

RESPONSIBILITIES

The decision to conduct a voter registration drive is an important one. Voter registration is fundamental to elections. Assisting qualified citizens in becoming registered voters and involving them in the democratic process is a worthy cause and carries with it certain responsibilities and following some basic directions. Voter registration drive organizers and participants must adhere to the following guidelines:

- You must provide individuals with current, state-approved voter registration forms.
- You must refrain from coercing, threatening, or intimidating any person engaged in the registration or voting process.
- You must refrain from altering any information placed on the form without the permission of the person registering.
- If assisting a person in filling out a form, you must place information on the form that accurately reflects the intent and direction of the person.
- You must refrain from giving a partially completed registration form to a person for registering, unless that person is made aware of the information already on the form and the person registering does not object to that information. An unaltered blank registration form must be provided to the registrant if requested.
- You may not refuse to accept completed registration forms.
- You must return all completed applications and accompanying documentation to the applicant's county board of elections on or before the **25th day before an election**. Failure to do so could be punishable as a Class 2 misdemeanor.

OBTAINING FORMS

Voter registration forms can be obtained from your local county board of elections office. Orders require the completion of a request form which is available from the county board of elections or the State Board of Elections at: www.ncsbe.gov.

We do not require unused forms to be returned. However, these forms are printed at a cost to the state.

If you do have a large number of forms that you do not plan to use, please return them to your local county board of elections office or to the State Board of Elections.

USE OF FORMS

Voter registration forms can be used to:

- Register to vote¹
- Preregister to vote²
- Change party affiliation
- Change address and/ or name

¹ Any registration forms completed by new registrants at voter registration drives or by mail must contain the voter's North Carolina driver license number. If a driver license number cannot be provided, the registrant shall provide the last four digits of his/her social security number. If the registrant cannot supply an identification number, he/she may still register, but must be prepared to show identification at the polling place the first time he/she presents to vote. Accepted forms of identification include:

- A copy of a current and valid photo identification
- A copy of a document that shows the name and address of the voter, such as: a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document.

² 16-17 year-olds may preregister to vote. When he/she becomes eligible by age to vote, the county board of elections will automatically process his/her voter registration application.

QUALIFICATIONS TO PREREGISTER/ REGISTER TO VOTE

- **U.S. Citizenship**— An individual must be a U.S. citizen by birth or naturalization.
- **Age**— An individual must be at least 18 years of age by general election day, or at least 16 years of age to preregister to vote.
- Those individuals who will be 18 on or before the next general election may register and vote in the primary for that election at age 17; however, they may not vote for referenda until they are 18 years of age.
- **Residence**— An individual may register to vote only in the county in which he/she resides.
- The individual may not vote in any other county or state.
- If convicted of a felony, an individual may register to vote only if his/her sentence is complete, including probation or parole. Once released from custody, probation, or parole, citizenship rights are automatically restored and he/she is eligible to register to vote.

REGISTERING SPANISH SPEAKING CITIZENS

Voter registration materials are available in both English and Spanish. You can request Spanish registration forms from the county board of elections or from the State Board of Elections.

"Let us never forget that government is ourselves and not an alien power over us. The ultimate rulers of our democracy are not a President and senators and congressmen and government officials, but the voters of this country."

Franklin D. Roosevelt

COMPLETING VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS

Individuals who conduct voter registration drives may assist voters in completing their applications. If you are asked to help complete forms, please remember the following:

The required fields of information are:

- Name
- Citizenship and Age checkboxes
- Physical Address
- Mailing Address (if different from physical address)
- Date of Birth
- Driver License number or last four digits of Social Security number (if they have either of these identification numbers)
- Signature of Voter

Voters must answer the question, "Are you a citizen of the United States of America?" Failure to do this may delay the registration process at the county board of elections.

If you realize that a voter has not completed the registration form, **DO NOT** complete it for them. Give the form to the county board of elections. They will contact the voter to retrieve the missing information.

If you have any questions regarding the voter registration process, you may contact your local county board of elections or the State Board of Elections Office.

If you would like to download this brochure go to:

www.ncsbe.gov

The NC State Board of Elections strives to register 100% of eligible U.S. citizens. We appreciate all efforts with voter registration of eligible voters and the assistance in updating the list of registered voters.

County Board of Elections

Address:

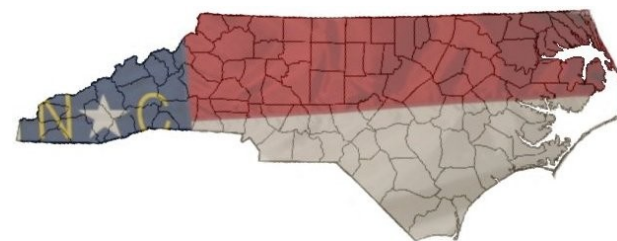
Telephone:

Website:

NC State Board of Elections
P.O. Box 27255
Raleigh, NC 27611-7255
Phone: (919) 733-7173
Website: www.ncsbe.gov
Or call toll free: 1-866-522-4723

NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Voter Registration Drives:



A Citizen's Guide

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