



# Voter Registration

*Rant* followers may recall my May 2024 *Rant* with a similar title, which was concerned primarily with mail-in ballots. This *Rant* will explore the vulnerability of an even more important component of our democratic system: voter registration.

At a recent Republican Town Committee meeting, I attended a fascinating presentation by Linda Szykowitz, founder and CEO of [fightVoterfraud.org](http://fightVoterfraud.org), on the subject of voter registration. Based upon all the candidate claims and media coverage, one might come to the premature conclusion that Linda's organization is just another fringe group trying, by any means, to cast doubts about the validity of our democratic system. However, quite to the contrary, Linda's organization is dedicated to the improvement

of election integrity by bringing to light issues with our current state voter registration systems by utilizing statistical information from official government sources and bringing that information to the attention of Secretaries of State and Voter Registrars in order to assist them in cleaning up their voter roles and keeping them up-to-date.

Did you know:

**40 million people move each year**

According to the U.S. Census Bureau

**2 million people die each year**

According to the CDC

Therefore, you shouldn't be surprised that the voter roles in most municipalities are substantially inaccurate.

A 2012 Pew study found that one out of every eight voter registrations were inaccurate, with 2.8 million people registered in two or more states. Across the nation, hundreds of counties have more registered voters than residents. This situation is particularly egregious when focused on college students, who often register in the town of their college while maintaining their registration in their home town.

This is clearly a systemic problem facing our democratic infrastructure—voter rolls form the foundation of everything in election administration. Beyond the concern of potential voter fraud, voter rolls should be clean to ensure the accurate execution of our elections. **One of the easiest ways to ensure accuracy in election administration is the removal of deceased voters and voters who have moved out of town and/or state from voter registration lists.**

**As a result, one in every eight voter registration records is inaccurate and unreliable, possibly affecting election results. Elections are frequently decided by small margins.**

**Fight Voter Fraud, Inc. (FVF)** is a nonpartisan nonprofit 501(c)4 research and investigative body that compiles public information and evidence to prove violations of the 1993 "Motor Voter Law" (NVRA). This federal law mandates that states constantly scrub and maintain their voter rolls.

FVF compiles up-to-date information from the following resources:

- Social Security Administration record of deaths – updated weekly
- U.S. Postal Service change of address database
- Official voter registration information from Secretaries of State

Scrubbing and maintain voter roles consists of the following activities:

- Removing people who have died
- Removing people who have moved from the jurisdiction
- Canvassing, and taking appropriate action for, inactive voters (usually four or five election cycles)

FVF proactively provides official statistics to both Secretaries of State and Registrars in order to assist them in cleaning up voter roles.

Unfortunately, those same folks who we depend on to keep our voter roles clean and up-to-date have expressed little interest in utilizing the information and taking action, and a review of the Registrars' credentials will find many instances of:

- Unqualified Registrars
- Registrars who have not taken required training
- Registrars who do not keep up with required continuing education requirements

One would think that Secretaries of State would take a keen interest in assuring voters that Registrars are certified and well trained, but that is not the case. In many cases, when informed of numerous situations concerning unqualified Registrars, Secretaries of State have taken no remedial action.

In addition to the important issue of clean voter roles, the actual voter registration process of determining who is eligible to vote in many jurisdictions is suspect:

- In a number of states, proof of identity and eligibility is merely presenting a driver's license. Yet in some states, drivers' licenses are regularly issued to illegal immigrants.
- In some states, merely presenting a utility bill is sufficient proof of identity and eligibility.
- In some states, merely a letter from a college administrator is considered proof of identity and eligibility.
- In some states, no proof of identity and eligibility is required at all, merely an assertion by the applicant is required.

In summary, is voter fraud widespread? Not likely, but it is significant enough that, when your candidate loses by one hundred votes, you may question whether more rigorous voter registration would have affected the outcome.

**One final word:**

Expecting your elected and appointed officials to address this issue is problematic. Allow me to give you an update on the issue of absentee ballot box stuffing that I brought out in the May 2024 **Rant**.

A concerned staffer at the Bridgeport City Hall leaked a surveillance tape from a camera that was monitoring the absentee ballot box outside of the Town Hall. In the wee hours of the morning, the video clearly revealed that a member of the Democratic Town Committee was stuffing absentee ballots that she retrieved from shopping bags into the ballot box on more than one occasion.

Search for "Bridgeport Voter Fraud Video" on [utube.com](https://www.youtube.com) and see for yourself.

This tape was forwarded to the State's election watchdog, the Connecticut State Elections Enforcement Commission. It turns out, that in addition to this incident, this same person has been charged with election law violations from the previous mayoralty election. The Commission has forwarded its findings to the Connecticut Attorney General (a Democrat), and lo and behold after months from the most recent infraction and two years after the original infraction, no criminal charges have been forthcoming. According to the Attorney General's Office, "The investigation is ongoing."

Well, as of today, no formal charges have been filed even though this same individual was referred to the Attorney General's Office by the Connecticut State Elections Enforcement Commission for previous similar violations of election law. No trial has been held on that charge either.

Multiple illegal acts, no repercussions.

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