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ELECTION ADVISORY: UNSOLICITED VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS

What's happening:

The Office of the Attorney General has been made aware that an array of entities—some working under local government contracts and others operating independently—are mailing voter registration applications to unregistered residents. In some cases, the voter registration applications may be pre-filled with the targeted resident's name and personal information. The mailing may have the appearance of being mailed by a government entity or otherwise have the appearance of an official document.

What you need to know:

Receipt of an unrequested voter registration application in the mail—even if it appears to be an official mailing—*does not* mean you are eligible to register to vote. Various nonprofit organizations, some using taxpayer funds, are targeting residents who currently are not registered to vote, but these entities may not—and likely do not—know whether you are *eligible* to vote. And registering to vote if you are ineligible, including if you are a noncitizen, is a crime.¹ Do not let an invitation to register to vote lead you to break the law.

If you are unsure whether you are eligible to vote, you can review eligibility requirements [here](#). If you would like to request an application to register to vote from the Texas Secretary of State, you may do so [here](#). If you receive an unrequested voter-registration application, you may report it to the Office of the Attorney General at illegalvoting@oag.texas.gov. Although the mailing of the application itself may not violate the law, there are restrictions on what information may be pre-filled in a voter-registration application.²

What local governments need to know:

The OAG is aware that some counties have executed contracts with nonprofit entities to use taxpayer dollars to send unsolicited voter-registration applications to unregistered residents. These contracts exceed county authority under state law. I have already sued [Bexar](#) and [Travis](#) counties to stop their illegal funding of mass voter-registration application mail-outs to scores of residents who may be ineligible to vote. I will pursue litigation against any Texas county that does the same. For more background on the illegality of these operations, please see the warning [letter](#) I sent to Bexar County.

¹ Tex. Pen. Code §§ 37.10(a)(2), 12.33, 12.35; Tex. Elec. Code § 64.012(a)(1).

² Tex. Elec. Code § 13.002(c-1)

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