



Conducting a Voter Registration Drive in Florida

Voter Registration Deadline

Applications must be received or postmarked 29 days before Election Day

A specific turnaround time applies to voter registration drives turning in applications they collect. See below.

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 by fax at 850-245-6291.

- 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 registering voters 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.

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.

Handling Applications

Incomplete Applications: Don't 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 driver's license number should not be retained.

Submitting Applications: Organizations must submit completed applications to the division or supervisor **within 10 days** of receiving them or by the registration deadline, whichever is first.

- The third-party voter registration organization must print the date the applicant completed the application or delivered the application to the organization 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.
- As long as a registration application bears a clear postmark by the registration deadline it will be accepted. If the application bears a postmark but the postmark cannot be read, it must be received within 5 business days of the registration deadline.

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