

TIMELINE OF THE 2023 NCOA PROCESS

List maintenance using the National Change of Address process is a legally required¹ election integrity initiative that takes at least four years to complete. In 2023, the Ohio Secretary of State will conclude the process that started in 2019.

2019

- The Secretary of State issues a directive to county boards of elections instructing them to send a notice to voters who were flagged that year as having filled out a National Change of Address (NCOA) form indicating that they have moved. This notice informs the voter that their old registration will be removed unless they either (1) respond to the notice or (2) engage in voter activity over the course of the two following federal elections.

2023

- On February 28, the Secretary of State issued a directive requiring boards to initiate the removal process for registrations that have remained inactive and unresponsive since 2019.
- Last chance notices are sent by the boards of elections to these registration addresses, giving them a final opportunity to respond to engage in voter activity at that address prior to July 20, the date by which the law requires these registrations to be removed from the rolls.
- On March 22, the Secretary of State publishes a list on the office's website of the registrations eligible for removal.
- On June 6, the Secretary of State issues a directive postponing the scheduled July 20 removal action due to the General Assembly's order of a special statewide election on August 8. Registrations are not allowed to be removed within 30 days of an election. The new removal date is set for September 27, 2023. Cuyahoga, Lucas and Summit counties will not cancel until after the November 8 General Election due to

¹ 52 U.S. Code § 20507, R.C. 3503.16; R.C. 3503.21

local elections in September that prohibit the removal of registrations within 30 days of the September 27 deadline.

- On October 24, the final list of removed registrations is published on the Secretary of State's website, reflecting registrations removed as of September 29, 2023.