

## 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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## ARKANSAS

<b>Official Volunteer System:</b>	No	<b>For More Information:</b> Elections Division State Capitol, Room 026 Little Rock, AR 72201 (501) 682-5070 <a href="http://www.sos.arkansas.gov/elections/">http://www.sos.arkansas.gov/elections/</a>
<b>Training:</b>	No	
<b>Registration &amp; Reporting:</b>	No	
<b>Return Deadline &amp; Penalties:</b>	21 Days	
<b>Other:</b>	No	

Arkansas requires anyone who accepts a completed voter registration application from another person to return it to the County Clerk or the Secretary of State within 21 days of the date on the voter registration application, or no later than 30 days prior to the next election, whichever comes first.<sup>1</sup> Willful violation of the return deadline is a misdemeanor,<sup>2</sup> punishable by a fine of up to \$2,500 or up to a year in jail.<sup>3</sup> More severe penalties can apply for malicious or intentional acts to destroy, steal, mutilate or detain voter registration forms.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> *ARK. CONST. amend 51, § 9.*

<sup>2</sup> *ARK. CONST. amend 51, § 15 (c).*

<sup>3</sup> *ARK. CODE ANN. §§ 5-1-107, 5-4-201, 5-4-401 (2012).*

<sup>4</sup> *ARK. CONST. amend 51, § 15 (a).*