

# MOTOR VOTER NEWS



Washington  
Secretary of State  
SAM REED

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## Washington State Election News

Secretary of State Sam Reed announced his turnout prediction for the November 6 General Election. Reed expects 51% percent of registered voters to cast ballots.

"Across the state voters will decide many crucial statewide measures," remarked Reed. "More people vote at home than ever before and we know without a doubt voting by mail increases turnout."

Reed expects a favorable turnout for an odd-year election due to the fact that more counties have switched to all-mail voting. Thirty-six of thirty-nine counties are now voting entirely by mail. In the September Primary, 95% of registered voters who cast ballots did so by mail.

Citizens will vote on one referendum, one initiative, and four constitutional amendments. Statewide measures on the ballot include:

**I-960:** Tax and fee increases

**R-67:** Insurance claims

**Constitutional amendment 8206:**  
Establishing a budget stabilization account

**Constitutional amendment 8212:**  
Inmate labor

**Constitutional amendment 4204:**  
School district tax levies

**Constitutional amendment 4215:**  
Investment of higher education permanent funds

## Motor Voter October Results

In August, three "Motor Voter" records were set - in September, they were broken. 1. The most forms submitted by one office this year; 2. The average number of registrations received in a week, and; 3. The number of offices submitting voter registration forms on time.

In October, the Vancouver office submitted 581 "Motor Voter" registrations, and even though that number was not a record, Vancouver did displace the King County offices as the largest producer. The average number of forms submitted each week fell by 29 to 1,885, which is still the second highest monthly average in 2007.

Finally, a record 41 offices submitted 95% or more of all their "motor voter" forms on time (no later than a week after receipt).

Outstanding performers:

Oak Harbor	Vancouver
Ephrata	Vancouver (Ltd)
Port Angeles	Port Townsend
Smokey Point	N. 85 <sup>th</sup> St, Seattle
Lynnwood	Kirkland
Federal Way	Auburn
Puyallup	Bothell
Poulsbo	Bremerton
Lacey	Shelton
Sunnyside	Yakima (Ltd)
White Salmon	Moses Lake
Colville	Spokane North
Clarkston	Pullman
Goldendale	Coulee Dam
Omak	Oroville
Ellensburg	Republic
Olympia HLB	Centralia
Anacortes	Walla Walla
Kelso	Wenatchee
Forks	Union Street, Seattle
25 <sup>th</sup> Ave SW,	Seattle



Giving voters the opportunity to register to vote when they obtain/renew their drivers' license has been a big hit with voters and with the counties.

The Office of the Secretary of State recognizes and appreciates the effort put forth by the DOL Licensing offices.

As the February 2008 Presidential Primary nears, you may see an increase in registrations, and it's especially important to get all the information from the voter and process the applications in a timely manner.

**Please be sure to obtain a phone number, if possible, from the voters so that the counties can contact them if necessary, in case of some irregularity with their application.**

Not only are you providing a valuable service to the voters of Washington State, but you are also complying with state law!

**Thank You**

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**All of us in Voter Services!**

## Resources

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

[www.secstate.wa.gov/elections/register.aspx](http://www.secstate.wa.gov/elections/register.aspx)

or contact:

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## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"The future of this republic is in the hands of the American voter."

-Dwight D. Eisenhower