



INMATE VOTER REGISTRATION AND VOTING PROGRAM

Eligible inmates shall be allowed to register to vote and to submit vote by mail (absentee) ballots for local, state and federal elections pursuant to the California Elections Code.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

To be eligible to register and vote, YOU MUST:

- ✓ Be a citizen of the United States
- ✓ Be a resident of California
- ✓ Be at least 18 years of age on or before election day
- ✓ Not be in prison or on parole for the conviction of a felony
- ✓ Not be deemed mentally incompetent by an appropriate court

PROCEDURES:

It is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to fill out the required forms and to meet the requirements of standard inmate voting procedures in the timeframes established by the California Elections Code.

STEP 1

Register to Vote – If you meet the above qualifications and wish to register to vote, or are already registered to vote, and would like to request a vote by mail ballot be delivered to you, you may do so by requesting the appropriate forms from the Utilities Correctional Officer (“Officer”). The last day to register to vote is always 15 days prior to the election.

On the voter registration card, use your last known residence address, or if homeless, please describe the location where you typically stayed or slept. Do not use the jail address for your residence or mailing address. Be sure to give all other required information when completing the forms.

Do not mail the registration form. Complete the form and return it to the Utilities Correctional Officer. The Officer will hand-deliver the form to the Butte County Elections Office.

STEP 2

Request an Inmate Vote by Mail Application – You may request a vote by mail ballot application from the Utilities Correctional Officer. You must currently be registered to vote (STEP 1). Complete the inmate vote by mail application and return it to the Officer. The Officer will then deliver the voter registration card and the vote by mail application to the Butte County Elections Office where your registration and application will be processed.

Upon completion of processing your registration, the Butte County Elections Office will contact the Officer, who will then pick up and deliver the vote by mail ballot to you. Follow the instructions included in your vote by mail ballot packet carefully to assure that your vote can be counted.

Modified Primary Elections – California conducts modified primary elections. These means if you select “Declines to State” or an unqualified political party, you may still vote a party ballot but only if that party allows nonpartisan voters to “crossover” and vote their ballot. The political parties allowing nonpartisan voters to vote their party ballot are listed on the vote by mail application for primary elections.

STEP 3

Returning Your Voted Ballot – Follow the instructions included with your ballot packet for correctly completing the return ballot envelope. The ballot cannot be counted unless you have signed the ballot envelope in your own handwriting. Deliver your voted ballot to the Utilities Correctional Officer no later than 5 pm election day. The Officer will then deliver the voted ballot to the Butte County Elections Office for counting election night.

LEAVING THE COUNTY JAIL FACILITY? RESTORE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE:

If you are soon to be an ex-felon offender who is no longer in prison or on parole for the conviction of a felony, you may fully restore your right to vote simply by completing and mailing a new voter registration card to the County Elections Official in your county of residence. To be eligible to vote in any upcoming scheduled election, you must complete and return a voter registration card no later than 15 days prior to the date of the election in which you wish to vote. Keep in mind that any time your name, residence address, or mailing address changes or you wish to change your party affiliation, you must complete and submit a new voter registration card to your County Elections Official.

Voter Registration Cards may be found at:

- Local County Elections Office
- Local libraries
- Department of Motor Vehicles Office
- US Post Offices
- Most local city or town halls
- Through the Secretary of State’s office at:

www.sos.ca.gov
1-888-345 VOTE

Butte County Elections Office Contact Information:

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