



December 28, 2016

SECRETARY OF THE STATE
30 TRINITY STREET
HARTFORD, CT 06106

To: All Registrars of Voters

Re: Confirmation of Voting Residence (ED-642)

A. Municipalities holding May 1, 2017 elections

1. Under Conn Gen. Stat. § 9-32, the Towns of Andover, Bethany, Union and Woodbridge need not conduct a canvass in 2017 because they hold town elections in May. Therefore, for the May 1, 2017 election these towns will add very few names to the "inactive" registry list which they had for the November 8, 2016 State Election. The only names which these towns will add to their November 8, 2016 "inactive" list will be names of persons who meet the following criteria:

- (a) they applied on a mail-in application,
- (b) their Notice of Approval came back undeliverable,
- (c) Notice of Confirmation of Voting Residence was sent to them, and
- (d) they did not respond to the Notice of Confirmation of Voting Residence within 30 days.

2. The Towns of Griswold, Groton, Killingly, Litchfield, Milford, Newtown, Old Saybrook and Stonington must conduct a canvass in 2017 but because they have borough or cities which have May elections, we suggest that they wait until May 1, 2017, the last day allowed in Conn. Gen. Stat. §9-35, to mail out their notices of Confirmation of Voting Residence. In this way, the canvass will be effective only for the town election in November.

B. Towns holding November 7, 2017 elections must conduct a canvass in 2017.

Confirmation of Voting Residence (Parts A, B and C)

Enclosed is a copy of our prescribed form, ED-642, Confirmation of Voting Residence Parts A, B and C. Also enclosed is a Spanish translation of this form. You must provide your town with quantities of Form ED-642. This form has not been amended since it was sent to you on March 12, 1996.

Record keeping

You must retain in your office a duplicate copy (Part A), or electronic record of each notice sent. This Confirmation of Voting Residence should be kept for five years after the name is no longer on the active registry list (Conn. Gen. Stat. §§9-20 and 9-35). You must maintain either lists or electronic records of the names and addresses of all persons sent a Confirmation of Voting Residence, and information concerning whether or not each such person has responded to the notice. You must be able to promptly produce this information on request. (NVRA § 8(i)(2) and Conn. Gen. Stat. § 9-50a)

When to send the Confirmation of Voting Residence -- and when not to

This Confirmation of Voting Residence is sent if:

1. You obtain information from the *National Change of Address (NCOA) System* that an elector has moved out of town;
or
2. The Notice of Approval you send to a mail-in applicant for admission as an elector (including applicants who submitted applications cross-town, door-to-door or to DMV or social service agencies, etc.) comes back undeliverable. (Conn. Gen. Stat. §9-23g(c))
or
3. You obtain information in a canvass that an elector has moved,
and
You have no reliable information of a new address in your town.

What is sufficient information FROM A CANVASS to justify sending a Confirmation of Voting Residence?

- **SEND** a Confirmation of Voting Residence form if Notice of Canvass is returned by the Post Office "**Undeliverable**."
 - **DO NOT SEND** a Confirmation of Voting Residence form if all you know about an elector is that he failed to send back the Notice of Canvass. Such electors **stay on the active list**. Note: You are not required to follow up on electors who fail to return the canvass card, but, unless you get some information in addition to the failure to send back the canvass card, they must remain on the active list.
 - **SEND** a Confirmation of Voting Residence form if:
 - Elector fails to respond to Notice of Canvass **and** you have additional affirmative information that the elector has moved out of town.
 - **What is sufficient "additional affirmative information that the elector has moved out of town?"**
Some examples:
 - Call to a working phone listed to elector or his family in which you are told elector has moved out of town;
 - Disconnected phone **not enough**;
 - Visit to address on voting list; told by person who answers door that elector moved out of town.
- Such additional affirmative information plus failure to respond to the Notice of Canvass would be a basis for sending a Confirmation of Voting Residence.

What is sufficient information from NCOA to justify sending Confirmation Notice?

- Whatever both registrars agree is sufficient information to determine that an elector has moved out of town,
- For example: (1) confirmed moves, or (2) probable moves, or (3) probable moves with a follow up telephone, mail or in person canvass.

When can the Confirmation of Voting Residence be sent?

The Confirmation of Voting Residence sent either

- because of information obtained in a Canvass, **or**
- because of information obtained from the National Change of Address System (NCOA),
must be sent not later than May 1 during a year.

Confirmation of Voting Residence sent because a Notice of Approval you send to a mail-in applicant for admission as an elector was returned undeliverable may be sent anytime during the year.

Filling out the Confirmation of Voting Residence

Whenever you send a Confirmation of Voting Residence, you must fill in the "DATE NOTICE SENT" and the "LAST DATE to Return Confirmation of Voting Residence" (being 30 days after the date the notice was sent).

What language?

All municipalities in which 1% or more of their total population, but no less than 500 persons, are of Hispanic origin¹, must print the Confirmation of Voting Residence in English and Spanish. (Regs.Conn.State Agencies §9-35-1) The Spanish forms must indicate prominently on the front "Español en otro Lado" and prominently on the back, "English on the other side."

All other municipalities may use the English version only.

Attached is a list of all municipalities in which 1% or more of their total population, but no less than 500 persons, are of Hispanic origin.

Mailing

The Confirmation of Voting Residence

- must be sent by forwardable (first class) mail to the last-known address,
- must include a postage prepaid envelope for the elector to return Part C "Return Form of Confirmation of Voting Residence" to you.

The envelope

- All municipalities must have the following language on the envelope in which the Confirmation of Voting Residence is sent to electors:

"READ CAREFULLY. DO NOT RISK YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE."

This language may appear on the front or back of the envelope. We recommend that you discuss this with your local postmaster.

- In addition, municipalities in which 1% or more of their total population, but no less than 500 persons, are minorities² must also have the following language on the envelopes in which Confirmation of Voting Residence are sent:

¹ as reflected on the latest known extrapolations from the Director of the Census

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"Address Service Requested"

(In 1997 the U.S. Postal Service directed that the above language be used to perform the old Forwarding and Address Correction Requested function.)

- A list of municipalities with a significant minority population is attached.
- See: Regs of Conn. State Agencies § 9-35-1

Responses to the Confirmation of Voting Residence -- What you do next

- If the elector does not return Confirmation of Voting Residence within 30 days, place his name on the **inactive** registry list.
- If the Confirmation of Voting Residence comes back undeliverable, place his name on the **inactive** registry list.
- If you receive reliable information of a change of address within your town, **make the change of address**; no notice is required, unless you obtained the change of address from the NCOA system.
- If the elector returns the Confirmation of Voting Residence stating, or otherwise states **in writing**, that he moved out of town, **remove** his name from the active registry list (and do not place it on the "inactive" list).

From canvass to removal, an example:

- Canvass by mail mailed before April 1st
- Confirmation of Voting Residence sent May 1st
- Removal to inactive list on June 1st for the period June 1, 2017 - June 1, 2021
- On June 1, 2021, if name is still on the inactive list, it is removed completely from the active and inactive registry list (CGS §§ 9-32 & 9-35)

The "inactive" list is a very specialized list of persons who did not respond to the ED-642 after the NVRA took effect on January 1, 1995. You are required to remove completely off the registry list the names of all persons who have been on the inactive list for four years.

Restoration Form (Voter Registration Application)

The prescribed form of Application for Restoration of Elector to Official Check List is the Application for Voter Registration. Please study Regs. Conn. State Agencies §9-42-1, Restoration to Registry List, in the Election Laws pamphlet and Conn. Gen. Stat. §9-42, in the Election Laws pamphlet which supersedes Reg. §9-42-1 in that you may **NOT** require documentary evidence of residence before restoring an elector's name to the registry list. Moreover, the elector's statement is signed under penalties of false statement rather than being made under oath.

If the name of the elector is on the "inactive" registry list for the same voting district at the polls, both assistant registrars (or single assistant registrar in a primary) may approve an

application for restoration at the polls without obtaining the telephone consent of both registrars (or single registrar in a primary).

Each polling place should only have that portion of the "inactive" registry list which lists former electors of that voting district (addresses and names) who have been sent a Confirmation of Voting Residence and have not responded. If the name of an elector is not on the active or "inactive" registry list for that voting district, the polling place officials must telephone the registrars of voters' office and obtain the consent of both registrars of voters (or single registrar in a primary) before restoring a name to the active registry list. The office of the registrars will have a copy of the inactive registry list for the other voting districts and a copy of prior active registry lists for the four previous years.

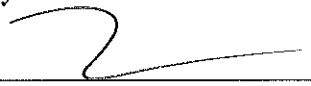
Examples: Both registrars in their office may consent to the approval of an application for restoration from persons who fall into the following categories:

1. Persons who are on the inactive list of district 1 and now wish to be restored to vote in district 2;
2. Persons who have been taken off the active registry list (and not placed on the "inactive" list) during the four years previous to the election because of notice from DMV, cancellation form, notice of death, written notice from the elector and who convince the registrars that the registrars' information is incorrect (Conn. Gen. Stat. §9-42(b));
3. Persons whose names are off the registry list because of **clerical error** of the registrars (in this case the elector need NOT sign an application for restoration, but the assistant registrars in the polls should carefully document such restorations.) (Conn. Gen. Stat. §9-42(a)).

If you have any questions, feel free to call us at (860) 509-6100.

Very truly yours,

DENISE MERRILL
Secretary of the State

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Enclosures: ED-642 (Parts A, B & C) English
ED-642sp (Parts B & C) Spanish
List of Hispanic & Minority Towns

cc: Printers of record

Prescribed by the Secretary of the State

(Español en otro Lado)

Confirmation of Voting Residence ED-642 (2/98)		From: REGISTRARS OF VOTERS Town of _____		DISTRICT NUMBER _____	<u>LAST DATE</u> to Return Confirmation of Voting Residence _____
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1. We believe you no longer live at the address shown below.

% If you did not change your residence, OR % Changed your residence to a new address within this town,

{ Please fill out Part C & mail it in enclosed envelope, or deliver it to us by date above
{ if Part C is not returned:

1. Affirmation or confirmation of your address may be required before you can vote,

AND

2. In four years, your name will be removed from the voter list, if you do not vote in an election or primary or do not restore your voting rights.

* If you have changed your residence to a different town:

† You must register to vote in your new town.

X If you need a Mail-in Voter Registration Card, let us know.

X Please fill out Part C & mail it in enclosed envelope, or deliver it to us by date above

Name and Address on Last List of Registered Voters

Birth Date _____

**Don't RISK Your Right to VOTE!
Fill out & Return Part C!!**

Registrars of Voters (names, addresses, phone numbers)

Any questions, call us

DATE NOTICE SENT

PART A

Registrars' File Copy

Prescribed by the Secretary of the State

(Español en otro Lado)

Confirmation of Voting Residence <small>ED-642 (2/95)</small>	From: REGISTRARS OF VOTERS Town of _____	DISTRICT NUMBER _____	LAST DATE to Return Confirmation of Voting Residence _____
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We believe you no longer live at the address shown below.

% If you did not change your residence, **OR** % Changed your residence to a new address within this town.

{ Please fill out **Part C & mail it** in enclosed envelope, or deliver it to us by date above.

{ **If Part C is not returned:**

1. Affirmation or confirmation of your address may be required before you can vote,

AND
 2. In four years, your name will be removed from the voter list, if you do not vote in an election or primary or do not restore your voting rights.

* If you have changed your residence to a different town:

† You must register to vote in your new town.

X If you need a Mail-in Voter Registration Card, let us know.

X Please fill out **Part C & mail it** in enclosed envelope, or deliver it to us by date above.

Name and Address on Last List of Registered Voters	Birth Date _____	DATE NOTICE SENT _____
Registrars of Voters (names, addresses, phone numbers)	Any questions, <u>call us</u>	

(Español en otro Lado)

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**Confirmation of Voting Residence
RETURN FORM Part**

To: REGISTRARS OF VOTERS
Town of

DISTRICT NUMBER

LAST DATE to Return Confirmation of Voting Residence

Please check (✓) all appropriate boxes and enter information requested.

- 1. I still live at the address shown on this card.
- 3. I have moved to a different address within this town.
- 4. I have moved out of town. 5. Send a Mail-in Card to register in my new town

(Return Before Date Entered Above)

- 2. Temporarily absent from town, but I intend to return. (Reason for your absence)

MY NEW ADDRESS IS (No., street, town, state) DATE MOVED

Birth Date:

Name and Address on Last

SIGNATURE OF VOTER

DATE SIGNED

Don't RISK Your Right to Vote - Return this to Registrars

ED-642 (2/96)



Confirmación de Residencia para Votar		De: Oficina de Inscripción de Votantes, Pueblo de _____	Número del Distrito _____	Último Día para Devolver la Confirmación _____
<p> Nosotros creamos que ya usted no vive en la dirección indicada abajo. %si usted <u>no se ha mudado</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Se mudo</u> a una nueva dirección <u>en el mismo pueblo</u> personalmentemente a nosotros en le día arriba señalado { Favor llenar la <u>Parte C</u> y envíela por correo en el sobre que incluimos, o entréguela personalmentemente a nosotros en le día arriba señalado { <u>Si no devuelve la Parte C:</u> 1. Puede ser requerido que afirme o confirme su dirección antes de que pueda votar. <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Y</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <u>X</u> Favor de llenar la <u>Parte C</u> y envíela <u>por correo</u> en el sobre adjunto, o entréguela personalmentemente a nosotros para el día señalado arriba. 2. En cuatro años su nombre será removido las lista de votantes, si usted no vota en una elección o primaria o si no restablece su derecho al voto. </p>				
<p> Nombre y Dirección en la Última Lista _____ Fecha de Nacimiento _____ </p>				
<p> Inscripción de Votantes (nombre, dirección, números de teléfono) _____ </p>	<p> Si tiene alguna pregunta llámenos _____ Día en que Se Envío Este Aviso _____ </p>			

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<p>Confirmación de Residencia para Votar</p>	<p>De: Oficina de Inscripción de Votantes, Pueblo de _____</p>	<p>Numero del Distrito _____</p>	<p>Ultimo Dia para Devolver la Confirmación _____</p>
<p>Nosotros creemos que ya usted no vive en la dirección indicada abajo. %Si usted no se ha mudado <u>Q</u> Se mudo a una nueva dirección en el mismo pueblo { Favor llenar la <u>Parte C</u> y envíela por correo en el sobre que incluimos, o entréguela personalmente a nosotros en le día arriba señalado { <u>Si no devuelve la Parte C:</u> 1. Puede ser requerido que afirme o confirme su dirección antes de que pueda votar. Y 2. En cuatro años su nombre será removido las lista de votantes, si usted no vota en una elección o primaria o si no restablece su derecho al voto.</p>			
<p>Nombre y Dirección en la Última Lista</p> <p><small>ED-4036e C:\form\cd-000\wp\cd03a.htm</small></p>	<p>_____</p>		
<p>Inscripción de Votantes (nombre, dirección, números de teléfono)</p>	<p>Si tiene alguna pregunta llámenos _____</p>		
<p>Día en que Se Envío Este Aviso _____</p>			<p>Fecha de Nacimiento _____</p>

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Confirmación de Residencia para Votar Forma para Devolver Parte C		Para: Oficina de Inscripción de Votantes, Pueblo de _____	Número del Distrito _____	Último Día para Devolver la Confirmación _____
Favor de cotejar (✓) en lugar apropiado y llene la información que se le pide.				
1. z. Todavía vivo en la dirección que se ve en ésta forma. _____ (Regrese antes de la fecha de arriba)				
3. z. Me mude a otra dirección <u>el mismo pueblo.</u>				
4. z. Me mude <u>fuera del pueblo.</u>				
5. z. Envíeme la Tarjeta para Registrarme por Correo en nuevo pueblo. _____ (Razón de su ausencia)				
Mi nueva dirección es (Número, Calle, Pueblo, Estado) _____		Fecha se Mudó _____		
Nombre y _____		Fecha de Nacimiento _____		
_____		FIRMA DEL VOTANTE _____		
_____		Fecha de la Firma _____		
¡Su Derecho al Voto Corre peligro! Devuelva a la Oficina de Inscripción.				

Municipalities which have 1% or more of their total population, but no less than 500, minority persons – municipalities with a significant minority population. (Updated 2012)

Ansonia	Easton	Naugatuck	Seymour	Weston
Avon	Ellington	New Britain	Shelton	Westport
Berlin	Enfield	New Canaan	Simsbury	Wethersfield
Bethel	Fairfield	New Fairfield	Somers	Wilton
Bloomfield	Farmington	New Haven	South Windsor	Winchester
Branford	Glastonbury	New London	Southbury	Windham
Bridgeport	Greenwich	New Milford	Southington	Windsor Locks
Bristol	Griswold	Newington	Stafford	Windsor
Brookfield	Groton	Newtown	Stamford	Wolcott
Brooklyn	Guilford	North Branford	Stonington	Woodbridge
Cheshire	Hamden	North Haven	Stratford	
Clinton	Hartford	Norwalk	Suffield	
Colchester	Killingly	Norwich	Tolland	
Coventry	Ledyard	Old Saybrook	Torrington	
Cromwell	Madison	Orange	Trumbull	
Danbury	Manchester	Oxford	Vernon	
Darien	Mansfield	Plainfield	Wallingford	
Derby	Meriden	Plainville	Waterbury	
East Hartford	Middletown	Portland	Waterford	
East Haven	Milford	Putnam	Watertown	
East Lyme	Monroe	Ridgefield	West Haven	
East Windsor	Montville	Rocky Hill	Westbrook	

Municipalities which have 1% or more of their total population, but no less than 500 persons, of Hispanic origin – municipalities with a significant Hispanic population. (Updated 2012)

Ansonia	East Windsor	Naugatuck	Somers	Winchester
Avon	Enfield	New Britain	South Windsor	Windham
Berlin	Fairfield	New Canaan	Southbury	Windsor Locks
Bethel	Farmington	New Fairfield	Southington	Windsor
Bloomfield	Glastonbury	New Haven	Stamford	Wolcott
Branford	Greenwich	New London	Stratford	
Bridgeport	Groton	New Milford	Suffield	
Bristol	Guilford	Newington	Torrington	
Brookfield	Hamden	Newtown	Trumbull	
Cheshire	Hartford	North Haven	Vernon	
Clinton	Killingly	Norwalk	Wallingford	
Colchester	Ledyard	Norwich	Waterbury	
Cromwell	Manchester	Plainfield	Waterford	
Danbury	Mansfield	Plainville	Watertown	
Darien	Meriden	Ridgefield	West Hartford	
Derby	Middletown	Rocky Hill	West Haven	
East Hartford	Milford	Seymour	Westport	
East Haven	Monroe	Shelton	Wethersfield	
East Lyme	Montville	Simsbury	Wilton	