

Oregon Motor Voter (OMV) Rules Advisory Committee

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Oregon Administrative Rule

☐ Division 5

☐ VOTER REGISTRATION

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☐ Oregon Motor Voter Registration

SoS OMV File Processing

Upon receipt of OMV data files from DMV, SoS will compare the qualified individuals listed in the DMV files to individuals who have registration records in Oregon's centralized voter registration system (OCVR):

- Who is excluded from OMV at this stage?
 - Active registered voters with no changes to their record.
 - Qualified individuals who declined to register to vote through the OMV process in the past.
- Registration updates through OMV
 - Updating Information for Active Voters
 - Updating Information for Inactive Voters
 - Change of Address Process

SoS OMV File Processing

- SoS will facilitate the mailing of an OMV notice to each OMV qualified individual.
 - Not later than the third business day after receipt of the DMV file, the SOS will deliver a print ready notice file to a print vendor for processing.
 - The date of maturation, for the 21-day period outlined in ORS, begins the day after the print vendor receives the notice file from the SOS.
 - Notices will be sent by forwardable mail, including a pre-addressed, postage paid return envelope.
 - Notices will be mailed using the following mailing hierarchy > Mailing address> Residential address.

SoS OMV File Processing

- Notices will include the following:
 - An explanation of the OMV process.
 - A space for OMV individuals to select a party.
 - A section for OMV individuals to opt out.
 - Consider categories/reasons for Opting out:
 - I decline to register to vote.
 - I am not qualified.
- A signature line.
- Ways to return the mailer.
 - Email, fax, or mail.

SoS OMV File Processing

- Returned OMV Notices- Within the 21-day Period
 - If an OMV notice is returned to the SoS before the 21-day maturation deadline:
 - As undeliverable- SoS will flag the record as undeliverable in the OMV system, and the record will be excluded from the file sent to counties.
 - With a party selection- SOS will enter party information into the OMV system, and the information will be provided in the file sent to counties.

SoS OMV File Processing

- Returned OMV Notices- Within the 21-day Period
 - With an opt-out reason- SoS will track the opt-out reason in the OMV system, and the record will be excluded from the file sent to counties.
 - If the opt-out reason is because the voters identify as not- qualified, the SoS will remove the voter from the OMV system and will notify the DMV of the error.
 - SOS staff will track the number and reason for self- identified non-qualified OMV individuals.
 - DMV will report the errors on their monthly audit report.
 - If the opt-out reason is because they decline to register to vote, the SoS will enter the information in the OMV system to ensure that the individual is excluded from being mailed opt-out notices or having their information transferred to a county in the future.

SoS OMV File Processing

- Returned OMV Notices- Within the 21-day Period
 - Incomplete notice process
 - Illegible notice process
 - Conflicting information process
 - Voter checks box to decline but also selects a party
 - Voter selects multiple parties
 - Unsolicited information process
 - Voter includes a note about an address update

SoS OMV File Processing

- Returned OMV Notices- After the 21-day Period
 - Describe SoS internal post 21-day process here.
 - Undeliverable notices
 - Declinations and party selections

County OMV File Processing

- Processing electronically transmitted OMV data.
 - OMV data is treated in the same manner as other voter registration methods, in compliance with ORS 214.012.
- Processing Opt-out notices received after maturation deadline.
- Processing party selection notices received after maturation date.
- Processing undeliverable notices received after maturation date.

County OMV File Processing

In compliance with ORS 247.012(3)-(9), local election officials will process OMV data in the same manner as other voter registration methods. Registration occurs when a legible, accurate, and complete registration is received.

County OMV File Processing

County processing of OMV notices after 21-day Period:

- Undeliverable
- Party Selection
- Declination
- Other/Misc

Method of Escalating, Tracking, and Reporting OMV Errors

- Discuss method for County to notify SoS of issues with OMV data.
- Notification from voter that they are not qualified, during the opt-out period, after maturation deadline?
- Notification from voter that they opted out of OMV in the past?
- Discuss method for SoS to notify SoS of issues of OMV data.
- Discuss method of tracking and reporting OMV errors.

Next Steps

Next meeting: October 27, 2025

- OMV Processing at SoS Discussion Continues
October 27, 2025
- Review Proposed Draft Rules for Voter Registration
During Covered Transactions at DMV on November 3,
2025

