Conducting a Voter Registration Drive in Kentucky

Voter Registration Deadline
Applications must be received or postmarked by the fourth Tuesday prior to Election Day, at least 29 days.

Getting Started

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

Notification and Registration Requirements: Kentucky does not have notification requirements for registration drives, but the state does require the drive's org to act under the supervision of the county clerk: The state information is located here.

Compensation Restrictions: Do not pay registration drive participants based on how many registrations they collect. It is a class B misdemeanor in Kentucky. Do not offer an applicant any incentive of monetary value to register to vote.

Handling Applications

Incomplete Applications: Do not fill in any missing information on a registration form unless you have express 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 should not be retained.

Submitting Completed Applications: State voter registration applications must be delivered/mailed to the county clerk of the county where the voter resides. Federal voter registration applications can be delivered or mailed to State Board of Elections, 140 Walnut Street, Frankfort, KY 40601-3240.

Obtaining Applications

State Form: The state mail-in voter registration application can be downloaded at the State Board of Elections (SBE) website.

You may also request voter registration cards from your county clerk or (for bulk orders) the SBE.

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

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

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