

*****Important: New Driver's License Application Forms*****



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Good afternoon,

As most of you are aware, there is an ongoing lawsuit about the state's compliance with the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA). Based on the results of that lawsuit the voter registration section of the "South Dakota Driver License/I.D. Card Application" form is being changed to the following:

SECTION B: VOTER REGISTRATION

Your information will be used to update your voter registration or register you to vote.

Do not use my information for voter registration purposes. (Your decision not to register to vote is confidential. If you register, the place where you register is confidential.)

Choice of party _____ If you are currently registered to vote in South Dakota and you leave Choice of party field blank you will remain registered with your current party affiliation. If you are not currently registered to vote in South Dakota and you leave the choice of party blank, you will be entered as an independent/no party affiliation voter, which is not a political party in South Dakota.

Last registration location: City: _____ County: _____ State: _____

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 the above address;	* I am not currently serving a sentence for a felony conviction; and
* I will be 18 on or before the next election;	* I authorize cancellation of my previous registration.

If an applicant does **not** want to register to vote or update their voter registration they must mark the opt out box.

If they were not previously registered to vote in South Dakota, do not check the box to opt out, and leave the "Choice of party" line blank they will be registered with no party affiliation.

Anyone wishing to vote, whether they're applying for a driver's license/ID or not, can register to vote at any driver exam station or county/city issue site.

Failure to allow someone to register to vote on the driver's license application form is a violation of the NVRA.

New applications are being mailed out this week. As of July 8, 2022 destroy all old applications and start using the new ones.

Overnight on 7/7/2022 programming will change in the voter registration section of SDDrivers and online renewal.

There are more changes coming, such as required NVRA training, and we'll send that information out once the lawsuit settlement has concluded.

Important: If your office has not received new applications by July 7th please let your supervisor know. Some applications will be mailed from the printer, some will be mailed from the Central office, and some will be hand delivered.

Thank you and please let us know if you have any questions.

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