

Georgia VoteSafe Program

State law requires the public availability of voter lists including names and address of registered voters. In 2009, the Georgia Legislature enacted a bill known as the VoteSafe program to provide for the confidentiality of residence addresses of certain registered voters who have been, or may be, subject to acts of family violence or stalking or currently reside in a family violence shelter.

Participant Eligibility

You may be eligible for participation in the VoteSafe program if you meet the following eligibility requirements:

- You are a resident of the State of Georgia;
- You are registered to vote in the State of Georgia; and
- You have met one of the following qualifications
- You have a protective order under O.C.G.A. § 19-13-4 or under a similar provision of law in another state;
- You have a restraining order or protective order under O.C.G.A. § 16-5-94 or under a similar provision of law in another state; or
- You are a bona fide resident of a family violence shelter, as defined in O.C.G.A. §19-13-20.

Application Process

Submit a VoteSafe Application; and

Submit at least one of the following:

- [VoteSafe Affidavit](#) attesting that you have obtained a protective order or restraining order; or
- [VoteSafe Resident Certification](#) signed by the operators of a Department of Human Resources (DHR) approved family violence shelter certifying that you are a bona fide resident of such shelter

Submit all required documents to your county registrar. Contact information can be found [HERE](#)

Please remember, the VoteSafe program is only one part of your safety strategy. By itself, the program cannot keep a participant safe.

VoteSafe FAQs

1. Who will have access to the residence address listed on the VoteSafe application?

The residence address of a VoteSafe participant will remain confidential at all times from public disclosure and shall be used only for voter registration purposes.

2. Who will receive copies of VoteSafe records, files, and documents?

All VoteSafe participant records, files and documents will be kept confidential and shall be used only for voter registration purposes.

3. Is there an expiration date for VoteSafe status?

Participants' residence address information is kept confidential for four (4) years following the date of approval by the registrar unless withdrawal or cancellation occurs before the expiration date.

4. Can participation in the VoteSafe program be cancelled?

The registrar will cancel a participant's certification if a participant:

- Files a request for withdrawal.
- Applies using false or incorrect information.
- Moves out of the county without reapplying for VoteSafe participation.
- Moves out of the State of Georgia.
- Does not maintain voter registration in the State of Georgia.

5. What happens if the voter moves while participating in the VoteSafe program?

If the voter registers to vote in another county, while participating in the VoteSafe program, a new application, signed affidavit and supporting documentation must be filed with the new county registrar, in order to continue the confidentiality of the voter's residence address.

6. Can a new name be obtained through the VoteSafe program?

VoteSafe is not a witness protection program and does not assist participants in obtaining new names, social security numbers, or relocating to a new residence. Furthermore, VoteSafe is not a legal services program providing applicants or participants with legal representation or advice.