Conducting a Voter Registration Drive in Ohio

Voter Registration Deadline

Applications must be received or postmarked 30 days before Election Day. If the voter registration deadline falls on a day when office of the Secretary of State and county board of elections are closed, the deadline is extended to the next business day when the office is open.

A specific turnaround time applies to voter registration drives turning in applications they collect. See below.

Getting Started

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

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

Compensation Restrictions: Do not pay registration drive participants based on how many registrations they collect.

Obtaining Applications

State Form: State registration forms can be downloaded from the Secretary of State website. Individuals or organizations may also request a large number of the registration applications by calling the Secretary of State’s request line at (614) 466-3613.

Up to 1,500 forms at a time can be requested in person from the Secretary of State’s office.

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

Photocopying Blank Forms: Blank applications may be photocopied and used in voter registration drives.

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