

Conducting a Voter Registration Drive in Michigan

Voter Registration Deadline

Applications must be postmarked or received by the 15th day before Election Day.

In person registration at the city or township clerk's office is available within 14 days prior to and on Election Day with proof of residency.

Getting Started

Training Requirements: Michigan does not require training for registration drives.

Notification and Registration Requirements: Michigan does not have notification requirements for registration drives.

Compensation Restrictions: Do not pay registration drive participants based on how many registrations they collect or on the total number of individuals a person registers to vote in a particular political party; it is a criminal offense in Michigan. Do not offer an applicant any incentive of monetary value to register to vote.

State Guide: The Secretary of State's guide to voter registration drives is located here:

bit.ly/misosvoterregdrive

Obtaining Applications

State Form: The state mail-in voter registration application can be downloaded here:

michigan.gov/sos/-/media/Project/Websites/sos/Elections/Election-Forms/Voter-Registration-Form-English.pdf

Federal Form: The federal mail-in voter registration application may also be used in voter registration drives and must be accepted by the Secretary of State:

eac.gov/voters/national-mail-voter-registration-form/

Photocopying Blank Forms: Blank applications may be photocopied and used in voter registration drives.

Handling Applications

Incomplete Applications: Individuals registering persons to vote may not fill in any missing or incomplete information on a registration form themselves.

Photocopying Completed Applications: There is no law or rule prohibiting photocopying or retaining information from completed registration applications. As a best practice, a voter's full or partial Social Security Number and/or driver's license number should not be retained.

Submitted Applications: Completed forms may be emailed, mailed or hand delivered to an election clerk. Information on clerks can be found here:

mvic.sos.state.mi.us/Voter/Index/#yourclerk

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