# **CONDUCTING A VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE**

This guide provides general information about conducting a voter registration drive in Arkansas.

# WHAT IF SOMEONE DOESN'T KNOW IF THEY ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE OR WANTS TO CHECK THEIR REGISTRATION STATUS?



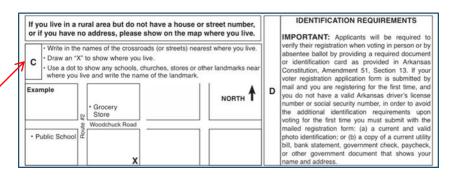
- Go to <a href="https://www.voterview.ar-nova.org/">https://www.voterview.ar-nova.org/</a> and select "Registration Information." Then have the person type in their name and date of birth.
- The registration link will display their political party association (if any), polling place location, and races in which they are eligible to vote.

#### ON THE APPLICATION:

- Print with Black or Blue ink
- Make sure handwriting is legible
- Ensure all information is complete
- Check for signature—unsigned applications cannot be processed.
- Include a map for rural or homeless residents.

#### WHAT ABOUT HOMELESS VOTERS?

- You don't need a permanent shelter to vote.
- When registering voters who are currently experiencing homelessness, a map of the intersection nearest to the area they live should be drawn in Section C of the voter registration form.



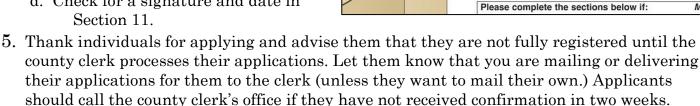
#### **HOW DO I REGISTER A NEW VOTER?**

- 1. Ask the person if he/she would like to register to vote.
- 2. Ask the person if he/she has ever voted or registered.
- 3. Instruct applicant to "check all that apply" at the top left of the form.
  - a. The check marks are to help you ensure all needed sections are filled out.
  - b. If this is a name or address change, you must fill out the top AND bottom of the application.
- 4. Once the form is filled out, make sure all required sections are complete.
  - a. MUST always complete: Sections 1, 2, 4, 8, 9, 10, and 11

b. IF the applicant is already registered to vote, but is changing name or address: Sections

A, Date of Birth, and B must be complete

- c. Check the boxes in Section 10 to make sure the applicant responded "Yes" to A and B; and "No" to questions C and D. If marked any other way, the applicant can't register.
- d. Check for a signature and date in



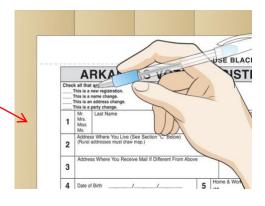
6. Give a friendly reminder to vote on Election Day.

#### **TURNING IN VOTER REGISTRATION FORMS**

Take the Completed Forms to the County Clerk's office. If it is close to the deadline for turning in registration forms then be sure to get a stamp on the forms so they will be processed before the deadline.

## **IDEAS FOR VOTER REGISTRATION:**

- Make it part of your usual process. Add to any forms: "If you are not registered where you now live, would you like to register today?"
- Put up signs announcing that people can "Register to Vote Here."
- Inform people that they can vote even without a physical address.
- Have outreach workers do voter registration.
- Get volunteers and clients to help.
- Have voting rights materials on hand to give out.



### WHAT ABOUT AN INDIVIDUAL CONVICTED OF A FELONY?

- Under Arkansas law, people with a felony conviction may restore their right to vote by proving proof that:
  - o They have served all time and supervision (probation or parole); and
  - o Have paid all court costs, fees, fines, or restitution.
- Once proof that these conditions have been met is obtained (usually from ADC, DCC, and/or the court clerk), submit the proof to the county clerk where the voter lives.
- When providing proof, the voter will also need to complete a voter registration application and submit it to the county clerk.



#### NO ID NEEDED AT REGISTRATION:

On the registration form, applicants must:

- 1. List an Arkansas driver's license or ID number; OR
- 2. List the last four digits of their Social Security number; OR
- 3. Mark the box that indicates neither of those is available.

#### ID WHEN VOTING:

Voters can do any of the following to satisfy Arkansas' voter ID law:

- 1. A voter without Arkansas or U.S. government issued photo ID can obtain and use a free voter ID card from their county clerk or the Secretary of State.
- 2. Voters can use a photo ID issued by the U.S. or Arkansas state government if it is expired no more than four years. Valid IDs include: an Arkansas driver's license, photo ID card, concealed carry handgun permit, US Passport, a student ID or employee badge from an accredited state institution, military ID, voter verification card, or public assistance ID that shows a photo of the cardholder.
- 3. Voters at the polls who do not have ID can cast a provisional ballot. To satisfy the voter ID law, a valid Arkansas ID must be presented at the County Clerk before a provisional ballot can be counted. This must be done by the Monday following the election.
- 4. Absentee voters must include a copy of their photo ID or present one at the County Clerk to meet the requirements of #2 above alongside the identity affirmation form. The deadline to present the ID is the Monday following any election. Anyone who will be unavoidably absent from the polls on election day can vote absentee.

NOTE: The address listed on your ID should **NOT** be a reason to deny your right to vote. The address associated with your voter registration does **NOT** have to match the address on your ID. You will be required to state your address when you vote so remember or check your mailing address and home or physical address/location used for registration.

For more information about voting rights: <a href="www.acluarkansas.org/know-your-rights">www.acluarkansas.org/know-your-rights</a>
To get help from the ACLU of Arkansas: <a href="www.acluarkansas.org/get-help">www.acluarkansas.org/get-help</a>