

CONDUCTING A VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE IN KANSAS



VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE

- Applications must be received or postmarked by 21 days before Election Day.

GETTING STARTED

Training Requirement: Training from county or state election officials is offered but not required. The state's guide to voter registration drives is located here: bit.ly/43N99li

Notification and Registration Requirements: Kansas does not have notification requirements for registration drives. Groups that request more than 25 voter registration forms from election officials must specify who will distribute the forms, the plan for distribution, and the reason for the number of forms being requested.

Compensation Restrictions: Do not pay registration drive participants based on how many registrations they collect. Do not incentivize people to register with anything of monetary value.

False Representation: It is a felony to knowingly engage in either of the following by phone, mail, email, website or other online activity or by any other communication means while not holding a position as an election official: (1) represent oneself as an election official or (2) engage in conduct including, but not limited to, using an official seal or other insignia of the secretary of state or any county election office in any communication with voters, with the intent to cause a person to believe that the person engaging in such conduct is an election official.

Online Registration: Kansas law requires voters registering online to use either a website that has the .gov domain or has been approved to accept and transmit electronic voter registration applications by the Secretary of State, and prohibits county election officials from accepting any electronic voter registration application that has been accepted by or transmitted from any website that does not meet requirements in Kansas statute.

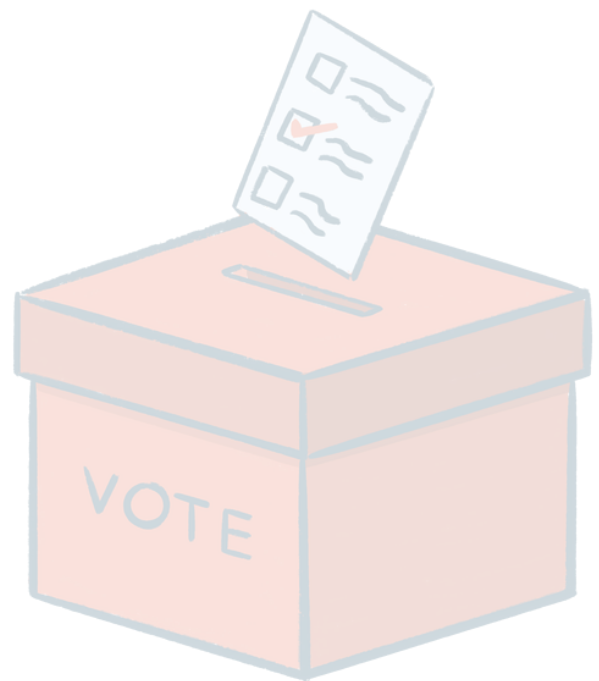
OBTAINING APPLICATIONS

State Form: The state mail-in voter registration application can be downloaded at the Secretary of State's website: sos.ks.gov/forms/elections/voterregistration.pdf

Election officers are also required to supply free forms on request, but anyone requesting more than 25 forms must request the forms in writing, as noted above.

Photocopying Blank Forms: Blank applications may be photocopied and used in voter registration drives.

Federal Form: The federal mail-in voter registration application may be used in voter registration drives: eac.gov/voters/national-mail-voter-registration-form/



HANDLING APPLICATIONS

Incomplete Applications: Forms that do not have citizenship or age information will be rejected. Do not fill in any missing information on a registration form unless you have express permission from the applicant. The state requests that all unused forms be returned to the office at which they were obtained.

Photocopying Completed Applications: There is no law or rule prohibiting groups from photocopying or retaining information from completed registration applications. As a best practice, a voter's full or partial Social Security number and/or driver's license number should not be retained.

Submitting Completed Applications: The state voter registration application can be mailed or hand-delivered to the county election office of the voter's county of residence. Some counties may accept faxed, scanned, and/or emailed applications. Confirm method of delivery with your county election office. Mailing addresses, fax numbers, and email addresses are available at the Secretary of State's website: sos.ks.gov/elections/county_election_officers.aspx

Any person or organization conducting a voter registration effort must transmit completed registration application forms to the county election officer regularly as specified by the county election officer. According to the Secretary of State guide, third party registration drives must return completed applications "promptly."

Voter registration applications can also be mailed to the following address: Secretary of State, Memorial Hall, 1st Floor, 120 SW 10th Ave., Topeka, KS, 66612-1594.

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