

**Rule 14. Voter Registration Drives****14.1 Statement of Intent**

14.1.1 In accordance with Part 7, Article 2 of Title 1, C.R.S., the organizer of a Voter Registration Drive ("VRD") must file a Statement of Intent and Training Acknowledgment Form with the Secretary of State to conduct a voter registration drive. The Statement of Intent and Training Acknowledgment Form must include the following information:

- (a) The name of the group conducting the VRD, and the name and contact information of the individual organizing the VRD;
- (b) The name of the agent (who is required to be a Colorado resident) and the contact information for that agent, if different from the person organizing the VRD;
- (c) A statement specifying that the VRD intends to operate within the State of Colorado;
- (d) A notice that the VRD number expires at the end of the calendar year; and
- (e) A signature line requiring the organizer's signature.

14.1.2 A VRD organizer must file amendments to the Statement of Intent and Training Acknowledgment Form with the Secretary of State no later than three business days after the change(s) occurs. Amendments may be made by fax, email, mail or in person.

14.1.3 The Secretary of State will immediately attempt to verify the information provided in the Statement of Intent and Training Acknowledgment Form before issuing a number to the VRD organizer. The Secretary of State may deny a number to the VRD organizer if the information provided on the Statement of Intent cannot be verified.

**14.2 Training**

14.2.1 To receive a VRD number, the VRD organizer must successfully complete the online training and test provided by the Secretary of State and submit a Statement of Intent and Training Acknowledgment form to the Secretary of State.

14.2.2 Before circulating, a VRD circulator must complete a training provided by the VRD organizer and submit a Training Acknowledgment form to the VRD organizer. The training must include, at a minimum, the content contained in the Secretary of State's circulator training.

14.2.3 The VRD organizer training is provided online, but a VRD organizer may schedule a time to view the training at the Secretary of State's office.

14.2.4 After completing the VRD organizer training, the VRD organizer must complete the training test and answer the questions 100% correctly before the Secretary of State will issue a VRD number.

14.2.5 After completing the VRD organizer training and test, the VRD organizer must sign a Statement of Intent and Training Acknowledgment Form confirming that the training and test have been completed and that he or she was informed of rules, laws and penalties relating to voter registration drives.

- 14.2.6 A VRD organizer must complete the training and test every calendar year in which he or she intends to conduct a VRD.
- 14.3 Number Assigned
- 14.3.1 After successful completion of the required training and test, and submission of the Statement of Intent and Training Acknowledgment Form, the Secretary of State will assign a unique number to the VRD. After issuing a unique number to the VRD, the Secretary of State will:
- (a) Advise the VRD organizer of their unique number;
  - (b) Notify the county clerks within 24 hours after each VRD number has been issued by the Secretary of State; and
  - (c) Post the agent and the name of the group conducting the drive on the Secretary of State website.
- 14.3.2 All assigned VRD numbers are valid through December 31 of the year that the number is assigned.
- 14.3.3 The VRD must assign each circulator a unique circulator identification number and maintain a record of each number issued. The circulator identification number must begin with the VRD's five-digit identification number (e.g., 16-999-0001).
- 14.4 Voter Registration Drive Voter Application Forms
- 14.4.1 The Secretary of State will approve a standard Colorado Voter Registration Drive Application Form. The VRD may also use the National Mail Voter Registration Form.
- 14.4.2 A VRD organizer can obtain Colorado Voter Registration Drive Application Forms from County Clerks and the Secretary of State.
- 14.4.3 The organizer is responsible for placing the VRD number on the application form.
- 14.4.4 The VRD organizer must receive a VRD number before he or she can receive the approved Colorado Voter Registration Drive Application Forms.
- 14.4.5 The circulator must include his or her unique circulator identification number on each voter registration form he or she submits.
- 14.4.6 Any voter registration drive that provides a voter registration application on its website or a link to such voter registration form must direct the applicant to return the completed form directly to the county clerk of the applicant's legal residence. No VRD may provide a voter registration form on its website or a link to such voter registration form which instructs or directs, in any way, the applicant to return the completed form to anyone or any group other than directly to the county clerk of the applicant's legal residence or, in the case of overseas electors or UOCAVA electors, the county clerk or the Secretary of State.
- 14.4.7 A VRD organizer or circulator must provide the applicant a blue or black ink pen to complete the application, and may not highlight or otherwise mark the approved voter registration drive application form other than to write the VRD number and circulator information.

#### 14.5 Voter Registration Drive Complaints and fines

14.5.1 Any person, including the Secretary of State, who believes a VRD organizer or circulator has not complied with the requirements of Part 7, Article 2 of Title 1, C.R.S., or this Rule 14 may file a written complaint with the Secretary of State.

14.5.2 A written complaint filed with the Secretary of State must contain the following information:

- (a) The complainant's name;
- (b) The complainant's full residence address and mailing address (if different from residence);
- (c) A description of the alleged violation, which may include a reference to the particular statute or rule;
- (d) The name and assigned number of the VRD, if known;
- (e) The date and location of the alleged violation, if known; and
- (f) Other applicable or relevant information.

14.5.3 The Secretary of State will review all complaints submitted in writing and conduct such investigations as may be necessary and appropriate. If the Secretary of State determines that a violation has occurred, the Secretary of State will impose a fine in accordance with section 1-2-703, C.R.S., and notify the VRD organizer of:

- (a) The date and factual basis of each act with which the VRD organizer is being charged;
- (b) The particular provision of the statute violated; and
- (c) The amount of the fine imposed.

14.5.4 Notification of violation will be sent by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, to the last known address of the VRD organizer.

14.5.5 The VRD organizer may appeal a fine and has 30 days following receipt of notification to submit a written response setting forth the reason(s) that the VRD organizer is appealing the fine. The VRD organizer may request, within the 30 days, a hearing with the Secretary of State to dispute the fine.

14.5.6 Within 30 days after receipt of the written response, or hearing procedures, the Secretary of State will issue an order affirming or dismissing the imposed fine.

