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Voters Moved to Inactive Status

As required by law, the Supervisor must conduct a general registration list maintenance program to protect the integrity of the electoral process by ensuring the maintenance of accurate and current voter registration records.

Senate Bill 7050, which was approved by Governor DeSantis on May 24, 2023, updated provisions regarding election list maintenance activities. According to the updated provisions, if voters fail to respond to the address confirmation final notice within 30 days or if the notice is returned as undeliverable, those voters shall be made inactive. Prior to the new law, a voter's record would remain active as long as the notice was not returned undeliverable.

On September 8, 2023, a total of 22,304 voters were notified that they had not had any activity in the preceding two general elections and were required to return the notice within 30 days. List maintenance was completed on December 19th by the St. Lucie County Supervisor of Elections office. Upon completion of list maintenance activities, an unprecedented number of voters (approximately 20,000) were moved to inactive status. Gertrude Walker, St. Lucie County Supervisor of Elections states "It is vital that voters keep their records current, because many voters are removed due to failing to respond to a notice or undeliverable mail."

An inactive voter can be reinstated by updating their record which can be done in writing, by going to the polls during Early Voting or Election Day, requesting a Vote-by-Mail ballot or by visiting the Supervisor of Elections office. Inactive voters remain in the inactive status for two general elections prior to being removed from the voter file.

If you have moved and have not notified the St. Lucie County Supervisor of Elections office, you can update your records online at www.slcelections.com or call (772) 462-1500 for more information.

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