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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Wisconsin maintains an optional official volunteer system (‘special deputy’). People are no longer deputized statewide, but municipal clerks can deputize them. The state neither encourages nor discourages voter registration drives to seek deputization from municipal clerks. Applicants can seek certification from more than one municipal clerk to serve in more than one municipality. Special registration deputies must complete a training program at least once every two years.

When conducting a voter registration drive, a special deputy must print their name on the form, indicating acceptance, sign the form, and number it.

Voter registration drives are permitted without the use or assistance of a special registration deputy. Under the state administrative code, voter registration drives are directed to use the state voter registration application form. If not using special deputies, drives collecting forms must submit, along with the completed registration form, a copy of the required forms of proof of residence for first-time voters. Individuals or organizations conducting voter registration drives may not retain or copy personal information on a completed form.

Additionally, drives may not compensate individuals based on the number of registration forms collected. Violation of this prohibition is punishable by a maximum $1,000 fine, and not more than six months’ imprisonment, or both.

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2. Telephone Interview with Kevin Kennedy, Dir. & Gen. Counsel, Wis. Gov’t Accountability Bd. (Mar. 7, 2012).