Conducting a Voter Registration Drive in Oregon

Voter Registration Deadline
Postmarked 21 days before Election Day
Applications collected as part of a registration drive must be forwarded to a county clerk or the Secretary of State within five days of receiving them.

Getting Started

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

Notification and Registration Requirements: Oregon does not have notification requirements for registration drives. If an organization requests more than 5,000 voter registration applications, it must develop and abide by a distribution plan to be included on the request form as well as provide written assurances that unused cards will be returned to the Secretary of State.

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.

Handling Applications

Incomplete Applications: Individuals who are helping others to register through registration drives may not fill in incomplete information or make any changes to an application.

Photocopying Completed Applications: You may photocopy completed applications but the signature must be redacted. Check with county election officials regarding guidance for copying. As a best practice, a voter's full or partial Social Security number and/or driver's license number should not be retained and some county officials indicate it is not permitted.

Submitting Completed Applications: All registration applications collected as part of a voter registration drive must be forwarded to a county clerk or the Secretary of State within five days of receiving the card.

Obtaining Applications

State Form: Submitted requests for fewer than 500 voter registration cards to the appropriate county elections office: sos.oregon.gov/elections/Pages/countyofficials.aspx

Requests for 500 or more voter registration cards must be directed to the Secretary of State: sos.oregon.gov/elections/Pages/request-voter-registration-cards.aspx

Federal Form: The federal mail-in voter registration application may be used in voter registration drives: eac.gov/voters/national-mail-voter-registration-form/

Photocopying Blank Forms: Any person may apply in writing to the Secretary of State for permission to print, copy, or otherwise prepare and distribute registration cards.

If a registration drive requests more than 5,000 applications, it must provide a distribution plan and include it on the request form as well as provide written assurances that unused cards will be returned to the Secretary of State.

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