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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Louisiana maintains an optional official volunteer system (“deputy registrars”). Louisiana provides for the appointment of paid deputy registrars, who act in the same manner as official registrars in registering voters. Only qualified voters may be deputy registrars. Paid deputy registrars, who are government employees, cannot engage in political activity while registering voters.

Outside of the official volunteer system, Louisiana law requires that any completed application collected through a registration drive must be submitted within 30 days of receipt to the parish registrar. In addition, “voter registration applications returned by a third party must be received by any registrar of voters no later than the registration deadline for a particular election in order for the applicant to be eligible to vote in that election.” A knowing violation of the 30-day deadline is a misdemeanor subject to a maximum $1,000 fine, one year’s imprisonment, or both; a second offense is punishable by a maximum $2,500 fine, five year’s imprisonment, or both.

Louisiana also requires that the parish registrar of voters maintain a supply of state mail voter registration application forms for distribution and for voter registration. The forms must be supplied to private entities and organized voter registration programs.

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

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5 LA. REV. STAT. ANN. § 18:115 (E)(2) (2012)
6 LA. REV. STAT. ANN. § 18:1461.7 (2012).
7 LA. REV. STAT. ANN. § 18:115(D) (2012).