



Conducting a Voter Registration Drive in Florida

Voter Registration Deadline

Applications must be received or postmarked 29 days before Election Day. Drives must submit completed applications to the division or supervisor of the applicant's residence so they are received within 10 days of receiving them from the applicant or by the registration deadline, whichever is first.

Getting Started

Preregistration Filings: Before engaging in voter registration activities, third-party voter registration organizations must submit form DS-DE119 electronically to the Division of Elections at 3PVRO@dos.myflorida.com or if email is not available, by fax at 850-245-6291. Updates to staff are required.

- The form and other information is available online at dos.myflorida.com/elections/for-voters/voter-registration/third-party-voter-registration-organizations/

Organization ID: Third-party voter registration organizations may not begin collecting applications until the Division of Elections approves the application and assigns an ID number to the organization.

The organization ID and the date the application is collected from the applicant (MM/DD/YY) must also be on each application collected during the registration drive in a conspicuous space on the bottom portion of the reverse side of the voter registration application in a manner that does not obscure any other entry.

Compensation Restrictions: Do not pay registration drive participants based on how many registrations they collect. It is a felony offense in Florida to solicit or pay another person to solicit voter registration for compensation that is based on the number of registrations obtained.

Canvasser Restrictions: Starting July 1, 2023, to collect or handle voter registration applications, a person must be a U.S. citizen, and must not have been convicted of certain felonies under Florida law. 3PVROs must affirm that their registration agents meet these requirements. State law sets fines of \$50,000 per such agent collecting or handling applications who does not meet these requirements.

Handling Applications

Providing Filled Out Forms: Beginning July 1, 2023, a 3PVRO may not mail or otherwise provide a voter registration application upon which any information about an applicant has been filled in before it is provided to the applicant. Per-application fines apply to violations.

Receipt Requirement: Beginning July 1, 2023, 3PVROs must provide a receipt to an applicant upon accepting the application from them. The format must include the applicant's name, the date the application is received, the name of the 3PVRO, the name of the registration agent, the applicant's political party affiliation, and the county in which the applicant resides.

Incomplete Applications: Do not alter the information on a registration form without the knowledge and consent of the applicant; doing so is a violation of Florida law.

Photocopying Completed Applications: Beginning July 1, 2023, it is a felony under Florida law for a person collecting voter registration applications on behalf of a 3PVRO to copy a voter's application or retain a voter's personal information, such as the voter's Florida driver license or ID card number, social security number, or signature, for any reason other than to provide such application or information to the 3PVRO in compliance with the state 3PVRO statute. A voter's full or partial Social Security Number and/or driver's license number, or signature should not be retained.

Obtaining Applications

State Forms: The state mail-in voter registration application can be downloaded [at the Florida DOS website](#).

State forms can also be requested in writing from the Divisions of Elections. The first 10,000 applications are provided at no cost, but a 1 cent charge is assessed for each application over 10,000.

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

Photocopying Blank Forms: The state mail-in form may be photocopied and used in voter registration drives.

Submitting Applications: Organizations must submit completed applications to the division or supervisor of the applicant's residence so they are received **within 10 days** of receiving them from the applicant or by the registration deadline, whichever is first. Per-day fines apply for late applications.

The third-party voter registration organization must print the date the applicant completed the application or delivered the application to the organization and the organization's ID number in a conspicuous space on the bottom portion of the reverse side of the voter registration application in a manner that does not obscure any other entry.

Voter registration drive rules in Florida are currently the subject of ongoing litigation. Please check back for any changes. This document is not intended to provide legal advice.

For more information, visit
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