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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Ohio law allows voters to return completed forms through another person.Previously, Ohio enacted an extensive set of laws restricting voter registration drives, but these restrictions were permanently enjoined in 2006 by the District Court for the Northern District of Ohio.

Current law requires that all persons collecting voter registration forms must submit them within 10 days after the form is completed by an applicant or by the voter registration deadline, whichever is sooner. The first knowing violation of the 10-day return deadline, but which does not result in the form being received after book closing, and which concerns fewer than 50 forms, is a first-degree misdemeanor. All subsequent violations are considered “election falsification,” a fifth-degree felony that carries an additional penalty of disenfranchisement.

Voter registration drives may not compensate individuals on a fee-per-registration or fee-per-volume basis. Violation constitutes a felony of the fifth degree, punishable by a prison term between 6-12 months or a maximum fine of $2,500.

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1 OHIO REV. CODE ANN. § 3503.19 (B)(2) (Lexis Nexis 2012).
2 See OHIO REV. CODE ANN. § 3503.29 (repealed 2011).
5 Id.
6 Id.
7 OHIO REV. CODE § 3599.111 (Lexis Nexis 2012).
8 Id.
10 OHIO REV. CODE § 2929.18 (Lexis Nexis 2012).