



Conducting a Voter Registration Drive in Missouri

Voter Registration Deadlines

Applications must be received or postmarked by the 4th Wednesday prior to Election Day. A specific turnaround time applies to voter registration drives turning in applications they collect. See below.

Getting Started

Training Requirement: Missouri does not require training for registration drives. Local election authorities do provide optional training.

Notification and Registration Requirements: It is illegal in Missouri for any person to be paid or otherwise compensated soliciting voter registration applications. Uncompensated individuals who solicit more than 10 voter registration forms in a general election cycle must be [registered with the Secretary of State](#) each two-year cycle as “voter registration solicitors.”

- Every voter registration solicitor must be at least 18 years old and registered to vote in Missouri.
- Failure to complete the solicitor form is a punishable offense.

Compensation Ban: It is illegal in Missouri for any person to be paid or otherwise compensated for soliciting voter registration applications.

These requirements are currently the subject of litigation. Fair Elections Center cannot provide legal advice.

Obtaining Applications

State Form: You may download a [state mail-in voter registration application from the SOS website](#), but the form is county-specific so it's not recommended for voter registration drives. Pre-printed state applications can be requested from any election authority. Requests for a large number of applications should be made to the Secretary of State's office, 600 West Main Street, Jefferson City, Missouri, 65101, (573) 751-4936, info@sos.mo.gov.

Federal Form: The [federal mail-in voter registration application](#) may also be used in voter registration drives. and mailed to the Secretary of State's office as listed on the federal form or [the voter's local election authority](#).

Photocopying Blank Forms: Blank applications may be photocopied and used 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 the driver's license number should not be retained.

Submitting Applications: Anyone who offers to submit a completed voter registration application on another's behalf must deliver it within **seven days** of accepting or receiving the application. State regulations indicate state forms must be delivered to the appropriate election authority representing the area in which the applicant resides. Failure to deliver them within seven days is a punishable misdemeanor, regardless of intent.

Fair Elections Center and Campus Vote Project intend the information contained herein to be used only as a general guide. This document should not be used as a substitute for consultation with a licensed Missouri legal professional.

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