

VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE

INFORMATION

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S E C R E T A R Y O F S T A T E

How do I hold a voter registration drive?

Anyone that plans to hold a voter registration drive must first register with the Secretary of State or the local Registrar of Voters.

What is a voter registration drive?

The solicitation, distribution, or collection of voter registration applications by a third-party voter registration organization or individual.

Who is required to register a drive?

Any individual or entity that solicits, distributes, or collects voter registration applications and that is not required by law to do so.

Note: This does not include drives that are solely using the Geaux Vote Online Registration System to submit applications electronically (with no paper registration applications).

Where can I register my drive?

- In person at your parish Registrar of Voters Office OR
- In person at the Secretary of State's Office OR
- By email to Outreach@sos.la.gov

All completed registration applications must be submitted to the Registrar of Voters Office in the parish in which the applicant resides.

It is a recommended best practice that unused applications are also returned to the Registrar of Voters upon completion of your drive or no later than the close of registration for the next election, whichever occurs first.

For more information, call 800-883-2805

ALL REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS MUST BE TURNED IN TO THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS OFFICE WITHIN 30 DAYS OF COMPLETION OR NO LATER THAN THE CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE NEXT ELECTION, WHICHEVER OCCURS FIRST.

Applicants must vote IN PERSON the first time after registering online or by mail. Applicants will receive a verification mailing or voter ID card within 30 days of eligibility determination by the registrar of voters.

KNOW THE LAW **GEAUX** VOTE

Voter registration applications contain important and sensitive personal information. It is a crime to copy voter registration applications and the information they contain for any reason. The criminal penalty for a first offense violation is up to \$2,000 or two years in jail, or both. Protect the identity of those you're assisting in registering by following the law!

R.S. 18:1461.2 ELECTION OFFENSES AFFECTING REGISTRATION AND ELECTION FRAUD OR FORGERY; PENALTIES

- A. No person shall knowingly, willfully, or intentionally:
- (3) Register, vote, or attempt to register or vote in the name of another or in an assumed or fictitious name, or in any manner other than as provided in this Title.
 - (4) Forge the name of another or use a fictitious name on an affidavit or document required under this Title.
 - (5) Procure or submit voter registration applications that are known by the person to be materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent.
 - (6) Forge, alter, add to, deface, take, destroy, or remove from proper custodial care any book, card, record, voter registration application, election return, nomination papers, withdrawals of candidacy, election supplies, election paraphernalia, or any affidavit or other document required or provided for under the provisions of this Title, unless required to be removed by a court of competent jurisdiction for inspection and photostatic copying for the court record.
 - (7) Have in his possession an official ballot in violation of any provision of this Title.
 - (8) Have in his possession the registration certificate of another with intent to violate any provision of this Title.
 - (9) For purposes other than fulfilling the person's duties relative to registration of voters as provided by law, copy or reproduce a voter registration application that has been submitted by an applicant.
 - (10) Fill out information on another person's voter registration application, except when providing assistance to an applicant in the manner authorized by law.

B. Whoever violates any provision of this Section shall be fined not more than two thousand dollars or be imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not more than two years, or both, for the first offense. On a second offense, or any subsequent offense, the penalty shall be a fine of not more than five thousand dollars or imprisonment at hard labor for not more than five years, or both.

R.S. 18:1461.7 MISCELLANEOUS ELECTION OFFENSES; PENALTIES

- A. No person shall knowingly, willfully, or intentionally:
- (1) Fail to submit to the parish registrar of voters a completed registration application collected through a third party voter registration drive within thirty days of receipt of the completed application from the applicant or no later than the date provided in R.S. 18:135(A)(1), whichever occurs first.
- B. Whoever violates any provision of Subsection A of this Section shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars or be imprisoned for not more than one year, or both. On a second offense, or any subsequent offense, the penalty shall be a fine of not more than two thousand five hundred dollars or imprisonment for not more than five years, or both.

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