

WAC 434-324-1065 Felony screening process—Mailing to potential matches. (1) The secretary must mail a notification letter to each registered voter identified through the process set forth in WAC 434-324-106.

(2) The notification letter must contain language informing the person:

(a) That they are potentially a voter whose status is pending cancellation;

(b) That they must contact their county auditor's office to contest the pending cancellation;

(c) That they may request a provisional ballot for any pending elections;

(d) That a person serving a sentence of total confinement under the jurisdiction of the department of corrections for a felony conviction, or currently incarcerated due to a felony conviction in another state or federal court loses the right to vote until the right is restored;

(e) Of the reason the person has been declared ineligible to vote;

(f) That the person's voter registration will be canceled due to their total confinement under the jurisdiction of the department of corrections for a felony conviction or incarceration in another state or federal prison for a felony conviction if they do not respond within 30 days from the date of the letter; and

(g) How to contest the pending cancellation.

(3) The notification letter must be sent to the person's last known registration mailing address and to the person's address on file with the department of corrections indicating that their voter registration is about to be canceled.

(4) The notification letter must contain language informing the person that for a felony conviction in a Washington state court, the right to vote is restored as long as the person is not serving a sentence of total confinement under the jurisdiction of the department of corrections. For a felony conviction in another state or federal court, the right to vote is restored as long as the person is no longer incarcerated;

(5) The secretary must send to each auditor the voter registration status information for each matched person registered to vote in that county who has been identified as pending cancellation by this section.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 29A.04.611. WSR 21-24-052, § 434-324-1065, filed 11/24/21, effective 12/25/21; WSR 20-13-043, § 434-324-1065, filed 6/10/20, effective 7/11/20.]