

# Ohio begins checking voter rolls for ‘abandoned registrations’ ahead of 2026

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COLUMBUS-- With the 2024 election results in the books, Ohio will start [checking its voter rolls](#) for registrations it will cancel ahead of 2026.

Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose directed local boards of election Thursday to begin combing through their lists for “abandoned registrations.” These are Ohioans who stopped voting before 2020 or filed a change of address form with the U.S Postal Service.

“Maintaining accurate voter rolls is fundamental to election integrity,” LaRose said in a statement. “This careful and deliberate process ensures that every eligible voter can cast their ballot while removing outdated registrations.”

Any voter who is at risk of being purged from the rolls is supposed to receive a notice in the mail by March 5. Their actual removal won’t be finalized until September 23.

Voters can stop their registration from being canceled by returning the “confirmation notice” they receive in the mail or voting in the 2025 primary.

If you’re ever unsure about your voter registration status, you can check online at [VoteOhio.gov](https://VoteOhio.gov).

LaRose has worked on modernizing voter registration since taking office, including the 2021 [General Voter Records Maintenance Program](#).

But the Ohio chapters of the American Civil Liberties Union of Ohio and League of Women Voters have long argued LaRose’s efforts sometimes cross the line.

Ohio began removing hundreds of thousands of voter registrations after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in 2018 that the state’s practice of purging registrations of infrequent voters was constitutional. In those sweeping cancellations, [some registrations were incorrectly purged](#).

In the fall of 2023, [thousands of people](#) were cut from the rolls just as early voting was getting underway for ballot measures on abortion access and recreational marijuana.

LaRose's office said it followed the [state's timeline](#) for maintaining Ohio's voter rolls. Democrats said it wasn't properly publicized.

"This is a purge of choice," Westlake Rep. Bride Rose Sweeney [said at the time](#). "You are not required to do this."