

Conducting a Voter Registration Drive in South Dakota

Voter Registration Deadline

Applications must be received by 5pm 15 days before Election Day.

Drives must submit completed form within 10 days or receipt of by the registration deadline, whichever comes first.

Getting Started

Training Requirement: South Dakota does not require training for registration drives.

Notification and Registration Requirements: South Dakota does not have notification requirements for registration drives, but all private entities and individuals registering voters must provide the voter their contact information.

Compensation Restrictions: Do not pay registration drive volunteers/staff based on how many registrations they collect. It is illegal in the state. Persons may be hired on a salaried or hourly basis. Do not incentivize people to register with anything of monetary value.

Additional information on conducting a voter registration drive can be found here: sdsos.gov/elections-voting/voting/register-to-vote/voter-registration-drive-instructions.aspx

Obtaining Applications

State Form: The state mail-in voter registration application can be downloaded from the State Board of Election's website here:

sdsos.gov/elections-voting/assets/VoterRegistrationFormFillable.pdf

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

Handling Applications

Providing contact information: All private entities and individuals registering voters must provide the voter with their contact information.

Incomplete Applications: Make sure applicants fully complete applications, but 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. **A voter's date of birth, signature, full or partial Social Security Number, and driver's license number should be removed before copying any application.**

Submitting Completed Applications: Any private entity or individual registering voter(s) must file completed registration forms with the county auditor within 10 days or by the voter registration deadline, whichever occurs first. State applications can be mailed to the appropriate county auditor. County Auditor information may be found here: vip.sdsos.gov/CountyAuditors.aspx

The federal form can also be mailed to Secretary of State, Capitol Building, 500 East Capitol Ave Ste 204, Pierre, SD 57501-5020.

Fair Elections Center, Campus Vote Project, and Nonprofit VOTE 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 South Dakota legal professional.

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