

VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVES

Candidates and their campaigns may distribute voter registration applications and conduct voter registration drives. Voter registration applications may be picked up at county boards of elections offices in quantities up to 100. Larger quantities may be requested from the State Board of Elections.

Any person who conducts a voter registration drive is responsible for understanding the legal requirements and the legal penalties for failure to comply with the requirements.

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Organizers and participants should carefully follow the voter registration drive [information chart](#) of requirements and **DOs** and **DON'Ts**.

RETURN VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS TO COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Voter registration applications that are collected from applicants should be delivered to the appropriate county board of elections no later than the voter registration deadline for an election. It is recommended that the applications be delivered to the board of elections within five (5) days of receipt.

This will ensure that the applicant is timely registered and promptly receives his or her voter registration card. Applications received by the State Board of Elections will be routed to the proper county board of elections, but voter registration drive organizers are strongly encouraged to route completed applications directly to the applicants' proper county board of elections.

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Voter Registration Drive Information Chart

Qualifications to Vote

N.C.G.S. § 163-55



DO Voter MUST:

- Be a citizen of the United States
- Live in the county of registration and have resided there for at least 30 days prior to an election.
- Be 18 years old or be 18 at the time of the general election; or be 16 or 17 years old to preregister to vote.
- Not be currently serving a felony sentence, including any probation, post-release supervision, or parole.
 - Note: The voter may register and vote if they are serving an extended term of probation, post-release supervision, or parole, they have outstanding fines, fees, or restitution, and they do not know of another reason that their probation, post-release supervision, or parole was extended.
 - For more information, please visit: ncsbe.gov/registering/who-can-register/registering-person-criminal-justice-system.

**For questions about eligibility, voter should contact their county board of elections.*



IF IN VIOLATION: N.C.G.S. § 163-275 – Violations of this statute shall be a Class I felony, subject to a fine and up to 24 months imprisonment.

Completing Voter Registration Forms

N.C.G.S. § 163-82.4



DO Voter is REQUIRED to complete the following fields:

- Citizenship and Age (checkboxes)
- Full Name
- Date of Birth
- Address (provide physical and mailing address, if applicable)
- Voter's Signature – the voter must sign or make their mark.

**A voter may receive assistance upon request, but voter must sign the form.*



DO NOT

- Do not compensate or be compensated for the number of registration forms collected/submitted. Quota systems in voter registration drives are illegal and subject to a class 2 misdemeanor. N.C.G.S. § 163-274(15)
- **Do not tell voters they must re-register to vote. This is incorrect.** Refer them to their county board of elections if they have questions about their voting status or eligibility.

- Do not alter the form once the voter has finished marking it. Any incomplete form should be given to the county board of elections as is. Any assistance filling out the form must be in the voter's presence and must be at the voter's request.
- Do not coerce a person into marking a party affiliation other than what the voter desires.
- Do not offer a person a voter registration form that has been pre-marked. Only allowed if the voter requested the pre-marking.
- Do not sell or attempt to sell a completed voter registration form or condition its delivery upon payment.



IF IN VIOLATION: *N.C.G.S. § 163-82.6(a) and (b) – Violations of this statute shall be a class 2 misdemeanor, subject to a fine and up to 60 days of imprisonment.*

Returning Voter Registration Forms

N.C.G.S. § 163-82.6(d) and (e)



DO

- All voter registration forms—both complete and incomplete—must be sent to county board of elections in which the voter resides. Please also return unused forms if they are no longer needed.
- Submit completed voter registration forms within 5 business days of receipt but no later than the 25th day before an election.
- Maintain a log of staff/volunteers to easily trace who has collected and submitted which registration forms. Logs should contain the name of the person assigned to a batch and contact information to include phone number, mailing address and email.



DO NOT

- Do not keep, retain or store completed or partially completed voter registration forms in any form for any purpose. It is illegal to retain a voter's Personal Identifiable Information (PII) unless you are an election official or the information is fully redacted under N.C.G.S. § 163-274(16). This information includes:
 - Registrant's signature
 - Partial of full Social Security number
 - Date of birth
 - Driver's license number
 - Email address
 - Identity of the public agency which the registrant registered (N.C.G.S. § 163-82.20)



IF IN VIOLATION: *N.C.G.S. § 163-274(16) – Violations of this statute shall be a class 2 misdemeanor, subject to a fine and up to 60 days of imprisonment.*