

How to Make Your Voter Registration Confidential

Colorado County Clerks and the State of Colorado are required by law to maintain a variety of information about registered voters. Some of this information is considered public record and must be provided to people who ask for it.

Voter registration records are public records, although some personal information contained in voter registration records remains private.

Information that is PUBLIC includes the voter's:

- full name
- residential and mailing addresses
- party affiliation
- date of affiliation
- phone number *(if provided by the voter)*
- gender
- birth year
- information about whether the voter has voted in prior elections

Information that is PRIVATE includes the voter's:

- drivers license number
- full date of birth
- email address
- social security number
(the list only contains the last 4 digits)

How to Request Confidentiality

If you believe that you or a member of your household will be exposed to criminal harassment or bodily harm because your voter information is publicly available, you may request to become a confidential voter (section 24-72-204(3.5)(b), C.R.S.). Confidential voter information will not be released to the public. To become a confidential voter, you must visit your county clerk's office in person, fill out a voter confidentiality form, and pay \$5 (cash or check only) for the statutorily required processing fee. This will remove your information from future lists, **but will not remove it from past editions already released.**

Survivors of domestic violence, sexual offenses or stalking may also enroll in Colorado's Address Confidentiality Program, <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/dcs/acp>, (sections 24-30-2101 to -2115, C.R.S.) Voters who are part of this program will not have any of their voter information released to the public.

How to Keep Your Phone Number Private

Even if you are listed on the National Do Not Call List, political calls to voters are permitted under Colorado law. This includes telephone solicitations that are:

- made for the sole purpose of urging support for or opposition to a political candidate or ballot issue; or
- made for the sole purpose of conducting political polls or soliciting the expression of opinions, ideas, or votes.

Unfortunately, there is no complaint or removal process established for these types of calls.

You can inquire on how to update this portion of your voter registration by contacting your county clerk's office, but this provides no guarantee that your phone number will not be obtained from other sources. For example, this will remove your phone number from future voter lists, but will not remove it from past lists released or from the phone directory. To reduce the number of political calls, we urge you to return your ballot as early as possible before Election Day. As soon as you return your voted ballot, campaigns and parties will see your name on our public turnout list, and can remove you from their campaign and 'get out the vote' lists.

