



## Conducting a Voter Registration Drive in South Carolina

### Voter Registration Deadlines

Applications must be received or postmarked 30 days before Election Day.

If the deadline falls on a Sunday or U.S. Postal Service holiday, the postmark deadline is extended to the next day that is not a Sunday or holiday.

#### Getting Started

**Training Requirement:** South Carolina does not require training for registration drives.

**Notification and Registration Requirements:** South Carolina 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 voter registration application can be found on the [State Election Commission website](#).

A maximum of 300 forms can be requested at a time in-person at the State Board of Elections.

**Federal Form:** The [federal mail-in voter registration application](#) may be used in voter registration drives.

**Photocopying Blank Forms:** South Carolina law does not forbid photocopying blank forms for use in voter registration drives.

#### Handling Applications

**Incomplete Applications:** Do not fill in any missing information on a registration form unless you have permission from the applicant.

**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:** Return completed applications to the [county elections office](#) where the applicants are registering.

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