



# Secretary of State

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## New Voter Registration Declaration

Clearinghouse Elections Notice

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Changes during the 2013 Legislative session will modify the voter registration declaration and impact all forms containing the declaration.

[SSB 5518](#) amends [RCW 29A.08.230](#) to change the declaration signed by voter registration applicants for all registrations. The new declaration states:

"I declare that the facts on this voter registration form are true. I am a citizen of the United States, I will have lived at this address in Washington for at least thirty days immediately before the next election at which I vote, I will be at least eighteen years old when I vote, I am not disqualified from voting due to a court order, and I am not under department of corrections supervision for a Washington felony conviction."

The declaration was modified to align with [RCW 29A.08.520](#), which provides for the restoration of voting rights to felons who are no longer under the authority of the Department of Corrections.

In addition to all voter registration applications, this change affects the following forms.

- Verification Notice
- Confirmation Notice
- Signature Update Form

County Auditors may use their existing stock of old forms until December 31, 2013, but should use the new declaration for new forms printed as of July 28, 2013. County Auditors and the Secretary of State will continue to accept and process older versions of registration forms and notices submitted by voters.

OSOS versions of these forms have been revised with the new declaration. They are available in the Design for Democracy Design Center under [Notices](#). The Design Center requires a user name and password. County election administrators have been issued county login credentials in order to access the forms for the county's use. The Signature Update Form is also available on the OSOS website under [Forms for Voters](#).

For questions about the Design Center or more information about these legislative changes, please contact the Certification & Training Program of the Office of the Secretary of State's Elections Division.