

CONDUCTING A VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE IN MISSISSIPPI

 Fair Elections Center

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VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINES

- Applications must be received or postmarked by 30 days before Election Day.
- If the 30th day falls on a Sunday or legal holiday, then both the postmark and in-person deadline is extended to the next regular business day.

GETTING STARTED

Training Requirement: Mississippi does not require training for registration drives. You may wish to consult the Secretary of State's guide, located here: sos.ms.gov/content/documents/Elections/2026VoterRegistrationToolkit.pdf

Notification and Registration Requirements: Mississippi does not have notification requirements for registration drives.

Compensation Restrictions: Do not pay registration drive participants based on how many registrations they collect. Do not offer an applicant any incentive of monetary value to register to vote.

OBTAINING APPLICATIONS

State Form: The state mail-in voter registration application can be downloaded from the Secretary of State's website here: sos.ms.gov/sites/default/files/elections/Mail-in%20Voter%20Registration%20Application.pdf

The Secretary of State is required to provide bulk quantities of voter registration applications to any person or organization, at the cost of the requester.

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

Photocopying Blank Forms: There is no law prohibiting blank applications from being photocopied and/or used in voter registration drives.

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HANDLING APPLICATIONS

Application Assistance: A voter registration drive volunteer may provide assistance to a person in completing the application, if assistance is requested. If applicant is unable to sign, the person who assisted the applicant must supply their name and address in the designated space at the bottom of the state form.

Documentary Proof of Citizenship: Starting July 1, 2026, registrants may have to provide documentary proof of citizenship if officials cannot determine their citizenship status using their driver's license number or Social Security Number. Registrants who have not provided proof of citizenship when applying for a driver's license may receive a postcard or letter in the mail asking for proof of citizenship. Voters who receive a mailer should follow the instructions provided to demonstrate their citizenship and maintain their voter registration.

Photocopying Completed Applications: There is no law or rule prohibiting 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: Mississippi law does not require that a completed voter registration application be submitted within a specified time frame after its completion, but be sure to submit them before the registration deadline.

The state voter registration application must be delivered or mailed to the Circuit Clerk of the voter's county of residence. More information on Circuit Clerks' Offices is available here: sos.ms.gov/elections-voting/county-election-information

The federal voter registration application can be mailed to: Secretary of State, P.O. Box 136, Jackson, MS 39205- 0136.



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