of state.

### If they do NOT respond to the letter they will:

- Remain inactive until they vote or make changes to their record.
- Be required to complete a signed affirmation prior to voting.
- Receive a "Five Year Notice" if they go 5 years without voting or updating their record.