
INMATE VOTING

I. POLICY

A. The Corrections Division shall establish procedures enabling qualified inmates to vote and register to vote in local, state and federal elections, pursuant to the California Election Code.

1. Information regarding voting, eligibility, and the application process are available on the Canteen kiosk.

II. INMATE REGISTRATION TO VOTE

A. Inmates who are qualified by age, citizenship, residence, etc., to register to vote through a Deputy Registrar may also register, by mail, while they are in custody.

1. Inmates are required to contact the Inmate Services Coordinator, via the "Inmate Request Form" for assistance in absentee voting and voter registration.

B. This registration by mail shall be accomplished by making available to inmates, at their request, an "Affidavit of Registration" form. This document, which folds into a postage-paid mailing form, can be obtained in quantity from:

1. County Clerk-Recorder
County of Mendocino Election Department
P O Box 501
Ukiah CA 95482

a. A supply of these forms will be maintained in the Hugo Boeckx Inmate Services and Programs Building.

C. In order to qualify to register, an inmate must be:

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1. A citizen of the United States;
 2. A resident of California;
 3. Must be at least 18 years of age or will be at the date of the election.
 4. Not currently serving a state or federal prison sentence for conviction of a felony, or awaiting transfer to a state or federal prison for a felony conviction
 5. Not on in County jail for a parole violation or currently on parole.
 6. Not currently found to be mentally incompetent by a court.
- D. A properly executed "Affidavit of Registration" must be received by the Registrar of Voters on or before the 29th day prior to Election Day.
1. Completed "Affidavit of Registration" cards shall be mailed as soon as possible.
- E. Organizations will be allowed to provide a voter education program to the inmate.
1. The program shall include, but not limited to, providing both written and verbal information about voting rights upon release from jail, providing affidavits of registration to eligible voters, assisting eligible voters with the completion of the affidavits or registration, and assisting eligible voters in returning the completed voter registration cards to the county elections official.
 - a. The Organizations shall contact Inmate Services to set up the training.

III. NOTIFICATION OF REGISTRATION

- A. A "Voter Notification Card" will be mailed to each registrant by the Registrar of Voters. The registration will be cancelled if this card is returned as undeliverable.

IV. ABSENTEE VOTING

- A. Any inmate who is registered to vote may vote, by mail, with an absentee ballot.

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- B. This voting shall be accomplished by making available to inmates, at their request, an "Application for Absent Voter's Ballot."
 - 1. This application shall be completed by the inmate and mailed to the County Clerk-Record, County of Mendocino Election Department.
 - 2. The Registrar will mail an "Absent Voter's Ballot" to qualified inmates. These ballots shall be completed, addressed, and sealed by the voting inmate and shall not be reviewed by Corrections Division personnel.

V. CAMPAIGN LITERATURE

- A. Campaign literature and/or sample ballots addressed to inmates shall be delivered without delay.

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