

Improving Voter Registration for New Tenants and Homeowners Amendment Act of 2019, Bill 23-126

Before

**Charles Allen, Chairperson
Committee on the Judiciary & Public Safety
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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the “Improving Voter Registration for New Tenants and Homeowners Amendment Act of 2019, (Act), Bill 23-126.

The Real Property Tax Administration (RPTA) of the Office of the Chief Financial Officer’s Office of Tax and Revenue (OTR) will take all the necessary actions required to support the Act.

1. RPTA will draft a notice that will introduce the Voter Registration Packet with the information referenced below:
 - a) A voter registration application;
 - b) Information concerning:
 - i. Online Voter Registration;
 - ii. Updating a voter’s address; and
 - iii. The voting rights of individuals with criminal records in the District.
2. RPTA will also add the following link in the three sections on our public website where the Homestead Application is referenced.

District of Columbia Board of Elections (DCBOE):

<https://www.vote4dc.com/ApplyInstructions/Register>

We will also add all the other links that are on DCBOE website:

Polling Places: <https://dcboe.org/Voters/Where-to-Vote/Polling-Places>

Election Calendar: <https://dcboe.org/>

Current Elected Officials: [https://dcboe.org/Elections/2018-Elections-\(4\)](https://dcboe.org/Elections/2018-Elections-(4))

3. RPTA will have the DCBOE Voter Registration Packet available with all of our paper Homestead Applications in both RPTA and in OTR’s Customer Service Administration.
4. RPTA will work with the District of Columbia Land Title Association to ensure that they have the DCBOE Voter Registration Packet at every closing, as they do with the Homestead Application. We will attend their next quarterly meeting and discuss this requirement.