

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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MINNESOTA

Official Volunteer System:	No	For More Information: Elections & Voting Division 180 State Office Building 100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Saint Paul, MN 55155-1299 (651) 215-1440 http://www.sos.state.mn.us/index.aspx?page=4
Training:	No	
Registration & Reporting:	No	
Return Deadline & Penalties:	10 days	
Other:	Yes	

In Minnesota, anyone accepting a completed voter registration application must submit it to elections officials within 10 calendar days after the application is dated by the voter.¹ Compensation for collection of applications on a per-registrant basis is prohibited.²

Intentional violation of provisions of the voter registration chapter, including the 10-day deadline, constitutes a felony,³ subject to punishment by up to five years in prison, or fines up to \$10,000, or both.⁴ Violation of the per-registrant compensation ban is a petty misdemeanor,⁵ which does not constitute a criminal offense and for which the maximum fine is \$300.⁶

View the full report at:

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

¹ MINN. STAT. § 201.061(1) (2012).

² MINN. STAT. § 201.054(3) (2012).

³ MINN. STAT. § 201.27(3) (2012).

⁴ MINN. STAT. § 609.03(1) (2012).

⁵ MINN. STAT. § 201.054(3)(c) (2012).

⁶ MINN. STAT. § 609.02 (4a) (2012).