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.

These summaries are not intended as, and do not constitute, legal advice. They are provided for informational and educational use only. For more information, including specific voter registration requirements, or any revisions to the laws described, contact the elections office listed for each state.

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WEST VIRGINIA

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West Virginia maintains an optional official volunteer system ("temporary" or "volunteer registrars"). County officials can appoint temporary registrars, who are paid, or volunteer registrars, who are unpaid. Temporary or volunteer registrars conducting registration must work in pairs, each representing opposing political parties. Temporary or volunteer registrars must meet the same eligibility qualifications as elected officials. Registrars can be declared ineligible if they fail to perform their duties; alter or destruct a voter registration application; improperly influence or intimidate registrants; are under the influence of alcohol or drugs, or have made a bet on an election. Temporary or volunteer registrars are trained and supervised by the clerk of the county commission. Temporary or volunteer registrars take an oath to perform their duties, which is filed with the clerk of the county commission.

West Virginia also allows persons and groups to conduct voter registration drives outside the official volunteer system. Anyone collecting completed voter registration forms must deliver them within 15 days after they are signed by the applicant. Intentional failure to mail or to deliver the application in a timely manner is a misdemeanor punishable by a maximum $1,000 fine, or a maximum of one year in jail, or both.

To the extent funding allows, counties must make state mail registration forms available for organized voter registration drives. For drives requesting 200 or more forms, contact information and a description of the dates and locations for the proposed registration drive must be sent to the Secretary of State. Requests of 10 or more forms will be recorded by the county clerk with a description of the dates and locations of the proposed drive. The Secretary of State may limit the number of forms available to group to a "reasonable" amount.

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View the full report at:
http://www.brennancenter.org/content/resource/state_restrictions_on_voter_registration_drives/

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1 W. VA. CODE § 3-2-9(d)(1)-(2) (2011).
2 W. VA. CODE § 3-2-9(e) (2011).
3 W. VA. CODE § 3-2-9(a) (2011).
4 W. VA. CODE § 3-2-9(b) (2011).
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10 W. VA. CODE § 3-2-9(c) (2011).
11 W. VA. CODE § 3-2-10(k) (2011).
12 W. VA. CODE § 3-2-10(k) (2011).
13 W. VA. CODE § 3-2-10(c) (2011).
14 W. VA. CODE § 3-2-10(b)-(c) (2011).
15 W. VA. CODE § 3-2-10(b) (2011).