

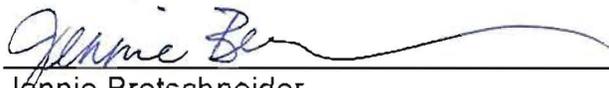


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County Clerk/Registrar of Voters (CC/ROV) Memorandum #12280

TO: All County Clerks/Registrars of Voters

FROM: 
Jennie Bretschneider
Assistant Chief Deputy and Counsel

RE: Voter Registration: Launch of California Online Voter Registration (COVR) Application

Secretary of State Debra Bowen has launched the new California Online Voter Registration (COVR) application process. Anyone who is eligible to register to vote in California can submit an electronic voter registration application by going to www.sos.ca.gov/elections/register-to-vote or www.registertovote.ca.gov.

Secretary of State Declaration

Please see the attached Secretary of State Declaration, which was issued pursuant to Elections Code section 2196.

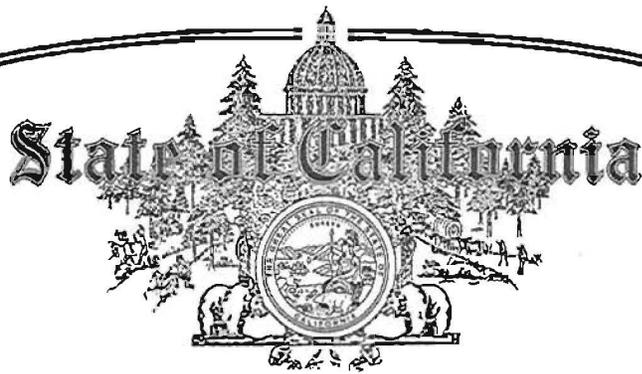
Publicizing the Online Voter Registration Application Process

The address www.registertovote.ca.gov is easy for everyone to remember and links directly to the online voter registration application. County elections officials are encouraged to publicize the new process and to add California's Register to Vote button to county homepages, county elections office webpages, and military and overseas voter webpages. To add the Register to Vote button go to www.sos.ca.gov/elections/bug/register-to-vote and follow the instructions.

How the Online Voter Registration Application Process Works

Please refer to the Secretary of State's frequently asked questions (FAQ) document at www.sos.ca.gov/elections/elections_faq.htm for answers to some of the most common questions people ask about applying to register to vote online.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact Jennie Bretschneider, COVR Project Director, at (916) 651-8297. Thank you.



SECRETARY OF STATE

DECLARATION

CALIFORNIA ONLINE VOTER REGISTRATION

I, DEBRA BOWEN, Secretary of State of the State of California, do hereby declare, as required by Elections Code section 2196(e)(2), that as of this date Chapter 2.5 of the Elections Code is operative and online voter registration is available in California now that the following conditions have been met:

1. Federal grant funding made available by the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) and the federal Help America Vote Act (HAVA) has been approved for use to develop an online voter registration application system called California Online Voter Registration;
2. The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and the Secretary of State (SOS) have developed a process and the infrastructure necessary for the SOS to obtain an electronic copy of an online voter registration applicant's signature from his or her driver's license or state identification card directly from the DMV to implement Elections Code section 2196(a)(5); and
3. All county election management systems have been modified to receive and store electronic voter registration information received from the Secretary of State in order to allow a person who is qualified to register to vote in California to apply to register to vote under Elections Code section 2196.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix the Great Seal of the State of California, this 18th day of September, 2012.

Debra Bowen

DEBRA BOWEN
Secretary of State