

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.

These summaries are not intended as, and do not constitute, legal advice. They are provided for informational and educational use only. For more information, including specific voter registration requirements, or any revisions to the laws described, contact the elections office listed for each state.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Because election-day registration is permitted in New Hampshire, it is exempt from the National Voter Registration Act.¹ Election officials in New Hampshire do not accept voter registration applications submitted through voter registration drives.² Except in a few very limited circumstances permitting registration by mail,³ applicants must register to vote in-person.⁴

¹ 42 U.S.C. §1973gg-2(b)(2) (2006); N.H. REV. STATS. ANN. § 654:7-A(2012).

² Correspondence from Karen Ladd, Assistant Sec'y of State, N.H., to Lianna Reagan, Research Associate, Brennan Ctr. for Justice (Apr. 13, 2012) (on file with author); *see also* N.H. REV. STATS. ANN. §§ 654:7 to 654:23 (2012).

³ N.H. REV. STATS. ANN. §§ 654:16 to 654:23 (2012).

⁴ N.H. REV. STATS. ANN. §§ 654:7 to 654:15 (2012).

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