

IV. STATE-BY-STATE SURVEY

When states regulate voter registration drives, it directly affects who participates in the electoral process, and who is permitted to assist them. This survey provides a state-by-state snapshot of the following four categories of restrictions.

1) Official Volunteer Systems

- Laws requiring official certification or authorization to conduct voter registration drives.

2) Training Programs

- Laws offering or requiring a specified course of training before conducting voter registration drives.

3) Registration & Reporting Requirements

- Laws requiring groups to first register with the State and maintain or submit various records and reports related to drives.

4) Return Deadlines & Penalties

- Laws requiring the submission of collected voter registration applications prior to the general book closing deadline, and imposing penalties for violations of the return deadline or violations of other rules.

For almost every state, the Brennan Center provided the chief election official with an opportunity to edit the summary. Revised drafts were returned to the official for final review.

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NORTH CAROLINA

Official Volunteer System:	No	For More Information: State Board of Elections 441 North Harrington Street Raleigh, NC 27603 (919) 733-7173 http://www.ncsbe.gov/
Training:	No	
Registration & Reporting:	No	
Return Deadline & Penalties:	Yes	
Other:	Yes	

North Carolina law directs the State Board of Elections to make voter application forms available for distribution through governmental and private entities, with particular emphasis on making them available for organized voter registration drives.¹

Effective January 1, 2014, compensation based on the number of forms submitted is prohibited. Violation of this provision will constitute a Class 2 misdemeanor.²

View the full report at:

http://www.brennancenter.org/content/resource/state_restrictions_on_voter_registration_drives/

¹ N.C. GEN. STAT. § 163-82.5 (2011).

² H.B. 589, 2013-2014 Gen. Assemb., Reg. Sess. (N.C. 2013), *to be codified as* N.C. GEN. STAT. § 163-274(a)(14) (2013).