Colorado Department of State

Quick Reference Guide

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Voting Rights of Individuals in the Custody of the Division of Youth Corrections (DYC)

Qualifications for Registration

A person is entitled to register to vote if he or she is:

- 18 years of age or older on the date of the election at which the person intends to vote,
- A United States citizen, and
- A Colorado resident for at least 22 days before the election at which the person intends to vote.

[Section 1-2-101, C.R.S.]

Registering to Vote

A person may register to vote at any time, including on election day. To register, a person must provide name, residence address, mailing address (if different), citizenship, date of birth, and previous residence address, as well as party affiliation if he or she wishes to participate in a primary election.

Electors must also provide their Colorado driver's license number or ID card number.

- If the elector does not have a Colorado driver's license or ID card, the elector must provide at least the last four digits of the Social Security Number (SSN) and indicate that he or she has not been issued a Colorado driver's license or ID card.
- If the elector does not have a Colorado driver's license, ID card, or a SSN, the elector must select the appropriate box.

The elector must sign the self-affirmation on the registration application.

Electors in the custody of the DYC will give their application to the facility administrator who is responsible for sending the application to the clerk and recorder for the county in which the facility is located.

[Sections 1-2-201, 1-2-204, 1-2-205, 1-2-210.5, and 1-2-501, C.R.S.]

Identification

All persons confined to the DYC will receive an ID card that they can use when registering to vote, or voting.

This ID card (see below) may or may not contain a photograph, but all valid ID cards will contain the CDHS logo.





[Section 1-1-104(19.5)(d), C.R.S.]

Determining Residence for Registration

A person's residence is his or her primary home or place where he or she lives. A residence may include a house, condo, apartment, room in a house, mobile home, or building.

An applicant in the custody of the DYC should use their primary residence as their residential address, not the facility's address. But if the applicant does not have a primary residence they can use the facility address as their residential address. If the applicant wants to receive election materials while in the custody of the DYC, the applicant must include the facility's mailing address on their voter registration form.

[Sections 1-2-102, and 1-2-210.5, C.R.S.]

Questions?

Contact the Elections Division at (303) 894-2200 or elections@sos.state.co.us

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