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Ida County Auditor encourages voters to update voter registration status, respond to no activity and change of address notices

IDA GROVE - Ida County Auditor Kristy Gilbert and Iowa Secretary of State Paul Pate are alerting voters they may be receiving important mailers in the coming weeks as part of annual voter registration list maintenance and ongoing audit processes. Voters in Ida County may receive notices from the Iowa Secretary of State's office as part of the National Change of Address (NCOA) process as well as 'No Activity' notices. Both mailers are expected to reach affected Iowa voters in late March or early April.

As part of the annual NCOA process, voters who have filed a change of address with the U.S. Postal Service will receive notices to update their voter registration. Iowa's election officials encourage voters to respond to these mail cards quickly, confirm their correct address, and return them to the county auditor's office.

This mailing establishes compliance with the National Voter Registration Act, which requires periodic contact with voters to confirm the most accurate information is on file.

A separate mailer regarding voter activity may also be sent to voters in Ida County. Registered Iowa voters who did not participate in the 2024 General Election have been transferred to an "inactive" status and will receive a notice in the mail to confirm their current residential address. Voters can reactivate their activity status by simply responding to this notice—voters who do not respond will remain in "inactive" status.

Registered voters who are "inactive" can also return to "active" status by requesting an absentee ballot, voting in an election, submitting a new registration, or updating their voter registration. This procedure is part of the Secretary of State's ongoing voter registration list audits and maintenance processes and is required under a state law passed in 2021.

"Ongoing voter registration list audits and maintenance processes are critical to keeping Iowa voter rolls clean and accurate," said Secretary Pate. "While we encourage Iowans to keep their voter registrations up-to-date, Iowa's Same-Day Voter Registration safeguard ensures Iowans can register and vote on Election Day—ensuring every eligible voter has the opportunity to cast a ballot."

Voters who have any questions regarding their voter registration status should contact the Ida County Auditor's office at 712-364-2626.

Iowa voters can check or update their voter registration status at any time at VoterReady.Iowa.Gov.

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