

# Voting – Use It or Lose It!

## Heads Up: What’s the story on voting in Texas?

Three things to share with everyone you know because we’re voters in Texas!

### Number One: Voter Registration – do early, before Oct 7 deadline, to have time to fix

1. Please note - 95,000 voter registration forms were rejected in Texas from 2020-2022.
2. Don’t leave blanks on the application - address, signature, citizenship, birthdate, etc.
3. The [state website](#) lets you fill out a form but then **YOU** must print & mail the application.
4. Check that your application went through and you are an **Active** voter – [VoteTexas.gov](#)
5. If you did not get registered: (1) Look for a letter in the US mail from county elections telling you how to fix your application; (2) or call your local [county elections office](#)

### Number Two: If you Moved - YOU must update your address (US Post Office does not)

1. **Update** your home address [online](#) at SOS website by Oct 7(do earlier) for the Nov 2024 election.
2. **If you moved and don’t update your address on the voter website, this happens:**
  - ⇒ County Elections sends you a notification in the mail to confirm your address
  - ⇒ County Elections changes your voter status from **Active to Suspense**
  - ⇒ **In Suspense, You Can Vote!** by filling out a form at any county location with countywide voting; or at your previous precinct; for a move out of county, you vote a limited ballot (for candidates common across the two counties ) during early voting at a specific poll location
3. **If you are in Suspense, and don’t Vote in any election through two federal elections ( 4 yrs):**
  - ⇒ **You are cancelled as a voter – removed from the Texas voter database, per Federal law**
  - ⇒ You have to re-register to vote (30 days before an election)

### In March 2024, Texas had 2.1 million voters in suspense – regions/counties most impacted:

<i>North</i>	Registered	In Suspense	% Sus	<i>Gulf</i>	Registered	In Suspense	% Sus	<i>Central</i>	Registered	In Suspense	% Sus	<i>S &amp; W</i>	Registered	In Suspense	% Sus
Collin	715,657	91,019	12.7	Brazoria	241,329	25,559	10.5	Bell	229,131	48,240	21	Bexar	1,244,216	168,536	13.5
Dallas	1,421,371	153,767	10.8	Fort Bend	529,558	57,442	10.8	Hays	174,668	26,715	15.2	Hildago	430,164	34,344	7.9
Denton	630,984	86,955	13.7	Harris	2,611,025	247,052	9.4	Travis	890,646	161,563	18.1				
Tarrant	1,269,019	145,742	11.4	Montgomery	431,434	46,541	10.7	Williamson	425,749	50,072	11.7	El Paso	502,700	68,284	13.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,037,031</b>	<b>477,483</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>3,813,346</b>	<b>376,594</b>	<b>9.8</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,720,194</b>	<b>286,590</b>	<b>14.8</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,177,080</b>	<b>271,164</b>	<b>11</b>

### Number Three: Use It or Lose It - Vote and Actively manage your voter record!

1. Texas will **cancel** hundreds of thousands of voters from the voter database **December 2024**.
2. **Here’s how** – the Voter moved in county or to another county in Texas:
  - ⇒ Voter did not update address, a notification was mailed, and the voter was placed in **Suspense**. This occurred **after** the Nov 2020 election and **before** the Nov 2022 election;
  - ⇒ Voter did not vote in November 2022; **and**
  - ⇒ **Voter does not vote in November 2024**

### Your Vote Matters - Don’t be Cancelled in November

**Please Note: Suspense to Cancellation is a BIG DEAL in Texas, but You’re in Control**

Texas cancelled over 1 million voters between December 2020 and January 2023.

They moved and didn’t vote for two federal elections