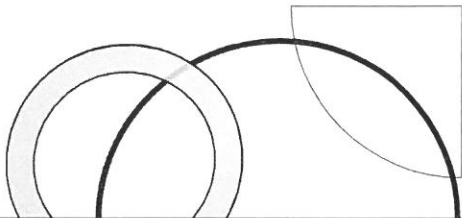


# Voter Registration

You Play a Critical Role in  
the Voter Registration Process





# History

- Why does Driver's Licensing perform voter registration?
  - National Voter Registration Act
    - Signed in 1993 by President Clinton
    - Also known as The Motor Voter Act
    - This legislation required state governments to allow for registration when a qualifying voter applied for or renewed their driver's license or applied for social services.
  - The DLVR program was first used in 2006 in South Dakota.



**SOUTH DAKOTA DRIVER LICENSE / I.D. CARD APPLICATION**

(Print in Block Letters)

DRIVER LICENSE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER --  
Print in Block Letters  
 NAME Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ At 18 or 19 IV DATE OF BIRTH / /  Sex   
Print in Block Letters  
 RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ Apt # \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_  
Print in Block Letters  
 MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ Apt # \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_  
Print in Block Letters  
 HEIGHT \_\_\_\_\_ FT \_\_\_\_\_ IN HEIGHT \_\_\_\_\_ EYE COLOR \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_ DAYTIME PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_  
Print in Block Letters  
 EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
Print in Block Letters  
 I AM APPLYING FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ DRIVER LICENSE \_\_\_\_\_ INSTRUCTION PERMIT \_\_\_\_\_ IDENTIFICATION CARD \_\_\_\_\_  
Print in Block Letters  
 DRIVER LICENSE CLASS \_\_\_\_\_  
 Car/Light Truck/Motorcycle: \_\_\_\_\_ Class 1  
 Motorcycle Only: \_\_\_\_\_ Class 3  
 Commercial Driver License: \_\_\_\_\_  
Print in Block Letters  
 COL. Complete Section A now & Section C on page 2.

**SECTION A. ALL APPLICANTS:**

1. YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_ Do you have a living will and want it to be included on your license?
2. YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_ Do you have Durable Power of Attorney for Health and want it to be included on your license?
3. YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_ Are you currently owed in child support payments of \$1,000 or more?
4. YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_ Are you currently licensed to drive in another jurisdiction?  
 If YES, in what state/country? \_\_\_\_\_ License # \_\_\_\_\_  
 If YES, in what state/country? \_\_\_\_\_ License # \_\_\_\_\_
5. YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_ Do you currently, or have you ever had your right to drive suspended, revoked, canceled, disqualified or denied?  
 If YES, when? \_\_\_\_\_  
 If YES, when? \_\_\_\_\_
6. YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_ Have you, in the past three months, experienced any epileptic or narcotic episode or other convulsion, seizure, or blackout? If YES, the date of the last episode: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Reason? \_\_\_\_\_
7. YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_ Have you ever been known by any other name, including maiden name? If YES, what name(s) \_\_\_\_\_
8. YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_ Are you a United States citizen? If no, you must show documents proving natural status. \_\_\_\_\_
9. YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_ Do you have a valid military ID? \_\_\_\_\_
10. YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_ Do you have a valid DD Form 24 (Preserve method), or certificate signed by a military service officer? \_\_\_\_\_
11. YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_ In the event of my death, I would like to be an organ/tissue donor.  
 To remove an existing donor indicator on your card write "remove" here and initial \_\_\_\_\_.

**VOTER REGISTRATION**

YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_ If you are not currently registered to vote, do you want to register to vote?  
 YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_ If you are currently registered to vote, do you want to update your registration (change your name, address, or party affiliation)?  
 YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_ If you are currently registered to vote, do you want to update your current voter registration?  
 Please complete the areas of this section that pertain to you ONLY. If you are registering to vote or updating your current voter registration, residence address is a post office box, rural box, or general delivery, you must give the location of your residence: \_\_\_\_\_

Choice of party: \_\_\_\_\_ If you have the choice of party as shown, you will be entered in as an independent party attention voter, when it is not a political party in South Dakota.

1. I am a citizen of the United States of America.  
 2. I am at least 18 years of age on the day of registration.  
 3. I have not been judged mentally incompetent.  
 4. I am not currently serving a sentence for a felony conviction, and  
 5. I will be 16 on or before the next election.

I wish to be registered as shown above. I was last registered with the following name and address, which will be cancelled:  
 Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Previous Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 County \_\_\_\_\_

The deadline for registration is 14 days before any election.  
 When it is due you will receive a notice of your registration. If you do not, contact your county auditor.  
 Auditor name only: Attorney Carl A. - Driver Licensing

**SECTION B: LOST LICENSE/IDENTIFICATION CARD CERTIFICATION**

If you are applying for a duplicate, renewal or transfer of your driver license or identification card, and have lost the last driver license/identification card issued to you, complete this section:  
 I have lost or destroyed the last driver license or identification card issued to me by the state of \_\_\_\_\_ and it is not now in my possession. I wish to be reissued that by making the statement, said identification card is null and void and may not be used for operating a motor vehicle or for identification purposes.

I understand that upon issuance of a driver's license or identification card in the state of South Dakota, any driver's license or identification card previously issued by another state will be cancelled.  
 I am not currently registered with the Secretary of State. I have consented to the address of my home or other body (address in accordance with SDCC 35-23-10, which may differ from the address on my driver's license or identification card) to be used for the purpose of my registration. I consent to the things true and correct. Any false statement or concealment of any material facts subjects my license issued to immediate cancellation. I consent to the release of my driving record information.  
 I certify that, if required by law, I have already registered with the Secretary of State, or if I have not registered, I am consenting to registration as required by Federal law. I authorize the Department of Public Safety to transmit my personal information required for such registration to the U.S. Scientific Service System pursuant to SDCC 35-23-17.12 and SDCC 35-23-17.1.  
 I understand that upon issuance of a driver's license or identification card in the state of South Dakota, any driver's license or identification card previously issued by another state will be cancelled.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF APPLICATION: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Your signature here applies to the entire application.



### VOTER REGISTRATION

YES  NO  If you are not currently registered to vote, do you want to register to vote?  
YES  NO  If you are currently registered to vote, do you want to update your registration (change you name, address, or party affiliation)?

Information provided on this voter registration application will be forwarded to your county auditor.

Please complete the areas of this section that pertain to you ONLY if you are registering to vote or updating your current voter registration.  
If residence address is a post office box, rural box, or general delivery, you must give the location of your residence: \_\_\_\_\_

Choice of party \_\_\_\_\_ If you leave this choice of party as blank, you will be entered in as an independent/no party affiliation voter, which is not a political party in South Dakota.

I declare, under penalty of perjury (2 years imprisonment and \$4,000 fine), that:

- \* I am a citizen of the United States of America; \* I have not been judged mentally incompetent;
- \* I actually live at and have no present intention of leaving \_\_\_\_\_ \* I am not currently serving a sentence for a felony conviction; and
- the above address; \* I authorize cancellation of my previous registration.
- \* I will be 18 on or before the next election;

I wish to be registered as shown above. I was last registered with the following name and address which will be cancelled:  
Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Circle One: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jr Sr II III IV

Previous Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_

The deadline for registration is 15 days before any election.

Within 15 days you will receive a notice of your registration. If you do not, contact your county auditor.

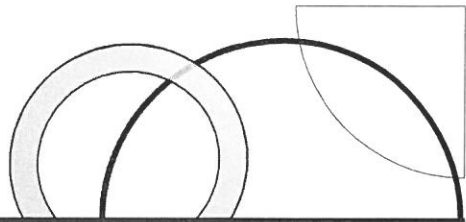
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## Requirements to Register to Vote

- Citizen of the United States of America;
- Must be 18 years old on or before the next election;
- Have not been judged mentally incompetent;
- Have not been convicted of a felony sentence.
  - A person convicted of a felony can register to vote in SD after the completion of the entire sentence, including probation & parole.

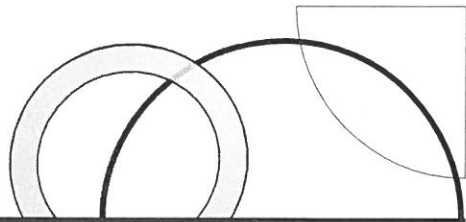




## Required Information

- South Dakota Driver's License number is required
- The last four digits of their Social Security Number can only be used if they do not have a South Dakota Driver's License.
- If they do not have a SD Driver's License or a SSN, they can only register to vote in the county auditor's office.

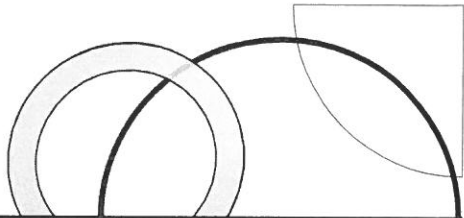




## Other Required Information

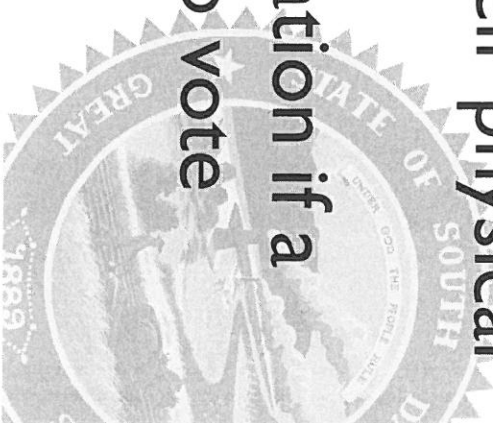
- First and last name
- Residence address – if no physical residence address they need to provide a description
- Date of birth
- Signature
- Choice of party (we encourage the individual to fill this section out, however if left blank it should be entered as IND/NPA)
- Telephone number (optional)



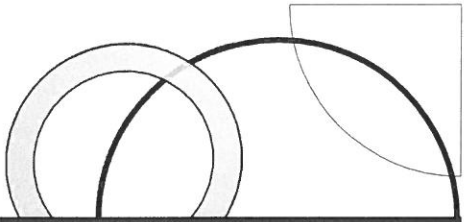


## PMB – Private Mail Box

- A physical residential address is required to register to vote in South Dakota
- The mailing address may be out of state, or a PMB
- If the PMB is listed as the residential address, please let the voter know they cannot list a PMB address as their physical address
- You do not make the determination if a person is qualified to register to vote



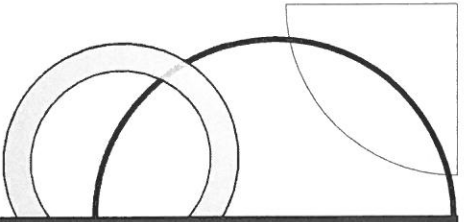




## Bordering State Addresses

- Make sure they list a physical residence address in South Dakota
- May have an out of state mailing address

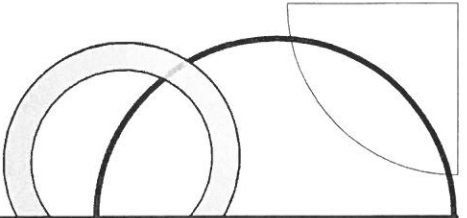




## Recognized Political Parties in SD

- Recognized political party designations:
  - DEM: Democrat, Democratic, D, DEM, DFL
  - REP: Republican, R, RP, Rep, GOP
  - Constitution: CON, Constitutional, Const.
  - Libertarian: LIB



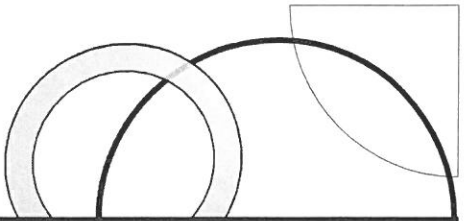


# Unofficial Party Political Parties

Unofficial party designations:

- Individuals can also list a non-recognized political party:
  - Americans Elect, AME, Americans
  - Conservative
  - Liberal
  - Green Party
  - Tea Party
  - Or any other party name
- They can also register to vote with **no party affiliation**:
  - IND: Independent, I, Ind
  - NPA: No Party Affiliation, no party, no choice, none, non-partisan, line crossed off, or the field is blank
  - South Dakota does not have an Independent Party
  - If an individual leaves this line blank, please enter **NPA** or **No Party Affiliation** into the DLVR system

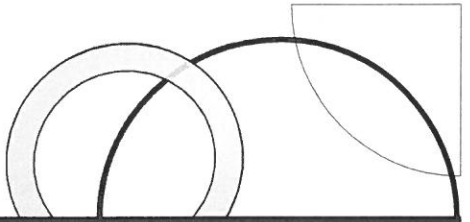




## Ensure Accuracy

- Voter's address is linked to a specific jurisdiction.
- Every voter has two or more of the following jurisdictions:
  - State House
  - State Senate
  - Municipal
  - School District

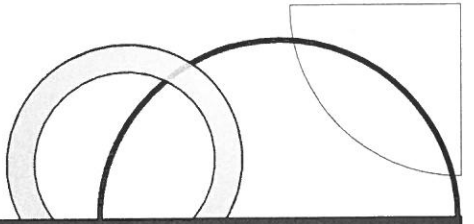




# Ensure Accuracy

- Voters can also have the following:
  - Ambulance District
  - County Commissioner District
  - Municipal Ward
  - Sanitary District
  - School Board Representation Area
  - Water District
  - Road District
  - Fire District
  - Consumer Power District
  - Other special districts

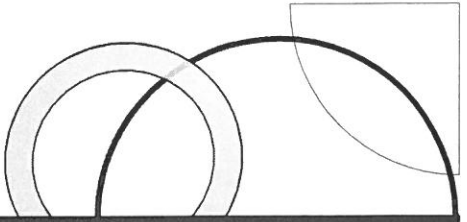




## Ensure Accuracy

- Each of these previous districts can have an election.
- Not entering the information correctly can cause someone to be linked to the incorrect jurisdiction.
- Resulting in not being eligible to vote in their election.





## Ensure Accuracy

- The county auditor receives the voter registration information from Driver's Licensing by an electronic data feed.
- What is entered by Driver's Licensing is what the county auditor receives.
- The county auditor may not catch a mistake if you enter the information incorrectly.

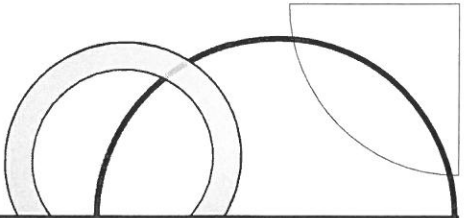


# Example

- John Smith registered to vote at his local driver's license exam station prior to the VR deadline.
  - He lives at 123 Main St. in Pierre, SD, but the person entering his voter registration information enters 1123 Main St.
  - 123 Main St. is in Ward 1.
  - 1123 Main St. is in Ward 2.
  - Ward 1 is having an election and John Smith shows up at the polling location. He would not be on the voter registration list because he is linked to Ward 2 because he was entered in as 1123 Main St.

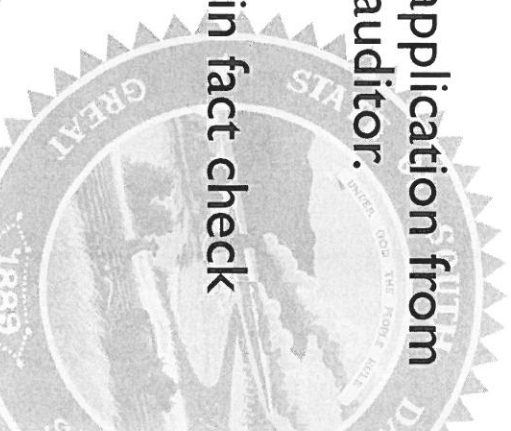






## Verification of DLVR On Election Day

- Someone shows up at the polling location to vote and their name is not on the registration list. Person insists that they registered to vote at the Driver's Licensing Exam Station.
  - Pollworker calls county auditor.
  - County auditor contacts the Secretary of State's office.
  - Secretary of State's office contacts Driver's Licensing.
  - Driver's Licensing retrieves the original Driver's License application and forwards the original application to the Secretary of State's office.
  - Secretary of State's office receives original application from Driver's Licensing and contacts the county auditor.
  - County auditor contacts pollworker.
  - Person is allowed to vote if the person did in fact check "Yes" on the original application.



# Example

- Sample application where the voter check "Yes" to register to vote, but it was crossed out and the applicant marked "No" instead.

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If residence address is a post office box, rural box, or general delivery, you must give the location of your residence: 1234 W. Pleasant Pkwy SD 57501

Choice of party: \_\_\_\_\_ If you leave this choice of party as blank, you will be entered in as an independent/no party affiliation voter, which is not a political party in South Dakota.

I declare, under penalty of perjury (2 years imprisonment and \$4,000 fine), that:

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- I have not been judged mentally incompetent;
- I am not currently serving a sentence for a felony conviction; and
- I authorize cancellation of my previous registration.

I wish to be registered as shown above. I was last registered with the following name and address which will be cancelled:

Last

First

Middle

Circle One: Jr. Sr. II III IV

Previous Address

City/Town

State

Zip

County

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SIGNATURE:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Your signature here applies to the entire application

DATE OF APPLICATION \_\_\_\_\_

# Examples

- If an applicant checks one of the boxes and wishes to change that decision, the applicant must circle the correct choice (Yes or No) and initial the change next to the desired choice.

**VOTER REGISTRATION**

YES  NO  *YWN*

**YES**  **NO**  If you are not currently registered to vote, do you want to register to vote?  
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 Last First Middle Jr. Sr. II III IV

Previous Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

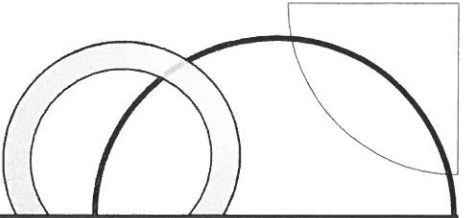
County \_\_\_\_\_

Auditor: use only: Agency Code A – Driver Licensing \_\_\_\_\_

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SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF APPLICATION \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Other Issues

- Last name entered in as first name.
- First name entered in as middle name.
- Middle name entered in as last name.
- Political party entered incorrectly.
  - Ask – Do you want to leave this blank?
- County name entered incorrectly.
- Date of Birth entered incorrectly.



## Percentage of Electorate Registered

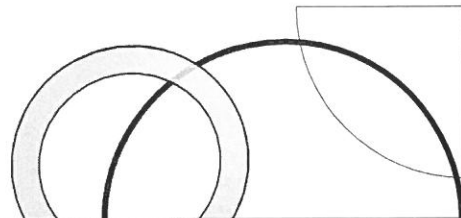
- SD Population Estimate (7/1/16) – 865,454
- Voting age population (7/1/16) – 649,091
- Registered Voters (1/19/17) – 597,152
- South Dakotan’s serving a felony sentence (not eligible to register)  $\approx$  6,500
- South Dakotan’s Not Registered  $\approx$  45,439



# DL Voter Registration #'s

- 2010 – 20,399
- 2011 – 22,228
- 2012 – 26,038
- 2013 – 23,506
- 2014 – 27,689
- 2015 – 33,359
- 2016 – 39,012





# QUESTIONS?

