

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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PENNSYLVANIA

Official Volunteer System:	No	For More Information: Bureau of Commissions, Elections and Legislation 210 N. Office Building Harrisburg, PA 17120 (717) 787-5280 http://www.dos.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/voting_and_elections/12363
Training:	No	
Registration & Reporting:	No	
Return Deadline & Penalties:	No	
Other:	Yes	

In Pennsylvania, any person who assists in the completion of the registration application must sign the application and provide his or her address.¹ Pennsylvania prohibits compensating people who collect registration applicants on a per-registrant basis. Violation of this law is a misdemeanor punishable by a \$500 to \$2,500 fine, or 1 to 12 months imprisonment, or both.²

View the full report at:

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

¹ 25 PA. CONS. STAT. § 1327(3) (2012).

² 25 PA. CONS. STAT. § 1713 (2012).