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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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