



Restrictions on 3rd Party Voter Registration Drives

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Background

While almost all states allow voter registration drives, some ban them entirely, and a number of states have implemented restrictions that operate to unduly burden these efforts. Such restrictions include requiring groups to register and or complete (often burdensome) training through the state as well as implementing deadlines which require completed applications to be returned before the general registration deadline.

Scoring

- If state does not allow registration drives, -1 point
- If state restricts voter registration drives, -1/2 point
- State does not restrict registration drives, 0 points

Summary Table

Category	Number	List
State does not restrict voter registration drives	25 states & D.C.	Alabama Alaska Arizona Connecticut D.C. Hawaii Idaho Illinois Kansas Kentucky Maine Massachusetts Michigan Mississippi Montana New Jersey New York



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		North Carolina North Dakota* Oklahoma Pennsylvania Rhode Island South Carolina Tennessee Utah Vermont
State restricts voter registration drives	23 states	Arkansas California Colorado Delaware Florida Georgia Indiana Iowa Louisiana Maryland Minnesota Missouri Nebraska Nevada New Mexico Ohio Oregon South Dakota Texas Virginia Washington West Virginia Wisconsin
State does not allow voter registration drives	2 states	New Hampshire Wyoming



State-by-State Sources and More Detail

Alabama (0)

- State does not restrict voter registration drives.

Alaska (0)

- State does not restrict voter registration drives.

Arizona (0)

- State does not restrict voter registration drives.

Arkansas (-1/2)

- State restricts voter registration drives.
- State requires that completed applications be submitted by mail or delivery within 21 days of the date on the application or by 30 days before Election Day, whichever is earlier. Criminal penalties apply to violations of these laws ([ARK. CONST. amend 51, § 9.](#); [ARK. CONST. amend 51, § 15 \(c\).](#))

California (-1/2)

- State restricts voter registration drives.
- State requires that groups requesting 50 or more blank forms submit documentation to the Secretary of State. Documentation is also required for individuals compensated to help register voters. Completed applications must be returned to the county election official within three days of receipt, or by close of registration, whichever is earlier. For information on these laws and additional restrictions see the Secretary of State [website](#).

Colorado (-1/2)

- State restricts voter registration drives.
- State requires that registration drive organizers complete training and subsequent testing through the Secretary of State. Applications must be returned no later than 15 days after the application is signed or by the registration deadline, whichever is earlier. For more information see the Secretary of State [website](#).

Connecticut (0)

- State does not restrict voter registration drives.



Delaware (-1/2)

- State restricts voter registration drives.
- State requires training to distribute state specific registration forms. Groups are also encouraged to registration with the state election commissioner. Applications are generally required to be submitted within 5 days of completion. See [here](#) for more information or contact the state [here](#).

D.C. (0)

- D.C. does not restrict voter registration drives.

Florida (-1/2)

- State restricts voter registration drives.
- State requires groups to apply to the Division of Elections and that application must be approved before groups begin to register voters. Completed applications must be submitted within 14 days of receipt deadline or before registration deadline, whichever is earlier. For more information see the Division of Elections [website](#).

Georgia (-1/2)

- State restricts voter registration drives.
- State law provides various restrictions on drives, including that completed applications be submitted within a certain time period, which varies depending on when the application is completed. For more information see the Secretary of State [website](#).

Hawaii (0)

- State does not restrict voter registration drives.

Idaho (0)

- State does not restrict voter registration drives.

Illinois (0)

- State does not restrict voter registration drives.

Indiana (-1/2)

- State restricts voter registration drives.
- State requires that completed applications must be submitted within 10 days after receipt or by the registration deadline, whichever is earlier. Penalties may apply for failure to follow this deadline. See [here](#) for more information.



Iowa (-1/2)

- State restricts voter registration drives.
- State restricts compensation for voter registration drives; organizations may only pay employees for their time. Completed applications must be submitted within 7 days of receipt, or within 24 hours if the form is received within three days of the registration deadline. For more information see the Secretary of State [website](#).

Kansas (0)

- State does not restrict voter registration drives.

Kentucky (0)

- State does not restrict voter registration drives.

Louisiana (-1/2)

- State restricts voter registration drives.
- State requires organizations conducting drives to register with the Secretary of State. Completed applications must be returned within 30 days of receipt. See [here](#) for more information.

Maine (0)

- State does not restrict voter registration drives.

Maryland (-1/2)

- State restricts voter registration drives.
- State requires training for persons who wish to obtain more than 25 applications per day. Completed applications must be returned within 5 days of receipt or by the registration deadline, whichever is earlier. See [here](#) for more information.

Massachusetts (0)

- State does not restrict voter registration drives.

Michigan (0)

- State does not restrict voter registration drives.

Minnesota (-1/2)

- State restricts voter registration drives.
- State requires that completed applications be returned to Secretary of State within 10 days of receipt. See [here](#) for more information.

Mississippi (0)

- State does not restrict voter registration drives.



Missouri (-1/2)

- State restricts voter registration drives.
- State requires that any person compensated for collecting more than 10 applications submit documentation to the Secretary of State. Completed applications must be returned within 7 days of receipt. See [here](#) for more information.

Montana (0)

- State does not restrict voter registration drives.

Nebraska (-1/2)

- State restricts voter registration drives.
- State requires that anyone conducting activities beyond just distributing forms must become deputy registrars, who are subject to regulations and training. Completed applications must be returned within 24 hours of receipt. See [here](#) for more information.

Nevada (-1/2)

- State restricts voter registration drives.
- State requires that organizations requesting 50 or more applications must submit documentation to the Secretary of State or county election official. Completed applications must be returned within 10 days of receipt or before the registration deadline, whichever is earlier. See [here](#) for more information.

New Hampshire (-1)

- State law does not allow registration drives ([N.H. Rev. Stats. Ann. §§ 654:7 to 654:23](#)).

New Jersey (0)

- State does not restrict voter registration drives.

New Mexico (-1/2)

- State restricts voter registration drives.
- State requires training course before conducting a registration drive. Organizations and their members must register with the Secretary of State and submit documentation. Completed applications must be returned within 48 hours of receipt. See [here](#) for more information.

New York (0)

- State does not restrict voter registration drives.

North Carolina (0)

- State does not restrict voter registration drives.



North Dakota (0)

- Does not require voter registration.

Ohio (-1/2)

- State restricts voter registration drives.
- State requires that completed applications be submitted with 10 days of receipt or by the registration deadline, whichever is earlier. See [here](#) for more information.

Oklahoma (0)

- State does not restrict voter registration drives.

Oregon (-1/2)

- State restricts voter registration drives.
- State requires that organizations requesting more than 5000 voter registration applications develop a distribution plan and submit the plan to the Secretary of State. Completed applications must be returned within 5 days of receipt. See [here](#) for more information.

Pennsylvania (0)

- State does not restrict voter registration drives.

Rhode Island (0)

- State does not restrict voter registration drives.

South Carolina (0)

- State does not restrict voter registration drives.

South Dakota (-1/2)

- State restricts voter registration drives.
- State requires that anyone registering voters provide the voter with their contact information. Completed applications must be returned within 10 days or by the registration deadline, whichever is earlier. See [here](#) for more information.

Tennessee (0)

- State does not restrict voter registration drives.

Texas (-1/2)

- State restricts voter registration drives.
- State requires that any individual registering voters be authorized as a volunteer deputy registrar, which requires training and certification. Completed applications must be returned in person within 5 days after receipt. See [here](#) for more information.



Utah (0)

- State does not restrict voter registration drives.

Vermont (0)

- State does not restrict voter registration drives.

Virginia (-1/2)

- State restricts voter registration drives.
- State requires that all individuals or organizations requesting twenty-five or more voter registration applications from the Department of Elections or local voter registration offices must register and complete ELECT certified training. Completed applications must be returned within 10 days of receipt. See [here](#) for more information.

Washington (-1/2)

- State restricts voter registration drives.
- State requires that completed applications be submitted within 5 days of receipt or before the registration deadline, whichever is earlier. See [here](#) for more information.

West Virginia (-1/2)

- State restricts voter registration drives.
- State requires that completed applications be submitted within 15 days of receipt or by the registration deadline, whichever is earlier. See [here](#) for more information.

Wisconsin (-1/2)

- State restricts voter registration drives.
- State requires that organizations conducting registration drives collect copies of documentary proof of residence from applicants. See [here](#) for more information.

Wyoming (-1)

- State law does not allow registration drives. See [here](#) for more information.

Democracy Map & Additional Resources

- See our Democracy Map: [Restrictions on 3rd Party Registration Drives](#), which is updated in real time.
- See these [guides](#) from Democracy Capacity and Bolder Advocacy for additional details