

Conducting a Voter Registration Drive in Alabama

Voter Registration Deadline

Voter registration applications must be postmarked or hand-delivered by the 15th day prior to Election Day.

If that Monday is a holiday, the voter registration application(s) must be hand delivered by Friday or postmarked by Saturday prior to the 15th day before an election.

The Secretary of State states that applications collected by drives should be submitted to county officials within 5 days of the drive unless the registration deadline is at any earlier date.

Getting Started

Training Requirement: Alabama does not require training for registration drives.

Notification and Registration Requirements: Alabama 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: Voter registration forms are available here: sos.alabama.gov/sites/default/files/voter-pdfs/nvra-2.pdf

There is no limit on the number of forms that may be obtained.

Federal Form: The federal mail-in voter registration application may be used in registration drives.

Photocopying Blank Forms: Blank forms can be photocopied for registration drives.

Handling Applications

Incomplete Applications: If you assisted an applicant in completing the registration form, you must provide your name and address in the appropriate box on the voter registration form. The Secretary of State's Voter Registration Drive guide provides information as to which fields are required.

Do not fill out any information on the form without express consent from the applicant, who is attesting to the truth of what is filled out.

Handling Applications (cont.)

Photocopying Completed Applications: As a best practice, a voter's full or partial Social Security number and/or driver's license number should not be retained.

The Secretary of State's guide states that completed applications contain confidential information and should not be duplicated.

Submitting Completed Applications: The Secretary of State's guide states that completed voter registration forms should be submitted to the appropriate county board of registrars within five days of the voter drive being held unless the voter registration deadline is at an earlier date. Find your county board of registrars here: sos.alabama.gov/alabama-votes/board-of-registrars-all-counties

Voter registration applications may also be delivered/mailed to the Office of the Secretary of State, Elections Division, P.O. Box 5616, Montgomery, AL 36103-5616.

Each package to the County Board of registrars or Secretary of State should include a cover page with the name, address, and phone number of the voter drive group and the number of forms being submitted.

View the Secretary of State's voter registration guide: sos.alabama.gov/sites/default/files/voter-pdfs/VoterDriveGuidelines.pdf

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