

Navigating Changing Laws on Voter Registration Drives

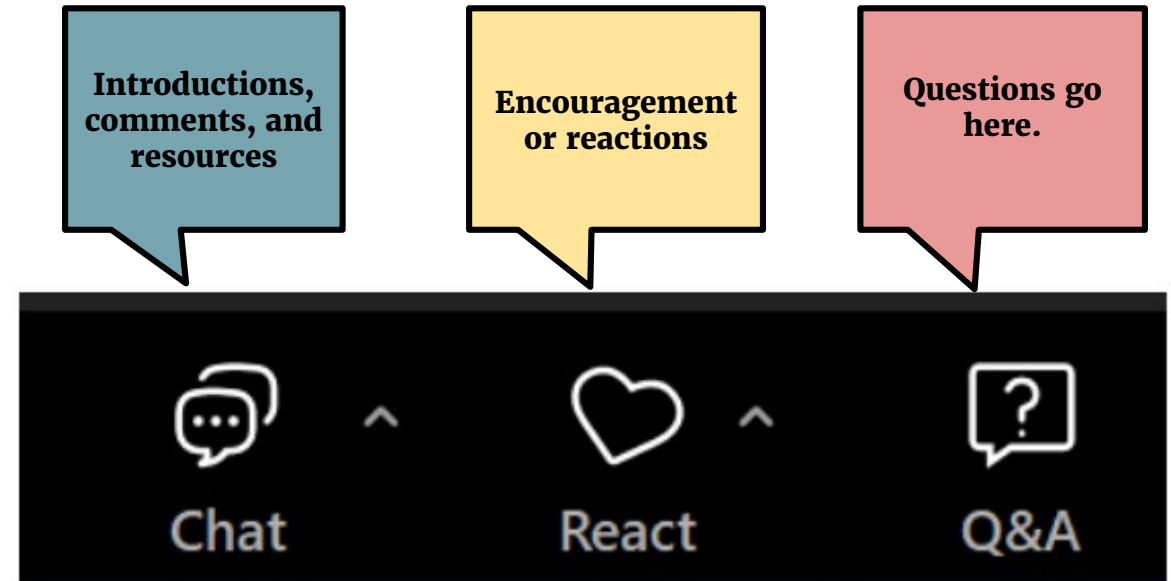
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Agenda

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- What's Next - Call to Action

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- As a 501c3 nonprofit, organizations can only engage candidates on a **nonpartisan** basis.
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Who is Nonprofit VOTE?

Mission: Nonprofit VOTE equips our nation's nonprofits with nonpartisan tools and resources to help the communities they serve participate in voting and democracy.

Vision: We envision a diverse network of nonprofits across the United States with the skills, resources, and commitment needed to foster **a more inclusive democracy** where all voices are heard, particularly those currently underrepresented in the voting process.

What we hope you'll take from this webinar

- An understanding of the guides and what they cover
- How to use your state's guide to confidently plan events
- A working knowledge of major voting law changes in 2026
- Talking points to train volunteers and respond to questions

Setting the Stage

Let's start by addressing the landscape

**What's
happening in
2026**



**Voter
Registration
is inarguably
nonpartisan**



**There's a
heightened
need to
protect your
community**



What it ALL comes down to is...

Knowing your
community.



As a trusted local organization, having a deep understanding of the community you serve (and their needs) is vital. It helps you be confident in your communication and keep their trust.

Knowing your
stuff.



Voting rules can change from year to year. Make sure you're well versed in voter registration legislation for your state and city before you start planning your drive.

Using your
tools.

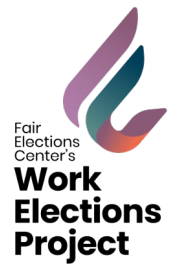


Comms tools have already been created for you - so no need to reinvent the wheel. But make sure to also use tools like the Census to update your understanding of your community.

All About the 50 State Registration Drive Guides

About Fair Elections Center

- Fair Elections Center is a non-partisan organization dedicated to defending, expanding, and facilitating voting rights.
- We use advocacy, litigation, organizing, education, and technology to protect and expand the right to vote, understanding the particular impact on disenfranchised, underrepresented, and marginalized communities.
- Through our unique partnerships with hundreds of campuses across the country, we are able to empower millions of new voters to participate in our democracy.
- Our litigation and advocacy efforts across dozens of states allow us to anticipate and counteract threats to free and fair elections.



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- We provide information and best practices.
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Why help others **register to vote**

- People trust leaders and community members within their own communities
- Local organizations are trusted sources of information
- Reach people who have never been asked to register
- Help people with logistics of getting forms turned in



The rules of **voter registration** vary from state to state

- You can't vote if you're not a United States citizen.
- You can't vote if you aren't registered.
- There is no national registration system.
- Based on where you live, there are **DIFFERENT RULES** about voter registration in every state.



About the 50 State Registration Voter Drive Guides

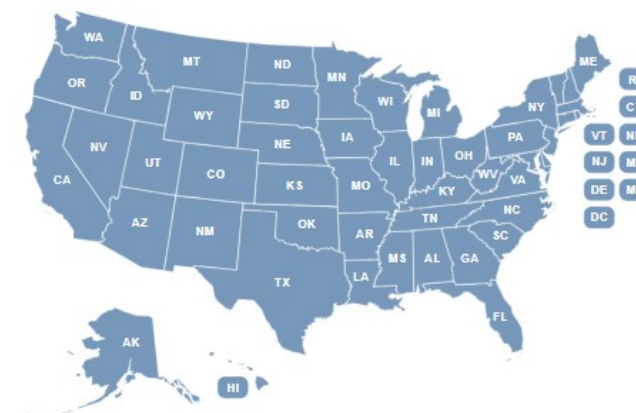
- Our library of guides is updated each year and outlines the protocol for holding voter registration drives in every state.
- Developed by Fair Elections Center, and updated and maintained in partnership with Nonprofit Vote, these guides detail the state-by-state rules and regulations for organizations planning to host voter registration events.
- For the most accurate info, check with your local elections office and/or Secretary of State's website as your primary source of timely guidelines.

To access the 50 State registration drive guides, visit:
<https://www.nonprofitvote.org/voting-in-your-state/>

Voting in Your State

Getting you connected with nonprofits in your state and official voting information directly from your state's elections website...

Select a State



What's **included** in the guides?

- Key dates and registration deadlines
- Links to state forms and resources
- State-specific requirements including:
 - Drive-specific deadlines to turn in forms
 - Registering the drive or the person collecting a form with election officials
 - Training rules
 - Rules about how canvassers can be paid
 - Restrictions on who can collect forms

CONDUCTING A VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE IN VIRGINIA Fair Elections Center
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VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINES

- For general and primary elections, applications must be received or postmarked 11 days before the election.
- A specific turnaround time applies to voter registration drives turning in applications they collect. See below.
- Voters can register and vote at the same time at the voter's general registrar office or satellite location during the early voting period, or at their polling place on Election Day.

GETTING STARTED

State Guide: The state's guide for voter registration drives can be found here: elections.virginia.gov/media/voter-registration-training/July-2026-Guidelines-for-Voter-Registration-Drives.pdf

Please carefully read all the dos and don'ts in the guide. Additional information from the state's Department of Elections on how to conduct a voter registration drive can be found here: elections.virginia.gov/registration/registration-drives/

Training Requirement: Voter registration drive participants must register and complete training if they request 25 or more voter registration forms from the Virginia Department of Elections or their local Registrar. Contact your local voter registration office or E-SET at info@elections.virginia.gov or 800-552-9745 to receive information on trainings. Training certification expires each year on June 30 and can be renewed by completing training annually. Online training is available at elections.virginia.gov/registration/registration-drives/

Notification and Registration Requirements: Upon completion of training an organization or person will complete an affidavit and be allowed to request 25 or more voter registration forms. While only one person from an organization needs to complete the state sponsored training, that person must certify that all individuals engaging in the voter registration drive will be trained.

Compensation Restrictions: Under Virginia law, individuals and organizations may not pay registration drive volunteers or employees 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:

- To request voter registration forms, please go to www.f-28-formsite.com/vaelect/3rdpartyvoterreg/index.html
- The state mail-in voter registration application can be downloaded at elections.virginia.gov/registration/voter-forms/
- The Department of Elections recommends voter registration drives use the Virginia form to provide for faster processing of applications.
- The Department of Elections is required to make available to any individual or group a reasonable number of mail voter registration applications. Currently the Department of Elections will provide up to 200 forms per request.

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: Virginia law does not prohibit photocopying or printing blank forms for use in voter registration drives. However, the Department of Elections recommends that organizations request and use original forms provided by the Department of Elections or local election officials. However, an original signature is required on completed applications.

Why are guides **important**?

- An educational tool for organization staff and volunteers to use before running a voter registration drive
- Wide variation in state laws
 - Some states are highly restrictive while some have just a few rules
- Some states require organizations to register in advance with the election office and / or complete training in order to conduct drives
- A few states do not allow third parties to conduct voter registration drives



Using the guides to **plan your drive**



Before your drive:

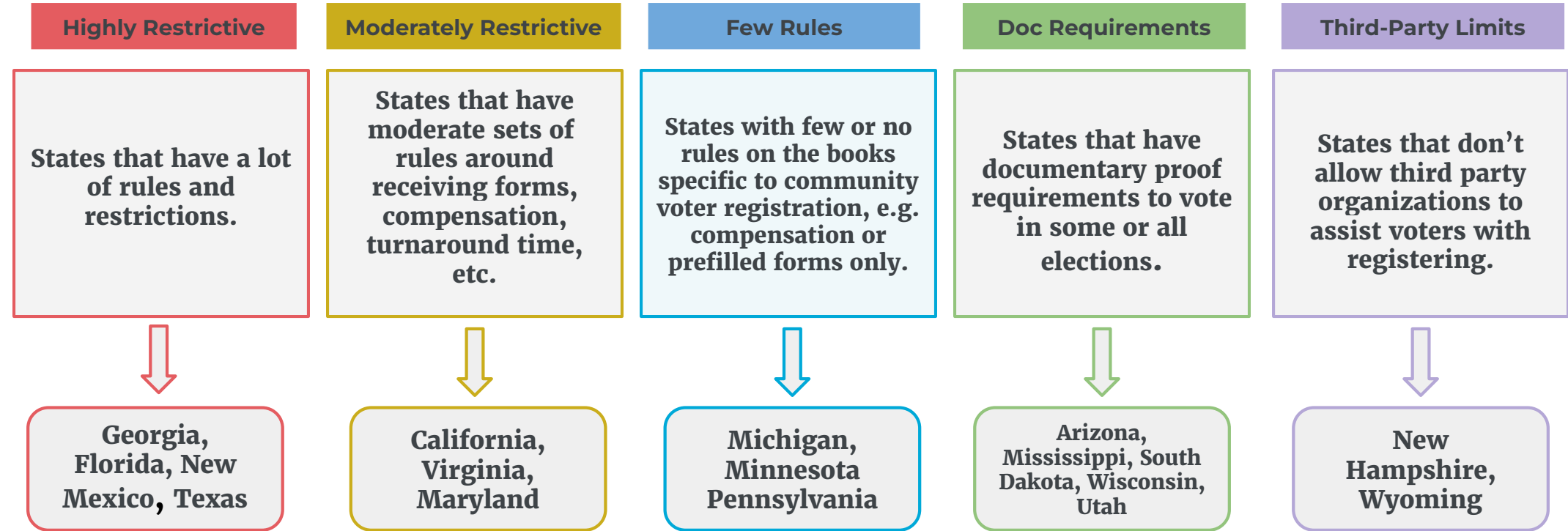
- Read through your state guide and familiarize yourself with the rules and deadlines.
- Make sure your volunteers have access to the guides. It may help to highlight the most important information for them and give them printed copies to keep handy!
- If collecting printed forms, follow the instructions closely for how to submit them.
- Plan your drive appropriately around the deadlines to allow enough time for processing and submission.
- Set up a meeting with election officials to set expectations and confirm understanding of rules.



The different types of state rules

Levels of restriction

State examples



States with high restrictions

Highly Restrictive

CONDUCTING A VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE	CONDUCTING A VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE IN GEORGIA	
VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINES - Applications must be received on Election Day. - Drives must submit completed applications to the applicant's county of residence by the deadline.	VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE - Voter Registration Deadline (postmarked or received by): 5th Monday before Election Day. - If the deadline falls on a legal holiday, the deadline will move to the next business day. - A specific turnaround time applies to voter registration drives turning in applications they collect. See below.	
GETTING STARTED Preregistration Filings: Before engaging in voter registration activities, third-party voter registration organizations (3PVRs) must submit form DE119 electronically to the Division of Elections at 3PVR@dos.fl.gov or if email is not available, fax at 850-245-6291. Updates to staff canvassers (but not volunteers) are required within 10 days of the change. The form and other information is available at https://dos.fl.gov/elections/for-voters/voter-registration/third-party-voter-registration-organizations-3pvr/. Organization ID: Third-party voter registration organizations may not begin collecting applications until the Division of Elections approves the application and assigns an ID number to the organization. The organization ID, the date the application was collected from the applicant (MM/DD/YYYY), and the registration agent's initials must also be on the application collected during the registration drive. The bottom front portion of each voter registration application in a manner that does not obscure other entry. Compensation Restrictions: Do not pay registration drive participants based on how many registrations they collect. It is a felony offense to solicit or pay another person to solicit voter registration for compensation that is based on the number of registrations obtained.	GETTING STARTED Training Requirement: There is no training requirement but the county boards of registrars offer optional training on completing the state registration form and procedures for voter registration groups. Notification and Registration Requirements: Georgia does not have a requirement that drives register but it does have a requirement that drives provide certain notices to applicants registering through the drive, and the state asks for a transmittal summary when applications are turned in. See below. There are several other rules including various site restrictions. The Secretary of State's registration drive resource page is located here and includes links to several required forms: sos.ga.gov/sites/default/files/2022-02/voter_registration_rules_and_procedures_manual_-_2020_1.pdf Compensation Restrictions: Do not pay registration drive participants based on how many registrations they collect. In Georgia, it is a crime to receive, accept, offer, or provide compensation for soliciting persons to register to vote based on the number of persons registered.	OBTAINING APPLICATIONS State Form: The state mail-in voter registration application can be downloaded and printed from the Secretary of State's website. State forms are also available in bulk from the Secretary of State or county boards of registrars: sos.ga.gov/sites/default/files/forms/GA_VR_APP_2019.pdf Applicants with a Georgia driver's license or identification card issued by the Georgia Department of Driver Services can register to vote online: registertovote.sos.ga.gov/GAOLVR/welcome.do#no-back-button 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: Georgia allows photocopying blank forms for use in voter registration drives.

- **Florida** – Organizations must register and provide information about the organization and employees before they can collect applications. Restrictions on who can serve as a canvasser apply. Deadlines apply to these “third party voter registration organizations” that are different from the general registration deadline and carry various penalties if they are missed. Receipts must be provided to applicants, and certain information from the organization must be provided on the forms. Organizations must provide a cover letter identifying any suspected fraudulent applications.
- **Georgia** – Organizations conducting community voter registration work must provide certain notices to registration applicants. There are limits on information that can be kept by organizations conducting drives. Specific deadlines apply to groups turning in forms, and organizations are asked to provide summary information with the forms.

States with high restrictions

Highly Restrictive

CONDUCTING A VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE IN NEW MEXICO

✓ VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINES

- Postmarked 28 days before Election Day
- Completed applications collected within 48 hours of receipt
- Same day registration is available in their county on Election Day and

GETTING STARTED

Training Requirement: A Third-Party Voter Registration Agent training course must be completed before conducting a registration drive. Training is offered by the county clerks and the Secretary of State. The state's manual for third-party voter registration agents is here: bit.ly/nmvrereg

The Secretary of State's video for Voter Registration Agents is here: sos.nm.gov/voting-and-election

Notification and Registration Requirement: Organizations, employees, or volunteers conducting voter registration drives must register with the Mexico Secretary of State (SOS) and submit a Registration Agent Identification Form, which includes all of the following:

- The names of officers of the organization, name, telephone number, and permanent address of the organization;
- The names, permanent addresses, temporary addresses, if any, social security number, dates of birth of each person registering to vote in New Mexico on behalf of the organization;
- A sworn statement from each registration agent employed by or volunteering for the organization stating that the agent will obey all state laws regarding the registration of voters and form that gives notice of the criminal penalties for false registration.

The form may be delivered by mail or fax to the Secretary of State or the county clerk.

All Voter Registration Agents (VRAs) will be issued a personal VRA number by the Secretary of State office. The third party agent must carry and display a copy of the VRA Identification Form as proof of credentials when assisting applicants with registration to vote.

CONDUCTING A VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE IN TEXAS

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✓ VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINES

- The 30th day before Election Day.
- If that is a Saturday, Sunday, or legal state or national holiday, the application may be submitted to the registrar on or before the next regular business day.
 - A specific turnaround time applies to voter registration drives turning in applications they collect. See below.

GETTING STARTED

Becoming a volunteer deputy registrar (VDR): All individuals who will deliver registration forms on behalf of applicants must be authorized as volunteer deputy registrars. Those interested must contact the county voter registrar to receive a certificate of appointment and receipt book and may only register voters in the county in which they become volunteer deputy registrars. More information about the VDR program, including guides, forms, checklists and training materials, are available on the SOS website at bit.ly/4d8midy and bit.ly/4t4pfr.

To become a volunteer deputy registrar, a person must:

- Be at least 18 years old;
- Be a U.S. citizen;
- Be a resident of Texas;
- Never have been convicted of:
 - a felony or, if so convicted, must have: (A) finished the sentence, including any term of incarceration, parole, or supervision, or completed a period of probation ordered by any court; or (B) been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disability to vote;
 - identity theft; or
 - failing to deliver a voter application to a voter registrar.
- Never have been determined by a court to be:
 - Totally mentally incapacitated; or
 - Partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote

Note: VDRs are not required to be registered voters.

Training: Volunteer deputy registrars may not receive any voter registration applications until they have completed the training developed by the Secretary of State. The county voter registrar will provide you with information about how training will be offered and completed. A VDR will be issued a certificate of appointment, which must be shown to any applicant upon request.

Compensation Restrictions: It is illegal to pay drive canvassers based on how many registrations they collect, present them with a quota of registrations to collect, or use a fixed quota as the sole basis for determining compensation or employment. Do not offer an applicant any incentive of monetary value to register to vote.

OBTAINING APPLICATIONS

State Forms: The county voter registrar provides volunteer deputy registrars with voter registration applications: sos.state.tx.us/elections/voter/votregduties.shtml

If the county voter registrar does not have enough applications to provide to the VDR, the VDR may print blank VDR-specific applications from the Secretary of State's website: sos.state.tx.us/elections/forms/pol-sub/21-1f.pdf

Federal Forms: Volunteer deputy registrars can distribute the federal mail-in registration application: eac.gov/voters/national-mail-voter-registration-form/

- **New Mexico** – Organizations must register with the state. Each canvasser must be a registration agent listed with the organization's registration and must take the state-sponsored training before engaging in voter registration work, and is assigned a personal voter registration agent number, which must be recorded on the form. Receipts must be provided to the applicant. There is a 48-hour turnaround time to submit forms. Organizations should also talk with county clerks about their requirements for tracking and logging state voter registration forms.
- **Texas** - To collect a person's application, the canvasser collecting that application has to be deputized as a volunteer deputy registrar in the county of the *registration applicant's* residence. There are limits on who can be deputized. You cannot bundle registration applications and send them in the mail. Individual applicants have to mail them in themselves or they have to be turned in to an office by a volunteer deputy registrar.

States with moderate restrictions

Moderately Restrictive

CONDUCTING A VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE	CONDUCTING A VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE	CONDUCTING A VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE IN VIRGINIA
✓ VOTER REGISTRATION - Applications must be received or postmarked within 3 days of registration, which includes the same-day registration at the office or by mail. GETTING STARTED Training Requirement: Candidates for registration drives must provide training programs. The Secretary of State urges drives get trained on eligible voters. The Secretary of State's website (linked under the VRA) provides training materials. Drives (linked under the VRA) are also available. See the VRA Appendices and FAQs: sos.ca.gov/voter-registrations SOS's Guide to Voter Registration can be found here: sos.ca.gov/resources/guide-vr-drives Notification and Registration: Organizations or individual state voter registration card registrars must submit a Registration Card Statement to VRC-VNCR@sos.ca.gov, to the Secretary of State, Elections Division, 5th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95833. For requests of 50 or over registration cards, the applicant must submit a "Statement of Distribution" to the Secretary of State, Elections Division, 5th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95833. For a list of offices, see sos.ca.gov/elections/voting-offices Compensation Restriction: That compensate people to receive completed forms online voter registration applications. - Maintain a list of the numbers of everyone in the organization has agreed to register to vote.	✓ VOTER REGISTRATION - Applications must be received or postmarked within 3 days of registration, which includes the same-day registration at the office or by mail. GETTING STARTED Training Requirement: The state and local election directors must provide training. Training is required if the person wants to obtain more than 25 registration applications (VRAs). Training is an individual who or before Election Day, and conduct voter registration activities: - Offering Statewide VRAs to interested in registering to existing registration; - Assisting people with filling VRAs; and Returning completed VRAs to the appropriate local election official. Contact your local county election official: elections.maryland.gov/about-us Notification and Registration: Volunteers / staff are required to receive a Certificate of Instruction to observe Statewide Voter Registration Activities. Compensation Restrictions: Maryland for a voter registration drive, individual assisting another person to receive any form of compensation, including bonuses, that is based on the number of registrations collected. Voter registration applications offer an applicant any incentive to register to vote.	✓ VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINES - For general and primary elections, applications must be received or postmarked 11 days before the election. - A specific turnaround time applies to voter registration drives turning in applications they collect. See below. - Voters can register and vote at the same time at the voter's general registrar office or satellite location during the early voting period, or at their polling place on Election Day. GETTING STARTED State Guide: The state's guide for voter registration drives can be found here: https://www.elections.virginia.gov/media/formswarehouse/veris-voter-registration/voter-registration-drives/2025-Guidelines-for-Voter-Registration-Drives.pdf Please carefully read all the dos and don'ts in the guide. 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- **California** – In California, organizations conducting community voter registration have to follow different reporting and registration rules based on whether the canvassers are being paid. There is also a drive-specific deadline.
- **Maryland** - There are restrictions on who can serve as a canvasser in Maryland, and training requirements for people who obtain more than 25 applications from an election official.
- **Virginia** - In Virginia, training and registration requirements apply if the organization gets more than 25 forms from election officials. Receipt requirements apply, and there is a drive-specific deadline.

States with few restrictions

Few Rules

CONDUCTING A VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE	CONDUCTING A VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE	CONDUCTING A VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE IN PENNSYLVANIA
✓ VOTER REGISTRATION • Applications must be received prior to and on Election Day. • In-person registration is required.	✓ VOTER REGISTRATION • Registration applications must be received prior to and on Election Day. • Online registration is available at mnvotes.sos.mn.gov. • Third parties may not collect registrations if it is done with the State's office with the voter registration. • In Minnesota, voter registration is required.	✓ VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE • Applications must be received by 5:00 pm on the 15th day before Election Day.
GETTING STARTED Training Requirements: Michigan requires training for registration drive participants. Notification and Registration: Michigan does not have notification requirements for registration drives. Compensation Restrictions: Michigan does not have compensation restrictions for registration drive participants. State Guide: The Secretary of State's website provides a guide to voter registration drives at bit.ly/misovoterregdrive.	GETTING STARTED Training Requirement: Minnesota requires training for registration drive participants. The Secretary of State's website provides a guide to voter registration drives at sos.mn.gov/election/voter-registration-reference-guide. Notification and Registration: Minnesota does not have notification requirements for registration drives. Compensation Restrictions: Minnesota does not have compensation restrictions for registration drive participants.	GETTING STARTED State's Voter Registration Drive Guide: pa.gov/content/dam/copapwp-pagov/en/vote/resources/documents-and-forms/PA-Voter-Registration-Guide.pdf Training Requirement: Pennsylvania does not require training for registration drives. Notification and Registration Requirements: Pennsylvania does not have notification requirements for registration drives. Compensation Restrictions: It is illegal to 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 may provide an application form for download at bit.ly/45gboxM. Federal Form: The federal voter registration application may be used in registration drives and must be approved by the Secretary of State at eac.gov/voter-registration-form/. Photocopying Blank Forms: Blank forms may be photocopied and used in registration drives.	OBTAINING APPLICATIONS State Form: Download the Secretary of State's website at sos.mn.gov/election/voter-registration-reference-guide for a county election office to request a reasonable number of copies for distribution. Find here: sos.mn.gov/elections-voter-registration-reference-guide. Federal Form: The federal voter registration application may be used in registration drives and must be approved by the Secretary of State at eac.gov/voters/national-mail-voter-registration-form/. Photocopying Blank Forms: Blank forms may be photocopied and used in registration drives if they meet paper quality standards set by the Department of State's office.	OBTAINING APPLICATIONS State Form: Voter registration applications may be obtained from the Department of State's website at pa.gov/content/dam/copapwp-pagov/en/vote/resources/documents-and-forms/Voter_Registration_Application_English.pdf. Pennsylvania application forms are available for free through the Department of State. To request copies of the Voter Registration Application, email RA-VOTERREG@pa.gov or call 1-877-868-3772. Be sure to include the number of forms you want. Federal Form: Voter registration organizations are asked to use Pennsylvania specific application forms, but may also use the federal voter registration application: eac.gov/voters/national-mail-voter-registration-form/. Photocopying Blank Forms: Blank applications may be photocopied and used in registration drives if they meet paper quality standards set by the Department of State's office.

Examples of other restrictions:

- A number of states have rules relating to compensation, such as an explicit rule that people cannot be paid per registration form collected. Examples include Michigan, Minnesota, and Pennsylvania, but there are others as well. This rule is consistent with Fair Elections Center's recommended best practices.
- Some states also have rules that you cannot mail someone a prefilled form, or that a person who is assisting a voter with physically filling out the form put their own information on the form.

States with documentary proof requirements

ID Requirements

CONDUCT VOTER REGISTRATION	CONDUCT VOTER REGISTRATION	CONDUCTING A VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE IN WISCONSIN
✓ VOTER REGISTRATION - On or before the deadline. - If returned by the deadline.	✓ VOTER REGISTRATION Applications must be received by the 30th day before the election.	✓ VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINES - Applications submitted online or by mail or registration drive must be received or postmarked by the third Wednesday before Election Day. - Wisconsin allows in-person registration until 5:00 pm the Friday before the election at a municipal clerk's office. - Wisconsin allows registration at the polls on Election Day.
GETTING STARTED Training Requirement: Training for registration drives is required in Arizona. Notification and Registration: Arizona does not require registration. Compensation Restrictions: Drive participants based on forms they collect. Do not offer any incentive of monetary value to register to vote.	GETTING STARTED Training Requirement: Mississippi does not have training for registration drives. Notification and Registration: Since the adoption of online voter registration, Wisconsin no longer has special registration deputies. The online voter registration form can be viewed here: myvote.wi.gov/en-US/RegisterToVote Obtaining Applications: Given the documentary proof of residence requirement (see next page), voter registration drives can assist people in filling out a registration application, but they cannot collect and submit a registration application unless the applicant has a photocopy of their proof of residence and is willing to provide it to the drive volunteer for submission along with the voter registration application. As a result, registration drives are conducted almost exclusively using online voter registration ("OVR"), because proof of residence is not required for OVR. Helping people without a driver's license or state ID register to vote has become extremely difficult in Wisconsin. There are no notification and registration requirements for voter registration drive volunteers because they cannot serve as special registration deputies.	GETTING STARTED Compensation Restrictions: Do not pay registration drive participants based on how many registrations they collect. It is a criminal offense in Wisconsin. 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 (Form 131) is available to be downloaded from the Wisconsin Elections Commission's website in English, Spanish, and Hmong: elections.wi.gov/wec-form/voter-registration-application Federal Form: Organizations conducting voter registration drives should use the state voter registration application. Photocopying Blank Forms: Blank applications may be photocopied and used in voter registration drives. Handling Applications: Except for military and overseas voters, and online registrants who must provide a valid license or ID number, all other registrants in all circumstances must provide a copy of their proof of residence when registering to vote or reregistering to change their name or address.

The SAVE Act has NOT passed at the federal level. This means the vast majority of Americans are not required to show proof of citizenship in order to register to vote in federal elections. But an increasing number of states in theory allow registration drives but have documentary proof requirements that make collecting forms difficult in practice:

- **Arizona** – Proof of citizenship and proof of residence requirement for registration to vote in state and local elections and to use the state voter registration form. A driver's license or state ID number issued after October 1, 1996, on either the state or federal voter registration form, fulfills the proof of citizenship requirement as long as the state finds the applicant's record.
- **Mississippi** – Starting July 1, 2026, registrants may have to provide DPOC if officials cannot determine their citizenship status using their driver's license number or Social Security number.
- **Wisconsin** – Proof of residency is required to register to vote or update a voter form, except for military and overseas voters, and online registrants who must provide a valid license or ID number.

States with documentary proof requirements

ID Requirements

CONDUCTING DRIVE IN SOUTH DAKOTA	CONDUCTING A REGISTRATION DRIVE IN UTAH	CONDUCTING A VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE IN LOUISIANA
VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINES - Applications must be received by 5:00 pm 11 days before Election Day. - Drives must submit registration drives by 5:00 pm 11 days before Election Day.	VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINES - Completed voter registration applications must be received by 5:00 pm 11 days before Election Day. - Voters may register during the drive.	VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINES - Paper applications must be received or postmarked by 30 days before Election Day. - Online voter registration must be completed by 20 days before Election Day. If any deadline falls on a legal holiday, registration closes on the next day which is not a weekend day. - Drives must turn in completed applications to the parish registrar within 30 days of their completion or by the registration deadline, whatever comes sooner.
GETTING STARTED Training Requirement: South Dakota does not require training for registration drives. Notification and Registration Requirements: South Dakota does not have notification requirements for registration drives and individuals registering provide the voter their contact information. Compensation Restrictions: Do not pay registration drive volunteers/staff for many registrations they collect. It is illegal to hire anyone on an hourly basis. Do not incentivize people with anything of monetary value. Additional information on conducting a registration drive can be found here: sos.sd.gov/elections-voting/voter-registration-drive-instructions	GETTING STARTED Training Requirement: Utah does not require training for registration drives. Notification and Registration Requirements: Utah does not have notification requirements for registration drives. Compensation Restrictions: Do not pay registration drive participants based on registrations they collect. Do not incentivize registration with anything of monetary value. OBTAINING APPLICATIONS State Form: The state voter registration form can be obtained from the county clerk's office. Downloaded here: vote.utah.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/State-of-Utah-Voter-Registration-Form.pdf Federal Form: The federal mail-in voter registration application may be used in registration drives: eac.gov/voters/national-mail-voter-registration-form/ Photocopying Blank Forms: Blank applications may be photocopied and used in voter registration drives. HANDLING APPLICATIONS Incomplete Applications: Do not file incomplete applications on a registration drive without express consent of the applicant attesting to the truth of what is on the application. 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.	GETTING STARTED Training Requirement: Louisiana does not require training for registration drives. Notification and Registration Requirements: Louisiana does have a registration requirement for voter registration drives. Please contact the Secretary of State's office to inform them of your drive, complete a drive application, and obtain materials. Contact the SOS here: sos.la.gov/ElectionsAndVoting/GetInvolved/OrganizeARegistrationDrive/Pages/default.aspx The Secretary of State's guide to best practices and laws for voter registration drives is located here: sos.la.gov/ElectionsAndVoting/PublishedDocuments/07.31.24ThirdPartyRegistrationBestPractices.pdf Groups that only provide electronic access for individuals to directly access the online voter registration system do not need to complete a third party registration drive contact form, as long as they do not capture individual registrants' data. However, a group that prints and accepts registration forms from applicants who cannot submit the registration forms electronically must register and comply with relevant registration deadlines. 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 Board of Elections website here: sos.sd.gov/elections-voting/assets/VoterRegistrationForm.pdf Federal Form: The federal mail-in voter registration application may be used in registration drives: eac.gov/voters/national-mail-voter-registration-form/ Mailing address: Elections, Secret E. Capitol, Pierre, SD 57501-5070 Photocopying Blank Forms: Blank applications may be photocopied and used in voter registration drives.	OBTAINING APPLICATIONS State Form: State mail-in voter registration applications may be obtained online or from the parish registrar. - Online Printable Applications: sos.la.gov/ElectionsAndVoting/PublishedDocuments/ApplicationToRegisterToVote.pdf - Find your parish registrar: voterportal.sos.la.gov/Registrar There are no limits on the number of forms that can be obtained. 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: Blank applications may be photocopied and used in voter registration drives.	Documentary Proof of Citizenship for Voter Registration: Louisiana has a law that requires those registering to vote to provide proof of U.S. citizenship when submitting a voter registration application. However, according to the Secretary of State, this requirement is currently not being enforced. There is ongoing litigation about this law. Please check back for updates and information on DPOC enforcement in Louisiana for future elections.

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- **South Dakota** – Bifurcated system. Voters will be required to provide DPOC to vote in state/local elections. The Secretary of State recommends that registration drive organizers coordinate with the county official in advance, so that voters who have DPOC can show it to the county auditor at the event.
- **Utah** – Bifurcated system. Voters will be required to provide DPOC to vote in state/local elections. New registrants and existing registered voters will only be permitted to vote on a federal ballot until their citizenship is proved.
- **Louisiana** – While Louisiana statute has a DPOC requirement on the books; however, state officials have told a federal court they are not currently enforcing it.



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States with **no third-party** voter registration

Third-Party Limits

VOTER REGISTRATION IN NEW HAMPSHIRE	VOTER REGISTRATION IN WYOMING
New Hampshire law does not allow registration or voter registration drives. ✓ VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINES - New Hampshire allows Election Day registration. Day must be received by the day of the election occurs 6-13 days before Election Day. Check the local newspaper or call your clerk's office for the date and time of such meeting. HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE See the state's guide to voter registration for the most up-to-date and thorough information: sos.nh.gov/elections/register-vote There are three primary ways to register to vote in New Hampshire: - Register in person at your town or city clerk's office. - Register in person with your community's Supervisors of the Checklist. By law, the Supervisors of the Checklist are required to meet on a day 6-13 days prior to each election. Check the local newspaper or call your clerk's office for the date and time of such meeting. - Register at your polling place on Election Day. Only voters who cannot apply in person because they are temporarily out of town or have a disability that prevents them from applying in person can use absentee registration (register by mail). ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS TO REGISTER An individual is eligible to vote if they are: - At least 18 years old by Election Day, - A U.S. citizen, and - Domiciled in the city or town where the person is registering to vote (there is no minimum period of time required to have lived in the state to establish domicile for voter registration).	Wyoming does not allow third-party registration or voter registration drives. County clerks may not accept batches of voter registration applications. ✓ VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINES Applications must be received 14 days before Election Day (Same Day Registration is also available). HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE IN WYOMING Register to Vote in Person: Voters may register to vote in the office of the county clerk or town clerk within their county of residence. Voters may also print out a Wyoming Voter Registration Form and hand deliver the form to the county clerk in their county of residence. The form must be signed in front of the county clerk, and acceptable proof of identity, U.S. citizenship, and Wyoming residency must be submitted. County clerk information can be found here: sos.wyo.gov/Elections/Docs/WYCountyClerks.pdf Register by Mail: Voters may register to vote by mail. Applicants must sign their completed forms before a Registry Agent or person authorized to administer oaths (for example, a notary). Applicants must also include copies of acceptable proof of identity, U.S. citizenship, and Wyoming residency when mailing the completed and signed application to their local county clerk's office. Register at the Polls: Wyoming allows same day registration at the polls during the absentee voting period or on Election Day. Bring the same ID as listed above. If a voter does not have all the required documentation, the voter will be offered a provisional ballot and have until the end of the next day to present proper ID to the county clerk. OBTAINING APPLICATIONS State Form: Voters may print out a Wyoming Voter Registration Form online from the Secretary of State's website and must follow the procedures in this guide to submit the form to the county clerk of their county of residence. Voter registration information and the PDF form can be found here: sos.wyo.gov/Elections/State/RegisteringToVote.aspx Federal Form: Wyoming does not accept the National Mail Voter Registration Form. ACCEPTABLE DOCUMENTS In addition to proof of identity, documentary proof of United States citizenship and proof of Wyoming residence must be submitted when registering to vote. Bring these documents with you if registering in person, or include copies with your completed application if registering by mail. A current valid Wyoming driver's license, provided it does not contain any indication that you are not a U.S. citizen, satisfies all three requirements. For a full list of acceptable documentation and information required by the form, please consult the instructions found on the Voter Registration Application Form, and/or visit sos.wyo.gov/Elections/State/RegisteringToVote.aspx If you do not have your current valid Wyoming driver's license with you, you must provide the number and additional acceptable identification as noted below. To satisfy Wyoming's proof of citizenship requirement, you may use your Wyoming driver's license, provided it does not contain any indication that you are not a U.S. citizen. If you have not been issued a Wyoming driver's license or yours is expired, you must provide the last four digits of your Social Security Number and additional acceptable identification as noted below. If you have neither a valid Wyoming driver's license nor a Social Security number, please indicate this by checking the appropriate box on the Voter Registration Form, and contact your county clerk. Please see the next page for lists of acceptable documents >>>

There are currently **two states** that do not allow third parties to collect and turn in voters' applications including:

- **New Hampshire** – Voters may register in person at their town or city clerk's office, in person with their community's Supervisors, or at their polling place on Election Day.
- **Wyoming** – Voters may register to vote in the office of the county clerk or town clerk within their county of residence. Voters may also print out a Wyoming Voter Registration Form and hand deliver the form to the county clerk in their county of residence. The form must be signed in front of the county clerk.

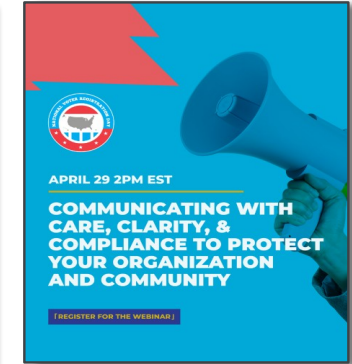
Both states have documentary proof requirements.

Audience Q&A

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Tools and Resources

Check out the webinars from this year



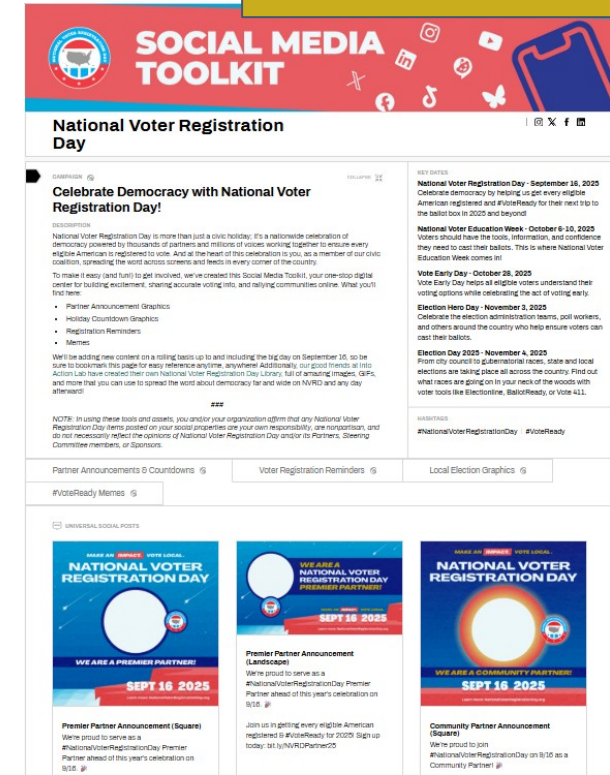
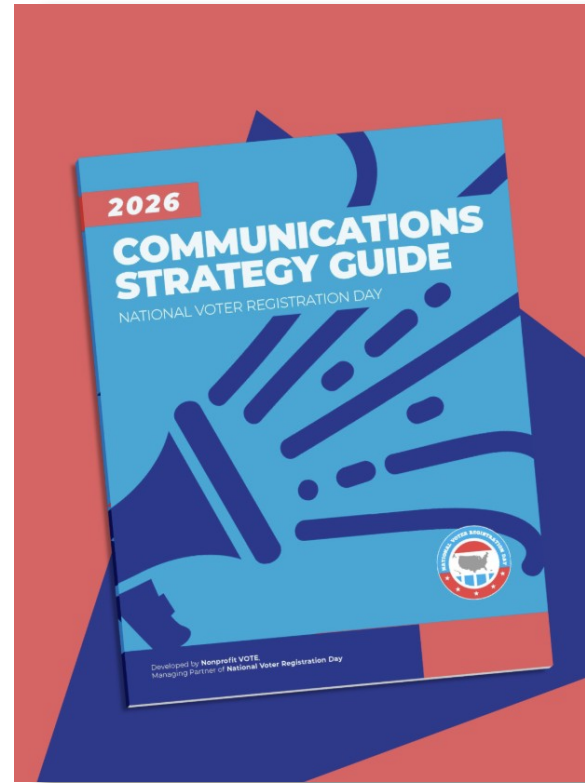
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Fact sheets to help with registering specific voters



Webinars



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Timeline**



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Factsheet**



**Local
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Factsheet**



**Libraries Fact
Sheet**



**New Citizens Fact
Sheet**



**New Citizens Key
Talking Points**



**Community
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Check out a few of our fact sheets with talking points for specific groups of voters like new citizens and college students!

**What's
Next!**

National Voter Registration Day

Save the Date: Tuesday, September 15

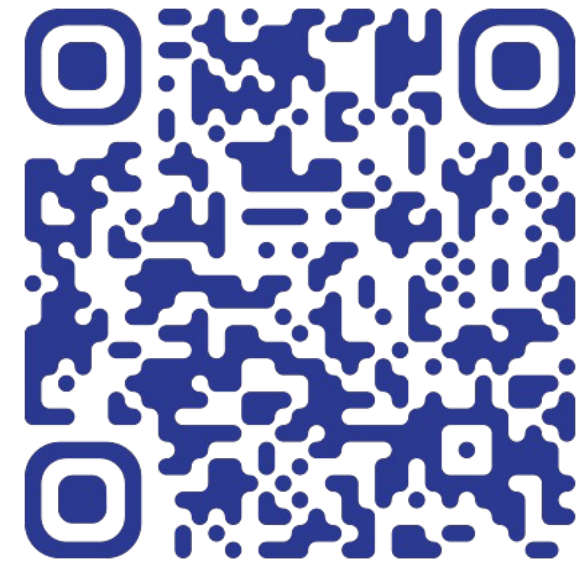


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