Conducting a Voter Registration Drive in Louisiana

Voter Registration Deadline

Paper applications must be received or postmarked by the 30th day before Election Day.
Online voter registration must be completed by the 20th day before Election Day.
A specific turnaround time applies to voter registration drives turning in applications they collect. See below.

Getting Started

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

Notification and Registration Requirements: Louisiana does have a registration requirement for voter registration drives. More information and the registration form can be found on the Secretary of State’s website.

Compensation Restrictions: Do not pay registration drive participants based on how many registrations they collect.

Handling Applications

Incomplete Applications: Do not make any changes to applications or filling in missing information without the express consent of the applicant.

Photocopying Completed Applications: It is illegal to copy voter registration applications.

Submitting Completed Applications: Completed registration applications collected during a drive must be submitted to the parish registrar of voters where the voter resides within 30 days of when the forms were completed or by the registration deadline, whichever is earlier. Fair Elections Center recommends that drive volunteers submit forms so they are received by the parish registrar within 30 days after the forms were completed or by the voter registration deadline, whichever is earlier.

Federal voter registration applications can be delivered or mailed to Secretary of State, Attention: Voter Registration, P.O. Box 94125, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9125. However, it is preferable to submit them to the parish registrar of voters where the voter resides to avoid a delay in acceptance and processing.

State Form: State mail-in voter registration applications may be obtained online or from the parish registrar. There are no limits on the number of forms that can be obtained.

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.

Obtaining Applications

For more information, visit www.fairelectionscenter.org

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