

## Conducting a Voter Registration Drive in North Carolina

### Voter Registration Deadline

Applications must be received or postmarked 25 days before Election Day.

#### Getting Started

**Training Requirement:** North Carolina does not require training for registration drives.

**Notification and Registration Requirements:** North Carolina does not have notification requirements for registration drives.

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

#### Obtaining Applications

**State Form:** State registration forms can be obtained by submitting a [North Carolina Voter Registration Supplies Order Form](#). This form can be downloaded from the [State BOE's website](#).

- These forms should be ordered in groups of 1,000. If you need less than 1,000 call 1-866-522-4723 to place an order

**Federal Form:** The [federal voter registration application](#) may be used in voter registration drives.

#### Handling Applications

**Incomplete Application:** North Carolina prohibits changing a person's information on a voter registration form prior to delivering it to the County Board of Elections.

**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.**

#### Handling Applications (continued)

**Submitting Applications:** Deliver applications within 5 days by mail or by hand to the appropriate county board of elections or no later than the registration deadline.

Completed voter registration applications may also be delivered to County Board of Elections by fax.

- **Submitting New Registration/Changing Party Affiliation:** Completed applications reflecting new registration and changes in party affiliation will be accepted as long as they are faxed to County Board of Elections by 5 p.m. on the 25<sup>th</sup> day before the election. After the completed application is sent by facsimile, the original application must be mailed or delivered to the County Board of Elections within 20 days of the election.
- **Submitting Change of Address or Name:** If a voter moves within the county, complete applications reflecting changes of name or address may also be faxed to County Board of Elections by 5 p.m. 25 days before the election and in this circumstance, the original form does not need to be mailed to the County Board of Elections. If a voter moves between counties, it is considered a new registration and the signed physical registration form is required to be submitted.

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