

MOTOR VOTER NEWS



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Training Available

Elections officials from King County and the Secretary of State's Office met with DOL staff at the Kent, Renton and Bellevue Offices on three Thursday mornings in March. The purpose of the meetings was to review the origins, intent, and requirements of the "Motor Voter" program. The meetings also helped to clear up questions about the program and gave licensing agents a chance to ask voter registration and elections-related questions.

Any manager can request similar training by emailing Mike Bethany, DOL, at:

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Quote of the Month

"That government is strongest of which every man feels himself a part."

- Thomas Jefferson

Local Elections April 24th, 2007

Special elections are happening on April 24th in portions of ten counties. About 85% of Skagit County's voters will have the opportunity to vote on local issues and candidates. Smaller portions of the electorates in Clark, Douglas, Grays Harbor, Kittitas, Pend Oreille, Peirce, Snohomish, Spokane, and Stevens counties will also have a chance to cast ballots.

The last spring, "special" election will occur on May 15th. DOL customers who want to register to vote or make an address or name change in time to vote in that special election must do so by the close of business Saturday, April 14th.

The next election after that is the statewide primary on August 21st. This will be the first time that the primary is held in August. The move of the state primary from September to August gives voters more time to learn about the candidates and the issues that will appear on general election ballots.

Feb '07 Results

There were 6,000 "motor voter" transactions from licensing offices in February, a slight decrease from January.

While the 85th Street office in Seattle slipped from the #1 producer spot this month, it maintained its position in the top three, with 348 customers registered. The runner-up was the Vancouver office with 361 complete transactions, and the Union Street-Seattle office held the top spot with 375 complete submissions. Both the Vancouver and Union Street offices submitted 94% of the paper forms required to match their electronically-generated transactions. Congratulations to the Pullman office for submitting 100% of the paper registration forms on time to match up with their 70 electronic records generated in February!



Resources

For Voter Registration information and downloadable forms (including foreign language forms) visit:

www.secstate.wa.gov/elections/register.aspx ,

or contact:

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Elections Trivia

"According to state law, how frequently must agencies that collect voter registration forms forward those forms to the Secretary of State's office?" The first reader to email Dave Motz (see left) with the correct answer will receive a gift card for Starbucks.