

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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ALASKA

Official Volunteer System:	No	For More Information: Division of Elections 240 Main Street, 4th Floor Juneau, AK 99801 (907) 465-4611 http://www.elections.alaska.gov
Training:	No	
Registration & Reporting:	No	
Return Deadline & Penalties:	No	
Other:	Yes	

Alaska does not have laws directly regulating community-based voter registration drives, nor an official volunteer system. The Director of Elections recommends that individuals who plan to participate in voter registration drive activities become trained registration officials, although it is not

required.¹ However, only a qualified state voter who takes an oath, completes training and undergoes periodic evaluation can be a registration official.² Registration officials are required to transmit completed registration forms to the election supervisor within 5 days.³

View the full report at:

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

¹ Email from Gail Fenumiai, Director, Alaska Div. of Elections, to Lucy Zhou, Research Assoc., Brennan Ctr. for Justice (Oct. 1, 2012) (on file with author).

² ALASKA STAT. § 15.07.100 (2012).

³ *Id.*