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
   o Laws requiring official certification or authorization to conduct voter registration drives.

2) Training Programs
   o Laws offering or requiring a specified course of training before conducting voter registration drives.

3) Registration & Reporting Requirements
   o Laws requiring groups to first register with the State and maintain or submit various records and reports related to drives.

4) Return Deadlines & Penalties
   o 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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Nevada maintains an optional official volunteer system (“Field Registrars”). Only registered voters may qualify as Field Registrars, and they are appointed by the county clerk and serve at the pleasure, and under the direction, of the clerk.\(^1\) Candidates for office cannot serve as Field Registrars and Field Registrars may not engage in political activity while registering voters.\(^2\) Field Registrars may not delegate their responsibilities to others.\(^3\)

Field Registrars must provide registrants with a receipt or duplicate copy of their registration form with the name of the Field Registrar.\(^4\) Completed forms must sent to the county election office whenever a Field Registrar has five or more forms in their possession. No completed form can be held for more than 10 days.\(^5\) Field registrars must also return unused forms to the county election office within five days after the fifth Sunday preceding any general election,\(^6\) and submit a separate list of the serial numbers of completed voter registration forms along with the names of the electors.\(^7\)

Voter registration drives may also operate outside the field registrar system. They are subject to some, but not all of the same rules. Nevada law requires all individuals who assist an elector in completing a voter registration application to include their mailing address and signature when submitting the application.\(^8\) Anyone who collects a completed form for submission must also enter his or her name on the duplicate copy or receipt retained by the voter upon completion of the form.\(^9\) Those helping others to complete applications are prohibited from altering registration forms after they have been collected unless the registrant has requested a correction.\(^10\) Anyone that assists a voter in registering is prohibited from soliciting a vote for or against a particular question or candidate, speaking to a voter about which way to vote on a particular question or candidate, or distributing petitions or other materials concerning a particular question or candidate.\(^11\) All registration applications must be mailed or delivered in person to the the county clerk’s office within 10 days of completion.\(^12\) It is unlawful to provide compensation for registering voters that is based on the number of voters registered or the number of voters registered in a political party.\(^13\)

A willful violation of any of the above requirements is a Class E felony,\(^14\) punishable by up to four years in prison and a $5,000 fine.\(^15\) Anyone violating election laws may be liable for a civil penalty of up to $20,000 in an action brought by the state.\(^16\) If a Field Registrar violates any of the provisions relating to their duties, the

\(^1\) \textit{NEV. REV. STAT.} § 293.505(2) (2011).
\(^2\) \textit{NEV. REV. STAT.} § 293.505(2), (10) (2011).
\(^3\) \textit{NEV. REV. STAT.} § 293.505(8)(a) (2011).
\(^4\) \textit{NEV. REV. STAT.} § 293.505(13)(a) (2011).
\(^5\) \textit{NEV. REV. STAT.} § 293.505(4) (2011).
\(^6\) \textit{NEV. REV. STAT.} § 293.505(5) (2011).
\(^7\) \textit{NEV. REV. STAT.} § 293.505(6) (2011).
\(^8\) \textit{NEV. REV. STAT.} § 293.5235 (13) (2011).
\(^10\) \textit{NEV. REV. STAT.} § 293.505(13)(b) (2011).
\(^11\) \textit{NEV. REV. STAT.} § 293.505(10) (2011).
\(^12\) \textit{NEV. REV. STAT.} § 293.5235 (15) (2011).
\(^13\) \textit{NEV. REV. STAT.} § 293.805(1) (2011).
\(^14\) \textit{NEV. REV. STAT.} §§ 293.505(15), .5235(16), .800, .805(2) (2011).
\(^15\) \textit{NEV. REV. STAT.} § 193.130(e) (2011).
\(^16\) \textit{NEV. REV. STAT.} § 293.840 (1) (2011).
county clerk shall immediately suspend the Field Registrar and notify the district attorney in the county where the violation occurred.¹⁷

Additionally, Nevada law requires that the Secretary of State provide a standard state voter registration form, and that the forms be marked with a unique control number.¹⁸ County clerks are required to make state forms available to individual candidates, political parties, civic groups, and groups organized for or against questions on a ballot.¹⁹ “Each request for more than 50 forms must be made on a request form prescribed by the Secretary of State that requires the person or group requesting such forms to describe a plan for distribution of the forms, including, without limitation, identification of the county or counties with which the person or group plans to file the completed forms.”²⁰ “If a political party or other entity requests more than 50 applications to register to vote by mail in any 12-month period, the clerk or the Secretary of State may assess a charge, not to exceed the cost of printing the applications.”²¹

The Secretary of State has posted a Guide to Conducting Voter Registration online.²²

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