Conducting a Voter Registration Drive in Missouri

Voter Registration Deadlines

Applications must be received or postmarked by the 4th Wednesday prior to Election Day.
A specific turnaround time applies to voter registration drives turning in applications they collect.
See below.

Getting Started

Training Requirement: Missouri does not require training for registration drives. Local election authorities do provide optional training.

Notification and Registration Requirements: Any person who is paid or is otherwise compensated for collecting more than 10 voter registration applications in a general election cycle must complete the Voter Registration Solicitor Form and submit it to the Secretary of State's office.

- Any paid registration solicitor must be at least 18 years of age and registered to vote in Missouri each election cycle.
- Volunteers who are not compensated are not required to provide any information or notification to the Missouri Secretary of State (SOS) or other election officials about their voter registration drive activities.

Compensation Restrictions: It is illegal in Missouri to pay or otherwise compensate any other person for registering voters based on the number of voters registered, number of applications collected, or number of applications submitted.

Obtaining Applications

State Form: You may download a state mail-in voter registration application from the SOS website, but the form is county-specific so it's not recommended for voter registration drives. Pre-printed state applications can be requested from any election authority. Requests for a large number of applications should be made to the Secretary of State's office.

Federal Form: The federal mail-in voter registration application may also be used in voter registration drives. and mailed to the Secretary of State's office as listed on the federal form or the voter's local election authority.

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

Handling Applications

Incomplete Applications: Do not 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 the driver's license number should not be retained.

Submitting Applications: Anyone who offers to submit a completed voter registration application on another's behalf must deliver it within seven days of accepting or receiving the application. State regulations indicate state forms must be delivered to the appropriate election authority representing the area in which the applicant resides.

Fair Elections Center and Campus Vote Project 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 Missouri legal professional.

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