



SGP 101 – Voter Registration - Homework

Below are questions that you need to find out the answers to from your state.

Visit your state election web site to find the answers.

Q: What are your state qualifications to hold a Voter Registration Drive? (Some have classes – etc...)

How can citizens register to vote?

Online: _____

Print a Form: _____

By Mail: _____

In Person: _____

Q: What are the qualifications to register to vote?

Usually:

- Must be a Citizen of the United States of America
- Must be a resident of _____ for _____ days
- Must be 18 years of age or more on or before the day of the next regular General Election
- Must not be a convicted felon, unless your civil rights have been restored
- Must not have been adjudicated incompetent

Other: _____

Q: What are the types of documents that are acceptable for proving citizenship proof?

Q: How many days before an election can you register? _____

Q: What are the Election Dates and Registration Deadlines for my state in 2012?

Presidential Preference Election: _____

Registration Deadline for Presidential Preference Election: _____

Early Voting Begins: _____

Primary Election: _____

Registration Deadline for Primary Election: _____

Early Voting Begins: _____

General Election: _____

Registration Deadline for General Election: _____

Early Voting Begins: October 11, 2012: _____

Q: What are your voting options in your state?

Early Voting? _____ Election Day Voting _____ Absentee Voting by Mail-In _____

Details:

Q: If applicable, who is allowed to use an Absentee Ballot and how do they obtain one?

Q: What is the party preference system used in your State?

*Varies per state. Example: Missouri does not register voters by political party. Some states have up to 4 different political party affiliations to choose from. In some states in a "primary", people can choose which ballot they would like. Some can only vote in a primary with the party you are affiliated with.

Q: How do people know if they are registered?

Usually: They would receive something in the mail from their "County" Registrar within 2 weeks. People should contact their County if they do not hear from them

Other: _____

Q. Where do they vote?

Usually: Once registered, the county will send them voter poll location, dates and sample ballots prior to elections.

Other: _____

Q: If you are registered in another state or county?

Usually: If moved from another state, they should contact prior County office and request cancellation. If someone moves to a new county – they need to re-register with that county.

Other: _____

Q: If you are a college student attending college OUTSIDE of your home county. What do they do?

Q: How do you register if you are in the military or lives overseas?

Federal Post Card Application (FPCA SF-76) simultaneously serves all states and territories as both a registration form and application for absentee ballot. Military personnel may contact the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) or their Voting Assistance Officer for further information or to obtain a Federal Post Card Application (FPCA). Call 1-800-438-8683 or e-mail the program at vote@fvap.ncr.gov or go to: www.fvap.gov

Other: _____

Q: How many days do Voter Reg. Volunteers have to get forms into the County Clerk after an event?

Q: We are retired and live in two different states. What residence should we use to determine where we are entitled to register and vote?

Usually: Your residence is where your family lives, where you physically reside, the place you intend to return to live, where your driver's license says you live, where you claim your homeowner's property tax exemption, etc.

Other: _____

Q: Does your state allow you to have current ballot initiatives forms at your table?
