



CONDUCTING A VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE IN ALABAMA

VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINES



State law requires that applications must be received or postmarked 11 days before Election Day.

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ONLINE REGISTRATION TOOL



Community Health Vote has an Online Registration Tool that will help you fill out a voter registration form and print it out to submit to your local elections office. Visit www.communityhealthvote.net to enter your information.

BEFORE GETTING STARTED

Training Requirement: Alabama does not require organizations or individuals running voter registration drives to participate in training.

Notification and Registration Requirements: Alabama law does not require civic organizations, employees, or volunteers conducting voter registration drives to provide notification to the secretary of state's office or the county recorder's office of their registration drive.

Compensation Restrictions: Alabama does not regulate the basis by which third-party voter registration organizations pay their employees, but it is best not to pay employees by how many registrations they complete.

OBTAINING APPLICATIONS

State Form: Voter registration forms are available at the [secretary of state's website](#). The secretary of state's office and the county boards of registrars must make voter registration forms available for use in registration drives. There is no limit on the number of forms that may be obtained.

Federal Form: The [federal mail-in voter registration application](#) may be used in voter registration drives. It can also be found at http://www.eac.gov/voter_resources/register_to_vote.aspx

Photocopying Blank Forms: Blank forms may be photocopied for use in registration drives.

HANDLING APPLICATIONS

Incomplete Applications: : If you assisted an applicant in completing the registration form by signing the applicant's name, you must provide your name and address in the appropriate box on the voter registration form.

Photocopying Completed Applications: Not permitted prior to returning to county board of registrars, but may be requested afterwards.

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FOR MORE VOTER REGISTRATION RESOURCES VISIT WWW.COMMUNITYHEALTHVOTE.NET

HANDLING APPLICATIONS CONT.

Submitting Completed Applications: Completed voter registration forms must be received by the appropriate county board of registrars or postmarked 11 days before Election Day.

Federal voter registration applications may also be delivered/mailed to :

Office of the Secretary of State
P.O. Box 5616
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Participants in voter registration drives are encouraged to submit completed applications within a week of receiving them.

FAIR ELECTIONS LEGAL NETWORK

Working to remove barriers to voting and improve election administration across the United States.

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Community Health Vote is a project working to support as many of the more than 1,200 Federally Qualified Health Center organizations (FQHCs) as possible in establishing non-partisan voter registration as one of the services they provide to their patients and communities on an ongoing basis.

America's Community Health Centers are the health care home for over 22 million people because of the quality, culturally sensitive services they provide. Millions of our patients and many more new patients will also be coming into health centers now to enroll in subsidized health insurance or expanded Medicaid coverage. Many of these people are eligible to vote but not registered and many have registrations that need to be updated for them to cast a ballot.

By making voter registration readily accessible and convenient for patients — who are statistically among the least likely to be registered to vote and engaged in the electoral process — health centers can offer a pathway to become more informed and civically engaged.

We know that all health center staff are busy and that helping patients register to vote may seem like just one more thing to do, but we also know that being asked about voter registration by a trusted source like their health center makes a real difference in whether our patients vote. We want to make helping your patients register to vote as quick and easy as possible for them and you.

