

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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SOUTH DAKOTA

Official Volunteer System:	No	For More Information: Elections Department 500 East Capitol Avenue Pierre, SD 57501-5070 (605) 773-3537 http://sdsos.gov/Elections/
Training:	No	
Registration & Reporting:	No	
Return Deadline & Penalties:	10 Days	
Other:	Yes	

South Dakota requires any private entity or individual conducting voter registration drives to provide registrants with contact information so they may contact the individual or entity to determine their registration status.¹ Collected forms must be returned “within ten days or by the voter registration deadline, whichever occurs first.”² Violation of the deadline is a Class 2 misdemeanor,³ punishable by up to 30 days in a county jail or a maximum fine of \$500, or both.⁴ South Dakota law does not specify failure to deliver applications on time be knowing or deliberate.

No person may pay or receive compensation based on the number of voters registered.⁵ Violation of this provision is also a Class 2 misdemeanor.

View the full report at:

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

¹ S.D. CODIFIED LAWS § 12-4-3 (2012).

² S.D. CODIFIED LAWS § 12-4-3.2 (2012).

³ S.D. CODIFIED LAWS § 12-4-3.2 (2012).

⁴ S.D. CODIFIED LAWS § 22-6-2 (2012).

⁵ S.D. CODIFIED LAWS §§ 12-4-52 to 12-4-53 (2012).