IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA NORTHERN DIVISION

TREVA THOMPSON, et. al.,)	
Plaintiffs,)))	CIVIL ACTION NO
v.)	2:16-cv-783-WKW
STATE OF ALABAMA, et. al.,)))	
Defendants.)	

MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION AND BRIEF IN SUPPORT

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INTRODUCTION

Since 1996, Alabama has disenfranchised thousands of eligible voters under an arbitrary and discriminatory standard. As state officials, including Defendant Merrill, have repeatedly acknowledged, the prior system required individual county registrars to make subjective and contradictory determinations of citizens' eligibility to vote on an ad hoc basis. On May 25, Governor Ivey signed the Felony Voter Disqualification Act, House Bill 282 ("HB 282"), which seeks to put an end to this unconstitutional system by establishing a comprehensive list of crimes that "involve moral turpitude." 2017 Ala. Laws Act 2017-378 (attached as Ex. A). HB 282 has the potential to restore access to the franchise for thousands of eligible voters who should never have been denied their rights in the first place.

But without a few key actions by the State, many of these voters will continue to suffer the harms of Alabama's prior unconstitutional scheme and will be denied meaningful relief. After all, thousands of *eligible* voters have been affirmatively denied the right to vote under the unconstitutional system. As far as these citizens are concerned, nothing has changed. The State told each of them they could not register, and the State has not since told them otherwise. Under these circumstances, enfranchising voters on the pages of the Alabama State Code is not enough to remedy the harm. Defendants must ensure that they are enfranchised on the pages of the State's voter rolls as well.

Yet Defendants have refused to take *any* meaningful action to implement HB 282 and advise voters of their rights, including publicizing the new eligibility

requirements on the Secretary of State's website, updating voter registration forms, or issuing guidance to registrars. The next statewide election in Alabama is the special primary election for United States Senator on August 15, 2017. The registration deadline is July 31, 2017. Absent immediate relief from this Court, thousands of eligible voters risk losing the opportunity to vote in yet another election.

This motion for a preliminary injunction seeks relief solely for those voters whose voting rights under Section 177 of the Constitution have been affirmed by HB 282 (hereinafter "HB 282 voters"). Given the urgency of the upcoming deadline, Plaintiffs have also filed a concurrent motion to shorten Defendants' time to respond to one week, due July 7, 2017, and request that the Court set a hearing during the week of July 10, 2017 as soon as is practicable.

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 65, Plaintiffs ask this Court to issue a preliminary injunction ordering Defendants to provide the following immediate and sensible relief to implement HB 282 and remedy the State's prior unlawful disenfranchisement of HB 282 voters:

(1) Provide notice of HB 282's voting eligibility standards on the Alabama Voter Registration Form and submit a change to the Election Assistance Commission to provide notice of HB 282's voting eligibility standards in Alabama's state-specific instructions on the Federal Voter Registration Form;

- (2) Provide notice of HB 282's voting eligibility standards on the Secretary of State's website, and in any materials distributed by the Secretary of State regarding voting eligibility requirements;
- (3) Reinstate recently denied HB 282 voters—voters whose registration applications were wrongfully denied or who were wrongfully struck from the voter registration rolls in the last two years, and whose eligibility was affirmed by HB 282—to the voter registration rolls, and provide them with individual notice of their eligibility to vote;
- (4) Disclose all voter registration applicants and voter registrants denied the right to vote on the basis of conviction in the past two years;
- (5) Provide mandatory training regarding the proper implementation of HB 282 for the upcoming imminent elections;¹
- (6) Implement a public education plan that will adequately educate voters with convictions who have been previously misinformed about their voting rights by state officials of their eligibility to vote; and
- (7) Any other relief the Court deems just and proper.

Absent this relief, HB 282 cannot remedy the decades of misinformation and confusion wrought by the vague moral turpitude standard.

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¹ On June 30, 2017, Defendants' counsel provided Plaintiffs with written guidance they have distributed to all county registrars. Plaintiffs 'counsel have not had an opportunity to carefully review this guidance for substance but Defendants' counsel has stated that this written guidance on HB 282 was given to all registrars via email.

The foregoing requests for relief only ask that the State ensure eligible voters are informed of their right to vote and are provided meaningful access to the franchise. Therefore, the public interest and balance of the equities weigh heavily in favor of this sensible and tailored relief. See League of Women Voters of N.C. v. North Carolina, 769 F.3d 224, 247–48 (4th Cir. 2014) ("By definition, '[t]he public interest ... favors permitting as many qualified voters to vote as possible." (quoting Obama for Am. v. Husted, 697 F.3d 423, 437 (6th Cir. 2012) and citing Purcell v. Gonzalez, 549 U.S. 1, 4 (2006) (the public has a "strong interest in exercising the fundamental political right to vote"))).

This relief will impose no meaningful burden on Defendant Merrill. As the State's chief election officer, he has a responsibility to take many of these actions and to provide guidance to voters and registrars regarding voter eligibility requirements. The State has no valid interest in withholding this vital information from voters or refusing notice to eligible voters previously misinformed of their rights. Ensuring that all eligible voters have a meaningful opportunity to exercise the franchise is in accord with the public interest, the mission of the Office of the Secretary of State, and the explicit stated purpose of HB 282.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND²

Before passing HB 282, Alabama had no uniform system for the disenfranchisement of individuals with felony convictions. Individual county

² The factual allegations and legal framework underlying this motion are laid out in detail in the complaint, Doc. 1, and the lengthy motion to dismiss briefing, Docs. 43, 48, before this Court. For purposes of brevity, this brief focuses primarily on new facts relevant to the passage of HB 282 and this motion.

registrars from 1996 until the present have been tasked with deciding on an ad hoc basis whether convictions "involved moral turpitude," leading to a system of entirely arbitrary disenfranchisement in violation of the First and Fourteenth Amendments. See Complaint, Doc. 1, Counts 6-10.

If there were any doubt about this unconstitutional state of affairs, the text of HB 282 and statements made by Defendant Merrill and state legislators leading up to its passage erase it. HB 282 itself recognizes the arbitrariness of Alabama's current pre-HB 282 enforcement of Section 177's disenfranchisement provision: "Under general law, there is no comprehensive list of felonies that involve moral turpitude which disqualify a person from exercising his or her right to vote. Neither individuals with felony convictions nor election officials have a comprehensive, authoritative source for determining if a felony conviction involves moral turpitude and is therefore a disqualifying felony." Ala. Code § 17-3-30.1(b)(1)(b) (as enacted by HB 282).

In January 2016, in explaining the necessity of HB 282's passage, Defendant Secretary of State Merrill stated: "Right now, we have people in certain positions who are determining the eligibility of citizens to vote based on nothing more than their own interpretations of the law. That's not right. It's not fair." Thus, Secretary Merrill concluded that HB 282 was necessary to "protect the right to vote for citizens of the state." On May 24, 2017, he further explained the past unconstitutional system: "For example marijuana possession, they might list that as a crime of moral turpitude,

³ Josh Moon, Committee working to restore felons' voting rights, Montgomery Advertiser, Jan. 23, 2016, http://www.montgomeryadvertiser.com/story/news/local/blogs/moonblog/2016/01/23/committee-working-restore-felons-voting-rights/79089626.

⁴ *Id*.

whereas only distribution of that drug or that substance would really be considered a crime of moral turpitude."⁵ After the law passed, Secretary Merrill said it was necessary because "registrars and election officials . . . don't know what a crime of moral turpitude is because different people have different interpretations."⁶

One of the main sponsors of the bill, Senator Cam Ward, explained: "What moral turpitude meant in Shelby County could have been something totally different in Talladega County." Other legislators reiterated the necessity of HB 282 in light of the complete lack of uniformity in felony disenfranchisement:

- "[Registrars are] not sure whether they should sign them up to vote or not. . . . That has been a problem in this state for many years." Rep. Paul Lee (R-Dothan).8
- "Look at the constitution of 1901, there really was not a definition of moral turpitude. It was kind of lenient and open for interpretation, which led to a lot of individuals losing their voter rights. Some would say they shouldn't have based on the crimes they committed." Rep. Chris Blackshear (R-District 80).9
- "As a result, boards of registrars across the state had their own definitions of moral turpitude. We needed to make it uniform." Rep Mike Jones (R-Andalusia).¹⁰

⁵ New law clears up voting confusion for Alabamians with a felony, WSFA 12, May 24, 2017, http://www.wsfa.com/story/35512463/new-law-clears-up-voting-confusion-for-alabamians-with-a-felony.

⁶ Connor Sheets, Registering felons to vote in jail: How a new Alabama law impacts voting rights, politics, Alabama.com, June 29, 2017,

http://www.al.com/news/index.ssf/2017/06/registering_to_vote_in_jail_ho.html.

⁷ Kim Chandler, *Alabama law could allow more felons to vote*, Associated Press, June 5, 2017, http://www.birminghamtimes.com/2017/06/alabama-law-could-allow-more-people-to-vote.

⁸ Kendall Clinton, *Paul Lee: New felony voter law will eliminate confusion*, Dothan Eagle, May 25, 2017, http://www.dothaneagle.com/news/government/paul-lee-new-felony-voter-law-will-eliminate-confusion/article_05be90f4-41a0-11e7-a41e-cb604a4c97fe.html.

⁹ Joey Ripley, New Alabama law more clearly defines which felons can lose their voting rights, June 21, 2017, http://wrbl.com/2017/06/21/new-alabama-law-more-clearly-defines-which-felons-can-lose-their-voting-rights.

¹⁰ Michele Gerlach, *Which felonies disqualify voters?*, The Andalusia Star-News, Mar. 10, 2017, http://www.andalusiastarnews.com/2017/03/10/which-felonies-disqualify-voters.

Secretary Merrill confirmed repeatedly that the law was "not clear" and left the decisions regarding citizens' right to vote "up to the Board of Registrars"; that such uncertainty should not exist "when it comes to people being able to vote"; ¹¹ and that the law "sowed confusion" which led to inconsistent results, such as the improper disenfranchisement for certain drug crimes. ¹³

Recognizing this untenable system of disenfranchisement, Governor Ivey signed HB 282 on May 25, 2017. HB 282 defines "felony involving moral turpitude" for the first time and establishes that "a person is disqualified to vote" pursuant to Section 177 of the Constitution only if convicted of one of 46 types of criminal offenses, spanning from violent crimes such as murder, manslaughter, and rape, to property crimes such as theft and robbery. The effective date of HB 282 is August 1, 2017. 2017 Ala. Laws Act 2017-378, at § 3. Therefore, it will be in effect for the next election in Alabama, the August 15, 2017 special primary election for United States Senator.

Yet, since the passage of HB 282, Defendant Merrill has refused to take any of the steps necessary to remedy this prior unconstitutional system and ensure that all eligible voters have meaningful access to the franchise. A month after passage of HB 282, even the most facile implementation steps—such as updates to the State's website and registrations—have not been taken. Secretary Merrill reportedly said "he was unaware of people being wrongly told they couldn't vote," and that "he wasn't

¹¹ Jason Johnson, *Felons play a role in Alabama's electorate*, Lagniappe Weekly, Oct. 19, 2016, https://lagniappemobile.com/felons-play-role-alabamas-electorate.

¹² Kim Chandler, *supra* note 7.

¹³ New law clears up voting confusion for Alabamians with a felony, supra note 5.

going to make an effort to focus on whose felony convictions will no longer disqualify them."¹⁴ He further stated: "I'm not going to spend state resources dedicating to notifying a small percentage of individuals who at some point in the past may have believed for whatever reason they were disenfranchised."¹⁵

The reason, of course, that many individuals "believed" they were disenfranchised is that they were in fact disenfranchised: their voter registration applications were rejected or their names were removed from the voter registration rolls based on their convictions. In just the past several weeks, Plaintiffs' counsel has identified numerous eligible voters who were denied the right to vote under the prior unconstitutional system.

For example, John Doe¹⁶ has prior felony convictions—such as possession of a forged instrument and possession of a controlled substance—that do not meet the definition of "moral turpitude" in HB 282. Yet when Mr. Doe attempted to register to vote in 2014, he received a letter from the Jefferson County Board of Registrars informing him that he was not eligible to vote because he had been convicted of a felony involving moral turpitude. *See* Ex. B.

Likewise, Mark Irby was convicted of possession of a controlled substance, a crime that does not involve moral turpitude under HB 282. He attempted to register to vote in person before the 2004 election, but was informed that he had a

¹⁴ Sam Levine, *Alabama Won't Help Disenfranchised Citizens Understand If They Can Now Vote*, June 21, 2017, http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/alabama-moral-turpitude_us_594a8335e4b0177d0b8a f45f.

 $^{^{15}}$ *Id*.

¹⁶ Name redacted for privacy.

Vote ("CERV") in October 2013. In a bizarre response that only reinforces the prevalent confusion, he received a letter from the Board of Pardons and Paroles indicating that his crime was not one "involving moral turpitude"—but also that he was not eligible to vote until his fines (for his non-disqualifying crime) were paid. See Ex. C. Mr. Irby, an eligible voter without a disqualifying felony conviction, was twice told by the state that he could not exercise his right to vote, and has been denied that right in every election since at least 2004.

In addition to these individuals, Plaintiffs' counsel has already identified nearly three dozen likely eligible voters who have been unlawfully denied the right to vote. These are individuals with convictions for crimes that do *not* involve moral turpitude under HB 282 but who have nontheless had their voter registration applications denied on the basis of a "disqualifying" felony conviction. Several of these individuals have attempted to have their rights restored through the CERV process, but have not yet been able to register because their applications are still pending or were rejected. This small sample, consisting of individuals who have had the support of organizations like Greater Birmingham Ministries in navigating the registration and CERV process, likely represents only the tip of the iceberg.

Shortly after the passage of HB 282, Plaintiffs' counsel sent opposing counsel a letter requesting the above-outlined relief, indicating that Plaintiffs believed such relief would resolve Counts 6-10 in this matter. *See* Ex. D. After two weeks, on June 23, 2017, opposing counsel indicated that the Secretary of State would not agree on

any terms regarding the implementation of HB 282. Counsel met and conferred on June 29, 2017 regarding this motion but Defendants could not commit to taking any defined action to implement HB 282. Based on Secretary Merrill's public statements and counsel's representations, it does not appear that he intends to engage in any voter education about HB 282 outside of attending a few events paid for, organized, and hosted by outside groups.

A month after passage, the Secretary of State's website does not include any information about HB 282 or the specific felony convictions that now disqualify otherwise eligible voters. See Ex. E. The Alabama voter registration form continues to ask voters to affirm that they have not been convicted of a "disqualifying felony" without further guidance, and the Alabama state-specific instructions for the federal form still ask voters to affirm that they have not been convicted of a "felony involving moral turpitude" without any information about the HB 282 crimes. See Exs. F, G. Essentially, the only way that potential voters with convictions can determine their eligibility to vote is to find the statute in the Alabama code or seek legal advice.

ARGUMENT

The decision to issue a preliminary injunction lies within the sound discretion of the Court. *Palmer v. Braun*, 287 F.3d 1325, 1329 (11th Cir. 2002). To succeed on a motion for a preliminary injunction, Plaintiffs must demonstrate:

(1) [they have] a substantial likelihood of success on the merits; (2) irreparable injury will be suffered unless the injunction issues; (3) the threatened injury to the movant[s] outweighs whatever damage the proposed injunction may cause the opposing party; and (4) if issued, the injunction would not be adverse to the public interest.

ACLU of Fla., Inc. v. Miami-Dade Cnty. Sch. Bd., 557 F.3d 1177, 1198 (11th Cir. 2009).

I. Plaintiffs Are Likely to Succeed on the Merits of Their Claims of Arbitrary Disenfranchisement, Counts 6-10 of the Complaint.

Plaintiffs are likely to succeed on the merits of their claims challenging Alabama's standardless enforcement of the "moral turpitude" provision of Section 177. It is beyond reasonable debate that a system of widespread, arbitrary, and standardless disenfranchisement violates core First and Fourteenth Amendment principles. Thus, Plaintiffs are likely to succeed on their claims that:

- (1) This standardless approach, coupled with the requirement that voters affirm that they do not have a conviction for a "disqualifying felony" to register to vote, imposed an undue burden on eligible voters with convictions because they could not reasonably determine their eligibility to register to vote (Counts 6 and 7), see Burdick v. Takushi, 504 U.S. 428, 434 (1992) (holding that when the right to vote is "subjected to 'severe' restrictions, the regulation must be narrowly drawn to advance a state interest of compelling importance");
- (2) This standardless approach, administered by individual untrained registrars without a pre-deprivation hearing, had a high risk of erroneous deprivation of the fundamental right to vote and therefore violated potential voters' procedural due process rights (Count 8), see Mathews v. Eldridge, 424 U.S. 319, 335 (1976) (holding that the procedural due process inquiry balances the nature of the right, the risk of erroneous deprivation, and the government's interests); Cleveland Bd. of Educ. v. Loudermill, 470 U.S. 532, 542 (1985) ("[T]he root requirement of the Due Process

Clause" is "that an individual be given an opportunity for a hearing *before* he is deprived of any significant property interest." (quotation marks omitted));

- (3) This standardless approach to the "moral turpitude" provision rendered it unconstitutionally vague (Count 9), see Cramp v. Bd. of Pub. Instruction of Orange Cty., Fla., 368 U.S. 278, 287 (1961) ("The vice of unconstitutional vagueness is further aggravated where, as here, the statute in question operates to inhibit the exercise of individual freedoms affirmatively protected by the Constitution."); and
- (4) This standardless approach led to arbitrary disenfranchisement of voters in violation of the core protections of the Equal Protection Clause (Count 10), see Bush v. Gore, 531 U.S. 98, 105-06 (2000) (per curiam) ("The recount mechanisms . . . do not satisfy the minimum requirement for nonarbitrary treatment of voters necessary to secure the fundamental right. . . . The problem inheres in the absence of specific standards to ensure its equal application."), Williams v. Taylor, 677 F.2d 510, 516 (5th Cir. 1982) ("A state may make a completely arbitrary distinction between groups of felons so as to work a denial of equal protection with respect to the right to vote when it administers a statute, fair on its face, with an unequal hand.").

Plaintiffs detailed the well-established legal support for their constitutional claims regarding the standardless enforcement of the "moral turpitude" provision in their opposition to Defendants' motion to dismiss and do not repeat it in full here. See Opp. to Mot. to Dismiss, Doc. 48, at 34-68. Any possible factual doubts regarding the lack of uniformity prior to HB 282 are conclusively resolved by HB 282's acknowledgment of the inadequacy of the prior system, as well as the statements by

Defendant Merrill and by numerous legislators, including sponsors of HB 282. See supra pages 6-7.

Regardless of the precise reach of *Richardson v. Ramirez*, 418 U.S. 24 (1974), possibly excuse the widespread, arbitrary, and standardless disenfranchisement of individuals based on the inherently subjective determinations of individual registrars that prevailed in Alabama for the last twenty years, see id. at 56 (remanding the question of whether California's felony disenfranchisement provision had "such a total lack of uniformity in county election officials' enforcement . . . as to work a separate denial of equal protection"). The Supreme Court has made clear that felony disenfranchisement laws are still subject to Equal Protection Clause scrutiny if they violate that clause's anti-discrimination principle. See Hunter v. Underwood, 471 U.S. 222, 233 (1985); see also Hobson v. Pow, 434 F. Supp. 362, 367 (N.D. Ala. 1977) ("No compelling, or even rational, state policy has been suggested to explain why conviction of men for assault and battery against the spouse is a cause for disqualification while the conviction of women for the same offense is not disqualifying.").

Because Alabama's system of disenfranchisement unquestionably—and admittedly—led to the arbitrary deprivation of fundamental rights, Plaintiffs are likely to succeed on their above-listed claims.

II. The Requested Relief is Appropriate to Remedy the Harms of Alabama's Unconstitutional System.

HB 282 provides a roadmap for Alabama to correct the harms of its prior unconstitutional system and extend the right to vote in a uniform manner. Yet HB

282 alone cannot remedy these past wrongs. The requested relief is appropriate to remedy the State's erroneous deprivations of rights and ensure that HB 282 voters have an equal opportunity to participate in this upcoming election and all future elections. As detailed below, the requested relief is in accord with relief ordered by other federal courts addressing similar claims.

As with all voting violations, Alabama will never be able to remedy fully the harms imposed by this decades-long unconstitutional system of disenfranchisement. 1 Voting Rights Act: Evidence of Continued Need, Hearing Before the Subcomm. on the Constitution of the H. Comm. on the Judiciary, 109th Cong. 97 (2006) (noting that harmed voters cannot change past electoral outcomes, and the benefits of incumbency adhere to those elected under discriminatory procedures). Nonetheless, Plaintiffs are entitled to an effective and meaningful remedy that seeks to place harmed voters in "the position they would have occupied in the absence of [the unconstitutional action]." United States v. Virginia, 518 U.S. 515, 547 (1996). This Court has broad equitable powers to design an appropriate remedy for the harms imposed by this system. Swann v. Charlotte-Mecklenburg Bd. of Ed., 402 U.S. 1, 15 (1971) ("Once a right and a violation have been shown, the scope of a district court's equitable powers to remedy past wrongs is broad, for breadth and flexibility are inherent in equitable remedies.").

By requiring Alabama to provide adequate notice and education to voters and reinstate eligible voters previously unlawfully rejected by state officials, this Court can provide an equitable, reasonable, and tailored remedy for the constitutional wrongs described above.

1. Alabama Must Reinstate Recently Denied HB 282 Voters to the Voter Registration List.

For eligible voters that were recently denied the right to vote based on their convictions under the prior system, the most straightforward and direct remedy is their reinstatement to the voter registration rolls and an accompanying notice of that reinstatement. This would include all HB 282 eligible voters whose voter registration applications were denied or whose names were purged from the voter registration list in the last two years based on a felony conviction not listed in HB 282.

While the harms clearly go back more than two years, the requested relief is reasonably tailored based on the mandatory record-keeping requirements of the National Voter Registration Act ("NVRA"). See 52 U.S.C. § 20507(i)(1) (requiring maintenance of all voter registration records, including denials and purges, for at least two years). Therefore, the Secretary of State must have these records available.

Individualized restoration and notice is appropriate for these individuals because they already took all the necessary steps to vote and yet were denied the right to vote, after being told by the State (incorrectly) that their convictions were disqualifying. See, e.g., Ex. B (notice to individual of disqualifying conviction). These individuals should not have to take any further steps to register to vote and, given the wrongful notices of disqualification they received, they will have no reason to believe the State will allow them to vote absent corrective notice. In other words, restoration of an erroneous deprivation of a right is meaningless if the individual is

not advised of that restoration. See, e.g, United States v. Alabama, 857 F. Supp. 2d 1236, 1243 (M.D. Ala. 2012) ("[M]erely extending the deadline, or agreeing to accept ballots after the State's extended March 21 deadline, is ineffective if voters do not know that ballots sent by [the] election date and received by March 31 will actually be counted.").

For these reasons, courts in similar cases have ordered the reinstatement of voters wrongfully excluded or removed from voter registration lists, accompanied by adequate notice. Most applicably, in Hobson v. Pow—an Alabama felon disenfranchisement case striking down the constitutional provision disenfranchising those convicted of "assault and battery on the wife" on gender discrimination grounds—the district court ordered the boards of registrars to "reinstate all voters purged under the 'assault and battery on the wife' provision and to notify all members of the plaintiff class who have been purged." 434 F. Supp. at 368; see also N.C. St. Conf. of the NAACP v. N.C. St. Bd. of Elections, No. 1:16-cv-1274, 2016 WL 6581284 (M.D.N.C. Nov. 4, 2016) (ordering the immediate restoration of all improperly purged voters); U.S. Student Ass'n Found. v. Land, 585 F. Supp. 2d 925, 950 (E.D. Mich. 2008) ("What the defendants must do, however, is restore the cancelled registrations to some status that will not by itself, as their current status does, require the rejection of a ballot cast by these voters."); Screen v. Bankston, 498 So. 2d 770, 772 (La. Ct. App.), writ denied, 496 So. 2d 337 (La. 1986) ("[T]he Court makes the rule absolute and issues herewith a writ of mandamus directing the defendant to restore the voter registration and voting rights of all voters illegally removed from the registration

records [and] directs the defendant to advertise these names appropriately . . . as having been restored to the voting rolls."); Consent Decree, Doc. 67-1, *Ga. St. Conf. of the NAACP v. Hancock Cnty. Bd. of Elections*, No. 5:15-cv-414-CAR (M.D. Ga. Mar. 1, 2017) (agreeing to the restoration of improperly purged voters to the registration list and the provision of individualized notice to those voters).

Plaintiffs also request that Defendants disclose the list of all voter applicants previously purged or denied based on convictions in the last two years, so that Plaintiffs Greater Birmingham Ministries and class counsel can engage in further targeted outreach and education to potentially affected HB 282 voters. Since these records are both discoverable and subject to public disclosure pursuant to the NVRA, this request imposes no additional burden on Defendants. 52 U.S.C. § 20507(i)(1) (requiring public disclosure of "all records concerning the implementation of programs and activities conducted for the purpose of ensuring the accuracy and currency of official lists of eligible voters"); Project Vote/Voting for America, Inc. v. Long, 682 F.3d 331, 336 (4th Cir. 2012) (holding that Section 8's public disclosure mandate "unmistakably encompasses completed voter registration applications"); Project Vote, Inc. v. Kemp, 208 F. Supp. 3d 1320, 1342-43 (N.D. Ga. 2016) (requiring the State to disclose data regarding changes in individual voter registration status, letters to applicants regarding those changes in status, the "specific reason why applicants" were rejected, and other individualized data).

2. Alabama Must Update Its Voting Materials to Advise Voters and Registrars of HB 282's Eligibility Requirements.

As discussed above, neither Alabama's state nor federal voter registration form has been updated to reflect HB 282's eligibility criteria nor are those criteria available anywhere on the Secretary of State's AlabamaVotes.gov website. Indeed, the Secretary of State has not issued any public guidance on HB 282's eligibility criteria.

Given the nature of the public and widespread harms caused by voting rights violations, public education and notice requirements are a hallmark of voting rights remedies. Veasey v. Abbott, 830 F.3d 216, 256, 271-72 (5th Cir. 2016) (noting "the State's lackluster educational efforts resulted in additional burdens on Texas voters" and directing the district court to "consider the necessity of educational and training efforts" in fashioning a remedy for the affected voters); 17 United States v. Georgia, 892 F. Supp. 2d 1367, 1376 (N.D. Ga. 2012) (requiring a "public awareness campaign through direct notice and use of certain media" to remedy violation of the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act of 1986); Alabama, 857 F. Supp. 2d at 1243 ("The court's injunction requires broad notice be provided to inform, to the greatest extent possible, UOCAVA voters that their ballots can be received by March 31 instead of March 21, as it stood before the court's order."); Mo. St. Conf. of the NAACP v. Ferguson-Florissant Sch. Dist., 219 F. Supp. 3d 949, 962 (E.D. Mo. 2016)

¹⁷ On remand, Texas agreed to an interim order requiring Defendants to "develop a detailed voter education plan, including timetables, for the November 2016 general election" requiring the expenditure of at least 2.5 million dollars. Order Regarding Agreed Interim Plan for Elections, *Veasey v. Abbott*, No. 2:13-CV-00193 at *3 (S.D. Tex. Aug. 10, 2016).

(requiring a "comprehensive voter education program" as part of Section 2 Voting Rights Act remedy).

Plaintiffs' request that Defendant Secretary of State take the necessary steps to provide voter education sufficient to ensure that HB 282 can serve as a meaningful remedy for the prior unconstitutional system of arbitrary disenfranchisement. First, the Secretary of State must update the state and federal voter registration forms to inform voters of HB 282's eligibility requirements, so that voters can determine their eligibility at the point of voter registration. As discussed above, the current forms provide voters with convictions no better guidance on their eligibility than they did before the passage of HB 282. They essentially require individuals to seek legal counsel to register to vote. This is plainly untenable. The current forms perpetuate the harms of a decades-long vague and arbitrary system. They also run afoul of the NVRA's requirement that registration forms state each eligibility requirement. 52 U.S.C. §§ 20504(c)(2)(C)(i), 20506(a)(6)(A)(i)(I), 20508(b)(2)(A).

Second, Plaintiffs request that the Secretary of State feature information about HB 282's requirements on AlabamaVotes.gov. See, e.g., Georgia, 892 F. Supp. 2d at 1380. The current instructions on the website only tell voters that they are ineligible if they have been convicted of a "disqualifying felony," without any guidance regarding the disqualifying convictions under HB 282.

Third, Plaintiffs request that the Court order Defendants to engage in a robust voter education program akin to the ones ordered in the above-cited cases. That program should include, at minimum, (1) notice of HB 282's requirements via daily

newspapers of general circulation in the State, radio, and television; and (2) development and dissemination of educational materials for registrars and community organizations to use. *Id*.

Finally, Defendant Merrill must provide immediate and mandatory training to local registrars regarding the requirements of HB 282. For decades, local registrars—who are not required to have any legal training, Ala. Code § 17-3-2(a)—have been left to their own devices in enforcing Section 177's "moral turpitude" provision. As Secretary of State, Defendant Merrill is the State's chief elections official and is charged with "provid[ing] uniform guidance for election activities." Ala. Code § 17-1-3. Absent immediate guidance and training of the local registrars, the risk of continued haphazard and arbitrary disenfranchisement in this upcoming election is high. Therefore, relief requiring immediate guidance and training is appropriate. See Georgia, 892 F. Supp. 2d at 1379 (requiring training of county election officials); Order Regarding Agreed Interim Plan for Elections, Veasey v. Abbott, No. 2:13-CV-00193 at *3 (S.D. Tex. Aug. 10, 2016) (requiring a "detailed election official training program for the November 2016 general election").

III. The Balance of the Equities and Public Interest Weigh In Favor of the Requested Relief.

Plaintiffs satisfy the remaining requirements for a preliminary injunction: Plaintiffs face irreparable harm absent relief, and the balance of equities favors relief, as does the public interest.

Eligible HB 282 voters plainly face irreparable injury if the State does not take these commonsense steps to implement HB 282, correct recent unlawful voter

registration purges and application denials, and educate voters about HB 282's eligibility requirements. The right to vote is fundamental and denial or abridgment of the right to vote is always an irreparable injury. See, e.g., Harris v. Graddick, 593 F. Supp. 128, 135 (M.D. Ala. 1984) ("[A]ny illegal impediment to the right to vote, as guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution or statute, would by its nature be an irreparable injury." (citing Reynolds v. Sims, 377 U.S. 533, 585 (1964)). Once voters lose the opportunity to participate in an election, "there can be no do-over and no redress." League of Women Voters, 769 F.3d at 247. Without these steps, the passage of HB 282 will be largely an empty gesture because eligible voters previously treated as ineligible under the pre-HB 282 unconstitutional system will have no way to know about HB 282. See Alabama, 857 F. Supp. 2d at 1243.

Meanwhile, Defendants will not be harmed by this relief. It falls squarely within the Secretary of State's responsibilities to update the voter registration forms, AlabamaVotes.gov, and all other voter education materials, both to reflect current Alabama law and to provide registrars with "uniform guidance" on the administration of the Election Code. See Ala. Code § 17-1-3. While individual notice and reinstatement will require some minor dedication of state resources, the Secretary of State already has all the necessary records to complete this task. Ultimately, "the potential hardships that [Alabama] might experience are minor when balanced against the right to vote, a right that is essential to an effective democracy." Georgia, 892 F. Supp. 2d at 1377; see also N.C. NAACP, 2016 WL 6581284 at *10 (concluding that reinstatement of voters would impose a "minimal" burden on the state and that

"any burden imposed by virtue of these likely violations must be borne by the State

and the counties and not by the wrongfully purged voter").

Finally, the public interest weighs heavily in favor of the requested relief.

Plaintiffs do not ask this Court to enjoin any state law at this time and seek only full

implementation of governing Alabama law. Further, "[f]avoring enfranchisement

and ensuring that qualified voters exercise their right to vote is always in the public

interest." Id. at 11 (quoting Fish v. Kobach, 189 F. Supp. 3d 1107, 1151-52 (D. Kan.

2016)).

CONCLUSION

For the reasons discussed above, Plaintiffs respectfully request the Court to

grant their motion for a preliminary injunction and order the requested relief outlined

above. Plaintiffs attach a proposed order for the Court to consider.

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EXHIBIT A

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- 1 HB282
- 2 178796-2
- 3 By Representative Jones
- 4 RFD: Judiciary
- 5 First Read: 21-FEB-17

1	<u>ENGROSSED</u>
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4	A BILL
5	TO BE ENTITLED
6	AN ACT
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8	To add Section 17-3-30.1 to the Code of Alabama
9	1975, to create the Felony Voter Disqualification Act; to
10	establish a comprehensive list of felonies that involve moral
11	turpitude which disqualify a person from exercising his or her
12	right to vote; and to amend Sections 17-4-3 and 17-4-4, Code
13	of Alabama 1975, relating to voter registration lists, to
14	provide procedures for the Board of Pardons and Paroles and
15	the Secretary of State to follow to purge certain disqualified
16	voters from voter registration lists.
17	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:
18	Section 1. Section 17-3-30.1 is added to the Code of
19	Alabama 1975, to read as follows:
20	§17-3-30.1.
21	(a) This section shall be known and may be cited as
22	the Felony Voter Disqualification Act.
23	(b)(1) The Legislature finds and declares that:
24	a. Article VIII of the Constitution of Alabama of
25	1901, now appearing as Section 177 of Article VIII of the
26	Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901,
27	as amended, provides that Alabama citizens shall lose the

right to vote when convicted of a crime only if the conviction
was for a felony involving moral turpitude.

- b. Under general law, there is no comprehensive list of felonies that involve moral turpitude which disqualify a person from exercising his or her right to vote. Neither individuals with felony convictions nor election officials have a comprehensive, authoritative source for determining if a felony conviction involves moral turpitude and is therefore a disqualifying felony.
 - (2) The purposes of this section are:
- a. To give full effect to Article VIII of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section 177 of Article VIII of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended.
- b. To ensure that no one is wrongly excluded from the electoral franchise.
- c. To provide a comprehensive list of acts that constitute moral turpitude for the limited purpose of disqualifying a person from exercising his or her right to vote.
- (c) For purposes of Article VIII of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section 177 of Article VIII of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, a person is disqualified to vote by reason of conviction of a felony involving moral turpitude only when convicted of any of the following offenses in a degree constituting a felony:

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(1) Murder as defined in the following sections:
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                   a. Subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of Section
        13A-5-40.
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                  b. Subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of Section
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                   c. Subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of Section
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                  d. Subdivision (4) of subsection (a) of Section
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                  e. Subdivision (5) of subsection (a) of Section
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                   f. Subdivision (6) of subsection (a) of Section
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        13A-5-40.
                   q. Subdivision (7) of subsection (a) of Section
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                  h. Subdivision (8) of subsection (a) of Section
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                  i. Subdivision (9) of subsection (a) of Section
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                  j. Subdivision (10) of subsection (a) of Section
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                  k. Subdivision (11) of subsection (a) of Section
        13A-5-40.
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                  m. Subdivision (13) of subsection (a) of Section
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                   p. Subdivision (16) of subsection (a) of Section
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                   q. Subdivision (17) of subsection (a) of Section
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                   r. Subdivision (18) of subsection (a) of Section
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                   s. Subdivision (19) of subsection (a) of Section
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                   (2) Manslaughter as defined in Section 13A-6-3.
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                   (3) Assault as defined in Section 13A-6-20, except
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        for subdivision (5) of subsection (a) of Section 13A-6-20, and
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        Section 13A-6-21.
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                   (4) Kidnapping in the first degree as defined in
        Section 13A-6-43.
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                   (5) Kidnapping in the second degree as defined in
        Section 13A-6-44.
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                   (6) Rape as defined in Sections 13A-6-61 and
        13A-6-62.
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                   (7) Sodomy as defined in Sections 13A-6-63 and
        13A-6-64.
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                   (8) Sexual torture as defined in Section 13A-6-65.1.
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1	(9) Sexual abuse as defined in Sections 13A-6-66,
2	13A-6-67, and 13A-6-69.1.
3	(10) Enticing a child to enter a vehicle for immoral
4	purposes as defined in Section 13A-6-69.
5	(11) Soliciting a child by computer as defined in
6	Section 13A-6-110.
7	(11) Facilitating solicitation of unlawful sexual
8	conduct with a child as defined in Section 13A-6-121.
9	(12) Electronic solicitation of a child as defined
10	in Section 13A-6-122.
11	(13) Facilitating the on-line solicitation of a
12	child as defined in Section 13A-6-123.
13	(14) Traveling to meet a child for an unlawful sex
14	act as defined in Section 13A-6-124.
15	(15) Facilitating the travel of a child for an
16	unlawful sex act as defined in Section 13A-6-125.
17	(16) Human trafficking as defined in Sections
18	13A-6-152 and 13A-6-153.
19	(17) Terrorism as defined in Section 13A-10-152.
20	(18) Soliciting or providing support for an act of
21	terrorism as defined in Section 13A-10-153.
22	(19) Hindering prosecution of terrorism as defined
23	in Section 13A-10-154.
24	(20) Endangering the water supply as defined in
25	Section 13A-10-171.

(21) Possession, manufacture, transport, or 1 2 distribution of a destructive device or bacteriological or biological weapon as defined in Section 13A-10-193. 3 4 (22) Selling, furnishing, giving away, delivering, 5 or distribution of a destructive device, a bacteriological weapon, or biological weapon to a person who is less than 21 6 7 years of age as defined in Section 13A-10-194. (23) Possession, manufacture, transport, or 8 distribution of a detonator, explosive, poison, or hoax device 9 10 as defined in Section 13A-10-195. 11 (24) Possession or distribution of a hoax device 12 represented as a destructive device or weapon as defined in subsection (c) of Section 13A-10-196. 13 (25) Attempt to commit an explosives or destructive 14 15 device or bacteriological or biological weapons crime as 16 defined in Section 13A-10-197. 17 (26) Conspiracy to commit an explosives or 18 destructive device or bacteriological or biological weapons crime as defined in Section 13A-10-198. 19 20 (27) Hindrance or obstruction during detection, disarming, or destruction of a destructive device or weapon as 21 22 defined in Section 13A-10-199. (28) Possession or distribution of a destructive 23 24 device or weapon intended to cause injury or destruction as 25 defined in Section 13A-10-200.

(29) Treason as defined in Section 13A-11-2.

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1	(30) Dissemination or public display of obscene				
2	matter containing visual depiction of persons under 17 years				
3	of age involved in obscene acts as defined in Section				
4	13A-12-191.				
5	(31) Possession and possession with intent to				
6	disseminate obscene matter containing visual depiction of				
7	persons under 17 years of age involved in obscene acts as				
8	defined in Section 13A-12-192.				
9	(32) Parents or guardians permitting children to				
10	engage in production of obscene matter as defined in Section				
11	13A-12-196.				
12	(33) Production of obscene matter containing visual				
13	depiction of persons under 17 years of age involved in obscene				
14	acts as defined in Section 13A-12-197.				
15	(34) Distribution, possession with intent to				
16	distribute, production of obscene material, or offer or				
17	agreement to distribute or produce, as defined in Section				
18	13A-12-200.2.				
19	(35) Trafficking in cannabis, cocaine, or other				
20	illegal drugs or trafficking in amphetamine and				
21	methamphetamine as defined in Section 13A-12-231.				
22	(36) Bigamy as defined in Section 13A-13-1.				
23	(37) Incest as defined in Section 13A-13-3.				
24	(38) Torture or other willful maltreatment of a				
25	child under the age of 18 as defined in Section 26-15-3.				
26	(39) Aggravated child abuse as defined in Section				
27	26-15-3.1.				

(40) Prohibited acts in the offer, sale, or purchase 1 of securities as defined in Section 8-6-17. 2 (41) Burglary as defined in Sections 13A-7-5 and 3 13A-7-6. 4 5 (42) Theft of property as defined in Sections 13A-8-3 and 13A-8-4. 6 7 (43) Theft of lost property as defined in Sections 13A-8-7 and 13A-8-8. 8 (44) Theft of trademarks or trade secrets as defined 9 10 in Section 13A-8-10.4. 11 (45) Robbery as defined in Sections 13A-8-41, 12 13A-8-42, and 13A-8-43. 13 (46) Forgery as defined in Sections 13A-9-2 and 13A-9-3. 14 15 (47) Any crime as defined by the laws of the United 16 States or by the laws of another state, territory, country, or 17 other jurisdiction, which, if committed in this state, would 18 constitute one of the offenses listed in this subsection. 19 (d) Nothing in this section shall be interpreted as 20 determining moral turpitude for any purpose other than 21 disqualifying a person from exercising his or her right to 22 vote. 23 (e) The felonies involving moral turpitude listed in 24 subsection (c) are the only felonies for which a person, upon 25 conviction, may be disqualified from voting. Additional 26 felonies may be added to the list in subsection (c) only by 27 amendment to this section.

Section 2. Sections 17-4-3 and 17-4-4 of the Code of Alabama 1975, are amended to read as follows:

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"(a) Each county board of registrars shall purge the computerized statewide voter registration list on a continuous basis, whenever it receives and confirms information that a person registered to vote in that county has died, become a nonresident of the state or county, been declared mentally incompetent, been convicted of any offense mentioned in designated pursuant to Section 17-3-30.1 as a felony involving moral turpitude for the purposes of Article VIII of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901 since being registered, or otherwise become disqualified as an elector. A Except as provided below, a person convicted of a disqualifying criminal offense must shall be notified by certified mail sent to the voter's last known address of the board's intention to strike his or her name from the list. No person convicted of a disqualifying crime may be stricken from the poll list while an appeal from the conviction is pending.

"(b) On the date set in the notice, or at a later date to which the case may have been continued by the board, the board shall proceed to consider the case of the elector whose name it proposes to strike from the registration list and make its determination. Any person whose name is stricken from the list may appeal from the decision of the board without giving security for costs, and the board shall

forthwith certify the proceedings to the judge of probate who shall docket the case in the probate court.

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"(c) An appeal from the judge of probate shall be as appeals set forth in Section 17-3-55.

"(d) In the event the Board of Pardons and Paroles is supervising a person convicted of a disqualifying criminal offense on probation or parole, and the person has received face-to-face counseling from the supervising officer regarding voter disqualification and executed documentation explaining the loss and restoration of civil and political rights, upon receipt of the documentation, signed by the disqualified elector, the county board of registrars shall be exempt from providing notice as otherwise required by this section. The document administered by the Board of Pardons and Paroles and to be signed by the disqualified elector shall contain the following statement: "Any person convicted of a disqualifying felony loses his or her civil and political rights, which includes the right to vote. Restoration of these rights may be applied for through the Central Montgomery Office of the Board of Pardons and Paroles, but only upon completion of the requirements of Section 15-22-36.1."

"(e) The Board of Pardons and Paroles shall provide signed documentation to county boards of registrars to indicate those persons under probation or parole supervision with the board who have been convicted of a disqualifying criminal offense and been counseled regarding voter disqualification and the restoration of civil and political

rights, and may otherwise share privileged records and files
with county boards of registrars for the limited purpose of
implementing the requirements of this section.

"(f) When the board has sufficient evidence furnished it that any elector has permanently moved from one precinct to another within the county, it shall change the elector's precinct designation in the voter registration list, and shall give notice by mail to the elector of the precinct in which the elector is registered to vote.

"(g) The Secretary of State and the Board of Pardons and Paroles may promulgate rules in accordance with the Alabama Administrative Procedure Act as necessary to implement this section.

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"(a) In addition to all other duties now required by law, the Office of Vital Statistics of the State Department of Public Health shall furnish to the board of registrars of the county in which such district is located, once each month, a report of the death of all persons over 18 years of age who resided in such registration district.

"(b) In addition to all other duties now required by law, the judges of probate of the several counties of this state shall furnish to the board of registrars of their respective counties, once each month, a list of all residents of the county, 18 years of age or over, who have been declared mentally incompetent.

"(c) In addition to all other duties required by law, the clerks of the circuit and district courts of this state shall furnish to the board of registrars of each county, once each month, a list of all residents of that county who have been convicted of any offense mentioned in designated pursuant to Section 17-3-30.1 as a felony involving moral turpitude for the purposes of Article VIII of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901. Any person who willfully fails to perform such duties shall forfeit the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100) for each such failure. Such sum may be recovered in an action by law by any citizen of the county in which the officer acts, one half to his or her own use and one half to the use of the state.

"(d) The Secretary of State and the Board of Pardons
and Paroles may promulgate rules in accordance with the
Alabama Administrative Procedure Act as necessary to implement
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Section 3. This act shall become effective on the first day of the third month following its passage and approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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12	as amended					
13	Yeas 102, Nays 0, Abstains 0					
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15	Jeff Woodard					
16	Clerk					
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EXHIBIT B

JEFFERSON COUNTY COMMISSION



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Office of Board of Registrars

BARRY STEPHENSON, Chairman Suite A-410 716 Richard Arrington, Jr. Blvd. N. Birmingham, Alabama 35203 Telephone (205) 325-5550

December 5, 2014

BY CERTIFIED MAIL



Re: Notice of Non-qualification to Register to Vote

Dear

The Jefferson County Board of Registrars is informed that you have previously been convicted of a felony involving moral turpitude which renders you unqualified to register to vote pursuant to Section 17-3-54, Code of Alabama, as amended.

Pursuant to Section 17-3-55, Alabama Code, persons to whom registration is denied shall have the right of appeal to the Probate Court of Jefferson County. If you wish to appeal, you have thirty (30) days from the date of this letter to submit your written appeal to the Jefferson County Probate Court.

Sincerely.

Barry Stephenson

Chairman

EXHIBIT C



STATE OF ALABAMA BOARD OF PARDONS AND PAROLES

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Mark Gary Irby 1727 Bainbridge Terrace Huntsville, AL 35816

Dear Mr. Irby:

In reviewing your application for a Certificate of Eligibility to Register to Vote, we have determined that you were convicted of <u>Possession of Cocaine</u>. Although this offense was a felony, it does not appear to this agency that the crime involved moral turpitude. According to Amendment 579 of the Alabama Constitution, this conviction does not disqualify you from voting, however, there remains a court ordered payment in this case which has not been paid which does exclude you from gaining your voting rights. The case in question is CC2000-000752, which has an unpaid balance of \$2753.10. Until this sum is paid the State of Alabama will not be able to grant your request to regain your voting rights.

Pursuant to Attorney General's Opinion #2005-92, we are closing our file on your application, as you do not need a certificate in order to be eligible to register. You have applied for a Pardon and that investigation has been forwarded to another officer and he/she will be in contact with you.

Sincerely,

Jim Kirkland

Probation and Parole Office

EXHIBIT D

Andrew Brasher Solicitor General Office of the Attorney General 501 Washington Ave. Montgomery, AL 36130

June 9, 2017

Re: Effect of HB 282 on Thompson et al. v. Alabama et al., No. 2:16-cv-783-WKW

Dear Mr. Brasher,

Thank you for reaching out to me to meet and confer about the potential impact of the Felony Voter Disqualification Act (HB 282) on the pending claims in *Thompson v. Alabama*. HB 282—which creates a list of various felony offenses to provide a definition of the term "moral turpitude" as it appears in Section 177(b) of the Constitution of Alabama—certainly does not resolve all of the counts in this case and therefore the case will continue. HB 282 is most relevant to Counts 6-10 of the current complaint. Those counts alleged that the prior standardless system for determining who could vote imposed an unconstitutional burden on the right to vote (Counts 6 and 7), deprived voters of procedural due process (Count 8), was void for vagueness (Count 9), and resulted in arbitrary disenfranchisement (Count 10). We agree that HB 282 is an important step to remedying the harms we alleged in those counts of the complaint. However, we believe further action is necessary to fully remedy the harms of the current arbitrary system of disenfranchisement. It is our hope that, given HB 282, we will be able to agree to appropriate remedial actions and thus agree to the mutual resolution of these claims. If we are not able to agree on appropriate remedial action, these claims are not mooted and HB 282 might require additional requests for relief.

First and foremost, HB 282 is currently scheduled to become effective on August 1, 2017, which is the last day of voter registration for the special primary election for U.S. Senator in Alabama. Thus, while the Legislature has finally settled upon a definition of "moral turpitude," it plans to continue to disenfranchise thousands in the next upcoming statewide election based on an outdated, and unconstitutional, standard. Alabama should implement this new law immediately to ensure that eligible voters are not deprived of their right to vote for any more elections. *See, e.g. Veasey v. Abbott*, 830 F.3d 216, 270 (5th Cir. 2016) ("[T]he November 2016 general election is fast approaching. It would be untenable to permit a law with a discriminatory effect to remain in operation for that election.").

Second, as a result of HB 282, there is now more legal clarity about who has the right to vote in Alabama. However, that new legal clarity cannot alone resolve the years of non-uniform enforcement and accompanying confusion. In order for HB 282 to provide a meaningful remedy

to those unlawfully disenfranchised under the current system, we believe the State must register or reinstate voters whose applications were rejected or whose registrations were purged under the unconstitutional system but who have the right to vote under HB 282, and notify these voters of their eligibility to vote. *See, e.g., North Carolina State Conference of the NAACP v. North Carolina State Bd. of Elections*, 2016 WL 6581284 (M.D. N.C. Nov. 4, 2016) (ordering the immediate restoration of all improperly purged voters); *Georgia State Conference of the NAACP v. Hancock County Bd. of Elections*, Civ. A. No. 5:15-cv-414-CAR (M.D. Ga. Mar. 1, 2017), Doc. 67-1, Consent Decree (agreeing to the restoration of improperly purged voters to the registration list). Alabama should reinstate eligible voters going back as far as there are available records. At minimum, Alabama should reinstate eligible voters whose applications were denied or registrations were purged during the past two years, the mandatory record-keeping period pursuant to the NVRA. *See* 52 U.S.C. § 20507(i)(1).

Further, Alabama must implement a meaningful and robust voter education program to correct the confusion and misapprehension caused by its years-long unlawful system that deterred eligible voters from registering to vote. *See, e.g., Veasey*, 830 F.3d at 256, 271-72 (noting that "the State's lackluster educational efforts resulted in additional burdens on Texas voters" and directing the district court to "consider the necessity of educational and training efforts" in fashioning a remedy for the affected voters). Likewise, Alabama must provide adequate training and protocols to ensure that the registrars properly implement HB 282 and cease to arbitrarily disenfranchise citizens. *Id.*

Finally, as part of any voter education program, Alabama must redesign its state voter registration form and federal form state-specific instructions to adequately apprise voters of their rights. As alleged in Count 6 of our complaint, the federal and state forms—which require Alabama citizens to sign under penalty of perjury that they have not been convicted of a "felony involving moral turpitude" (federal form) or a "disqualifying crime" (state form) without any additional information—place an undue burden on eligible voters with past convictions. If Alabama does not provide voters with meaningful information about HB 282's clarification of Alabama's voter qualifications, ordinary citizens will continue to be misinformed and confused about their access to the right to vote. Failure to amend these forms to reflect HB 282's requirements would also run afoul of the NVRA's requirements that registration forms state each eligibility requirement. 52 U.S.C. §§ 20504(c)(2)(C)(i), 20506(a)(6)(A)(i)(I), 20508(b)(2)(A).

As you know, our clients have filed this action as a class action complaint on behalf of themselves and all those similarly situated. We have a responsibility to seek an adequate remedy for the entire class. Our client Antwoine Giles is representative of the group of individuals who were unlawfully denied the right to vote under the current unconstitutional system but will be eligible to vote because of this remedial step taken by the Alabama Legislature. While we can advise Mr. Giles of this action, without further action by the state, the vast majority of similarly situated individuals will remain in the dark about these changes in affairs. The last

communication from the state they received was an affirmative statement that they were not qualified to vote because of their felony conviction. They would have no reason to believe that has changed. We have already identified several voters in this circumstance. Undoubtedly, many more individuals never applied to vote because Alabama's prior vague system deterred applications from those who could not determine if their convictions were "disqualifying."

In passing this bill, the Alabama Legislature acknowledged the prior arbitrary, non-uniform—and thus unconstitutional—state of affairs. HB 282 states: "Under general law, there is no comprehensive list of felonies that involve moral turpitude which disqualify a person from exercising his or her right to vote. Neither individuals with felony convictions nor election officials have a comprehensive, authoritative source for determining if a felony conviction involves moral turpitude and is therefore a disqualifying felony." Ala. Code. 17-3-30.1(b)(1)(b)(effective Aug. 1, 2017). One of the main sponsors of the bill, Senator Cam Ward, admitted that under the current system "[w]hat moral turpitude meant in Shelby County could have been something totally different in Talladega County." Defendant Secretary of State agreed stating that the current system "sow[s] confusion" and can vary county by county: "For example marijuana possession, they might list that as a crime of moral turpitude, whereas only distribution of that drug or that substance would really be considered a crime of moral turpitude."

Alabama will never be able to fully remedy the harms imposed by this unconstitutional system. I *Voting Rights Act: Evidence of Continued Need, Hearing Before the Subcommittee on the Constitution of the H. Comm. on the Judiciary*, 109th Cong. 97 (2006) (noting that harmed voters cannot change past electoral outcomes, and the benefits of incumbency adhere to those elected under discriminatory procedures). Nonetheless, the class plaintiffs are entitled to an effective and meaningful remedy. We believe these proposals are tailored to resolve the constitutional wrongs of the current arbitrary system. *United States v. Virginia*, 518 U.S. 515, 547 (1996) ("A remedial decree . . . must be shaped to place persons unconstitutionally denied an opportunity or advantage in 'the position they would have occupied in the absence of [discrimination].""); *Swann v. Charlotte-Mecklenburg Bd. of Ed.*, 402 U.S. 1, 15 (1971) ("Once a right and a violation have been shown, the scope of a district court's equitable powers to remedy past wrongs is broad, for breadth and flexibility are inherent in equitable remedies."). We further believe that it would be appropriate to enter into an agreement wherein our client, Greater Birmingham Ministries, with our counsel, acts on an advisory committee to the Secretary of State to oversee and ensure effective implementation of these remedial steps.

¹ Kim Chandler, Alabama law could allow more people to vote, Associated Press (June 4, 2017), http://www.cullmantimes.com/news/alabama-law-could-allow-more-people-to-vote/article 1d465ae4-4971-11e7-b1b3-eb66aa7ed33a.html.

² *Id*.

³ Kacey Drescher, New law clears up voting confusion for Alabamians with a felony, WSFA (May 24, 2017), http://www.wsfa.com/story/35512463/new-law-clears-up-voting-confusion-for-alabamians-with-a-felony.

Once again, we are encouraged that the Alabama Legislature has taken the first necessary step to resolve the constitutional infirmities raised in Counts 6-10 of our complaint. We believe that the necessary remaining steps are within the Attorney General and Secretary of State's control and fully accord with HB 282's goal of "ensur[ing] that no one is wrongly excluded from the electoral franchise." Ala. Code. 17-3-30.1(b)(2)(b)(effective Aug. 1, 2017). We trust that your office was already considering many of these proposed measures in its plan to implement HB 282. We hope that we will be able to come together to agree upon the appropriate steps that would allow us to resolve the above-mentioned counts in our complaint.

After you have had an opportunity to review this letter, we would recommend scheduling a meet and confer to further discuss next steps in the case. Please respond within fourteen days to let us know of your position and schedule a meet and confer. In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 202-856-7911 or dlang@campaignlegalcenter.org.

Sincerely,

Danielle Lang Senior Counsel – Voting Rights & Redistricting Campaign Legal Center

EXHIBIT E

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Secretary of State Online Services

Electronic Voter Registration Application

Welcome to the Alabama Electronic Voter Registration Application website.

You may use this application to submit an application for voter registration or to submit an update to your registration information.

For any election, the last day to register to vote or update your voter registration is the 15th day prior to the election.

To submit an application to register to vote, you must meet the following requirements:

- You must be a citizen of the United States.
- You must live in the State of Alabama.
- You must be at least 18 years of age on or before election day.
- You must not be barred from voting by reason of a disqualifying felony conviction.
- You must not have been judged "mentally incompetent" in a court of law.

You will be required to present valid photo identification when you vote at your polling place or by absentee ballot, unless exempted by law.

For questions regarding the requirements listed above and your eligibility, please Contact Us.

Do you currently have a valid Alabama Driver's License or Non-Driver's Identification card?

In addition to the requirements listed above, you must have a valid Alabama Driver's License or valid Alabama Non-Driver's Identification card to submit an Electronic Voter Registration Application.

• If your answer is "yes", you may now begin the application process

• If your answer is "no", please <u>click here to access the form-fillable State of Alabama Mail-In Voter</u>
<u>Registration Form</u>

This form is a PDF that you can fill out on your computer, print, sign, and mail to your Board of Registrars.

To check your voter registration status or view your polling place, you may use our <u>online voter</u> <u>information tool</u>. You may also <u>contact your county Board of Registrars</u>.

Please remember that you are submitting an application for voter registration through this web site.

You are not registered to vote until your County Board of Registrars reviews and approves your application!

This application requires that your browser supports both javascript and cookies. Please make sure that javascript and cookies are enabled in your browser settings.

For security purposes, please close this browser window once you complete the application process.

Begin the Application Process

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Alabama Secretary of

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2016 Electoral Statement on **Ballot Error** and Reprinting

MONTGOMERY - Today, Friday December 2, 2016 the Secretary of State's Office was updated on the final costs incurred related to the reprinting of the ballot for the November 8 General Election....

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Information on Poll Watchers in Alabama

Record Voter Registration Numbers In Alabama!

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MONTGOMERY – The purpose of this release is to provide much needed information to the people of Alabama regarding poll watchers in the State of Alabama.

The deadline for Alabamians to register to vote has passed. As of today we have registered more than 584,252 making the total number of registered voters in the state a record 3,330,802...

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Casting a "Write-In" Vote Press Release

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MONTGOMERY -Secretary of State John Merrill reminds all

Statement from Secretary Merrill on

This release is intended to provide much needed information regarding the proper procedures for casting a "write-in" vote. Please share this information with the public so that we can make sure to...

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principals, teachers, superintendents, and 4th – 12th grade students that the statewide Student Mock Election will be...

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<u>Alabama</u> Secretary of <u>Video</u> **Encouraging Voter Registration**

On Wednesday, the Office of the Secretary of State released a video aimed at encouraging eligible U.S. citizens that are residents of Alabama to register to vote, as well as update their voter...

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Student Mock **Election** State Releases Convention at the American <u>Village</u>

A Student Mock Election Convention at the American Village will be held on July 12th and 13th. Students in grades 9, 10, 11 and 12 as of the fall 2016 school year in public,...

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On Monday, Secretary of State John Merrill released details on the participation for electronic business filings.

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England, Jr.

On June 24, 2016, Secretary Merrill recognized Judge John H. England, Jr. of Tuscaloosa by awarding him the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) Medallion Award.

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Judge John H. House District 79

On Friday, Governor Robert Bentley released a proclamation outlining the timeline to fill the vacant House District 79 seat in the Alabama House of Representatives.

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Secretary of State John H. Merrill Releases <u>Searchable</u> <u>Digitized Acts</u> of Alabama

Following an idea recently made by the Executive Budget Office, Secretary of

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EXHIBIT F

Please mail or hand-deliver your completed voter registration application to your county Board of Registrars office.

The mailing address and phone number for each county Board of Registrars office is provided on page 3 of this document.

State of Alabama Mail-In Voter Registration Form

2015.02.09

FOR USE BY U.S. CITIZENS ONLY ♦ FILL IN ALL BOXES ON THIS FORM ♦ PLEASE USE INK ♦ PRINT LEGIBLY

You can use this form to:

- ▶ Register to vote in Alabama.
- ▶ Update your voter registration record, if you have changed your name or address.

Deadline for submitting application:

Voter registration and updating of voter records is closed during the 14 days prior to each election in Alabama.

To register to vote in the State of Alabama, you must:

- ▶ Be a citizen of the United States.
- ► Reside in Alabama.
- ▶ Be at least 18 years of age on or before election day.
- Not have been convicted of a disqualifying felony, or if you have been convicted, you must have had your civil rights restored.
- ▶ Not have been declared "mentally incompetent" by a court.

ID requested: You may send with this application a copy of valid photo identification. You will be required to present valid photo identification when you vote at your polling place or by absentee ballot, unless exempted by law. For more information, go to www.AlabamaVoterID.com or call the Elections Division: 800-274-8683.

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The decision to register to vote is yours. If you decide to register to vote, the office at which you are submitting this application will remain confidential and will be used only for voter registration purposes. If you decline to register to vote, your decision will remain confidential and will be used only for voter registration purposes.



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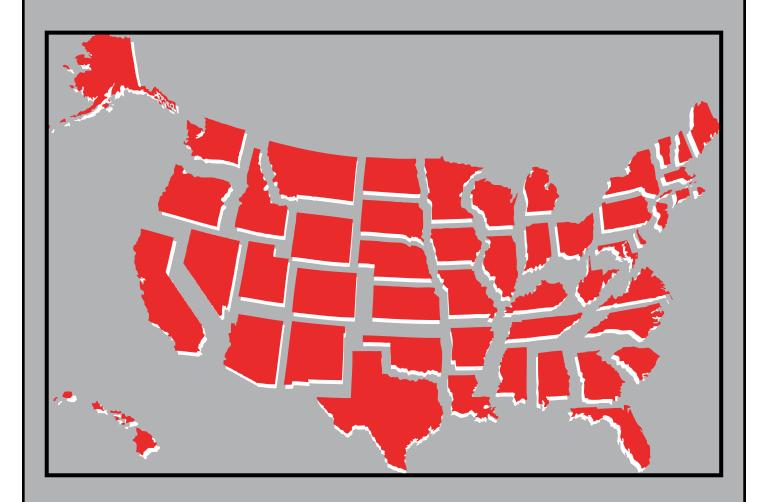
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Register To Vote In Your State By Using This Postcard Form and Guide



For U.S. Citizens

General Instructions

Who Can Use this Application

If you are a U.S. citizen who lives or has an address within the United States, you can use the application in this booklet to:

- Register to vote in your State,
- Report a change of name to your voter registration office.
- Report a change of address to your voter registration office, or
- Register with a political party.

Exceptions

Please do not use this application if you live outside the United States and its territories and have no home (legal) address in this country, *or* if you are in the military stationed away from home. Use the Federal Postcard Application available to you from military bases, American embassies, or consular offices.

New Hampshire town and city clerks will accept this application only as a request for their own absentee voter mail-in registration form.

North Dakota does not have voter registration. **Wyoming** law does not permit mail registration.

How to Find Out If You Are Eligible to Register to Vote in Your State

Each State has its own laws about who may register and vote. Check the information under your State in the State Instructions. All States require that you be a United States citizen by birth or naturalization to register to vote in federal and State elections. Federal law makes it illegal to falsely claim U.S. citizenship to register to vote in any federal, State, or local election. You **cannot** be registered to vote in more than one place at a time.

How to Fill Out this Application

Use both the Application Instructions and State Instructions to guide you in filling out the application.

- First, read the Application Instructions. These instructions will give you important information that applies to everyone using this application.
- Next, find your State under the State Instructions. Use these instructions to fill out Boxes 6, 7, and refer to these instructions for information about voter eligibility and any oath required for Box 9.

When to Register to Vote

Each State has its own deadline for registering to vote. Check the deadline for your State on the last page of this booklet.

How to Submit Your Application

Mail your application to the address listed under your State in the State Instructions. Or, deliver the application in person to your local voter registration office. The States that are required to accept the national form will accept copies of the application printed from the computer image on regular paper stock, signed by the applicant, and mailed in an envelope with the correct postage.

First Time Voters Who Register by Mail

If you are registering to vote for the first time in your jurisdiction and are mailing this registration application, Federal law requires you to show proof of identification the first time you vote. Proof of identification includes:

- A current and valid photo identification or
- A current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck or government document that shows your name and address.

Voters may be exempt from this requirement if they submit a **COPY** of this identification with their mail in voter registration form. If you wish to submit a **COPY**, please keep the following in mind:

- Your state may have additional identification requirements which may mandate you show identification at the polling place even if you meet the Federal proof of identification.
- Do not submit original documents with this application, only **COPIES.**

If You Were Given this Application in a State Agency or Public Office

If you have been given this application in a State agency or public office, it is your choice to use the application. If you decide to use this application to register to vote, you can fill it out and leave it with the State agency or public office. The application will be submitted for you. Or, you can take it with you to mail to the address listed under your State in the State Instructions. You also may take it with you to deliver in person to your local voter registration office.

Note: The name and location of the State agency or public office where you received the application will remain confidential. It will not appear on your application. Also, if you decide not to use this application to register to vote, that decision will remain confidential. It will not affect the service you receive from the agency or office.

Application Instructions

Before filling out the body of the form, please answer the questions on the top of the form as to whether you are a United States citizen and whether you will be 18 years old on or before Election Day. If you answer no to either of these questions, you may not use this form to register to vote. However, state specific instructions may provide additional information on eligibility to register to vote prior to age 18.

Box 1 — Name

Put in this box your full name in this order — Last, First, Middle. Do not use nicknames or initials. *Note:* If this application is for a change of name, please tell us in **Box A** (on the bottom half of the form) your full name before you changed it.

Box 2 — Home Address

Put in this box your home address (legal address). Do **not** put your mailing address here if it is different from your home address. Do **not** use a post office box or rural route without a box number. Refer to state-specific instructions for rules regarding use of route numbers.

Note: If you were registered before but this is the first time you are registering from the address in Box 2, please tell us in **Box B** (on the bottom half of the form) the address where you were registered before. Please give us as much of the address as you can remember.

Also Note: If you live in a rural area but do not have a street address, or if you have no address, please show where you live using the map in Box C (at the bottom of the form).

Box 3 — Mailing Address

If you get your mail at an address that is different from the address in Box 2, put your mailing address in this box. If you have no address in Box 2, you **must** write in Box 3 an address where you can be reached by mail.

Box 4 — Date of Birth

Put in this box your date of birth in this order — Month, Day, Year. *Be careful not to use today's date!*

Box 5 — Telephone Number

Most States ask for your telephone number in case there are questions about your application. However, you do not have to fill in this box.

Box 6 — ID Number

Federal law requires that states collect from each registrant an identification number. You must refer to your state's specific instructions for item 6 regarding information on what number is acceptable for your state. If you have neither a drivers license nor a social security number, please indicate this on the form and a number will be assigned to you by your state.

Box 7 — Choice of Party

In some States, you must register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election, caucus, or convention. To find out if your State requires this, see item 7 in the instructions under your State.

If you want to register with a party, print in the box the full name of the party of your choice.

If you do not want to register with a party, write "no party" or leave the box blank. Do not write in the word "independent" if you mean "no party," because this might be confused with the name of a political party in your State.

Note: If you do not register with a party, you can still vote in general elections and nonpartisan (nonparty) primary elections.

Box 8 — Race or Ethnic Group

A few States ask for your race or ethnic group, in order to administer the Federal Voting Rights Act. To find out if your State asks for this information, see item 8 in the instructions under your State. If so, put in Box 8 the choice that best describes you from the list below:

- American Indian or Alaskan Native
- Asian or Pacific Islander
- Black, *not* of Hispanic Origin
- Hispanic
- Multi-racial
- White, *not* of Hispanic Origin
- Other

Box 9 — Signature

Review the information in item 9 in the instructions under your State. Before you sign or make your mark, make sure that:

- (1) You meet your State's requirements, and
- (2) You understand all of Box 9.

Finally, sign your **full** name or make your mark, and print today's date in this order — Month, Day, Year. If the applicant is unable to sign, put in **Box D** the name, address, and telephone number (optional) of the person who helped the applicant.

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9	I have reviewed my state's instructions and I swear/affirm that: I am a United States citizen I meet the eligibility requirements of my state and subscribe to any oath required. The information I have provided is true to the best of my										
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9	I have reviewed my state's instructions and I swear/affirm that: ■ I am a United States citizen ■ I meet the eligibility requirements of my state and subscribe to any oath required. ■ The information I have provided is true to the best of my knowledge under penalty of perjury. If I have provided false information, I may be fined, imprisoned, or (if not a U.S. citizen) deported from or refused entry to the United States. ■ A Please sign full name (or put mark) ▲ Date: Month Day Year									
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Alabama

Updated: 02-01-2016

Registration Deadline — Voter registration is closed during the fourteen days preceding an election. Applications must be postmarked or delivered by the fifteenth day prior to the election.

- 6. ID Number. If you have one, you must provide your Alabama driver's license number or Alabama nondriver identification card number. If you do not have an Alabama driver's license or nondriver identification card, you must provide the last 4 digits of your Social Security number. If you have not been issued any of these numbers you must write the word "NONE" and a unique identifier will be provided for you.
- 7. Choice of Party. Optional: You do not have to register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election, caucus, or convention.
- **8.** Race or Ethnic Group. You are required to fill in this box; however, your application will not be rejected if you fail to do so. See the list of choices under the Application Instructions for Box 8 (on page 2).
- **9. Signature.** To register in Alabama you must:
- be a citizen of the United States. The county board of registrars shall accept any completed application for registration, but an applicant shall not be registered until the applicant has provided satisfactory evidence of United States citizenship.
- be a resident of Alabama and your county at the time of registration

- be 18 years old before any election
- not have been convicted of a felony involving moral turpitude (or have had your civil and political rights restored
- not currently be declared mentally incompetent through a competency hearing
- swear or affirm to "support and defend the Constitution of the U.S. and the State of Alabama and further disavow any belief or affiliation with any group which advocates the overthrow of the governments of the U.S. or the State of Alabama by unlawful means and that the information contained herein is true, so help me God"

Mailing address:

Office of the Secretary of State P.O. Box 5616 Montgomery, AL 36103-5616

Alaska

Updated: 03-01-2006

Registration Deadline — 30 days before the election.

6. ID Number. You must provide one of the following identification numbers; Alaska Driver's License or Alaska State Identification Card Number. If you do not have an Alaska Driver's License or Alaska State Identification Card, you must provide the last four digits of your Social Security Number. If you do not have any of these identification numbers, please write "NONE" on the form. A unique identifying number will be assigned to you for voter registration purposes. This information is kept confidential. Having this information assists in maintaining your voter record and may assist in verifying your

- identity (Title 15 of the Alaska Statutes).
- 7. Choice of Party. You do not have to declare a party affiliation when registering to vote. If you do not choose a party, you will be registered as Undeclared. Alaska has a closed primary election system. Each recognized political party has a separate ballot listing only candidates from that political party. Voters registered as a member of a political party may only vote that party's ballot. Voters registered as undeclared or non-partisan may choose one ballot from the ballots available.
- **8. Race or Ethnic Group.** Leave blank.
- **9. Signature.** To register in Alaska you must:
- be a citizen of the United States
- be at least 18 years old within 90 days of completing this registration
- be a resident of Alaska
- not be a convicted felon (unless unconditionally discharged)
- not be registered to vote in another State

Mailing address:

Division of Elections State of Alaska PO Box 110017 Juneau, AK 99811-0017

Arizona

Updated: 03-01-2006

Registration Deadline — 29 days before the election.

6. ID Number. Your completed voter registration form must contain the number of your Arizona driver license, or non-operating identification license issued pursuant to A.R.S.

§ 28-3165, if the license is current and valid. If you *do not have* a current and valid Arizona driver license or non-operating identification license, you must include the last four digits of your social security number if one has been issued to you. If you do not have a current and valid driver license or non-operating identification license or a social security number, please write "NONE" on the form. A unique identifying number will be assigned by the Secretary of State.

- 7. Choice of Party. If you are registered in a political party which has qualified for ballot recognition, you will be permitted to vote the primary election ballot for that party. If you are registered as an independent, no party preference or as a member of a party which is not qualified for ballot recognition, you may select and vote one primary election ballot for one of the recognized political parties.
- **8. Race or Ethnic Group.** Leave blank.
- **9. Signature.** To register in Arizona you must:
- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of Arizona and your county at least 29 days preceding the next election
- be 18 years old on or before the next general election
- not have been convicted of treason or a felony (or have had your civil rights restored)
- not currently be declared an incapacitated person by a court of law

Mailing address:

Secretary of State/Elections 1700 W. Washington, 7th Floor Phoenix, AZ 85007-2888

Arkansas

Updated: 03-01-2006

Registration Deadline — 30 days before the election.

- 6. ID Number. Your completed voter registration form must contain your state issued driver's license number or nonoperating identification number. If you do not have a driver's license or nonoperating identification, you must include the last four digits of your social security number. If you do not have a driver's license or a nonoperating identification or a social security number, please write "NONE" on the form. A unique identifying number will be assigned by the State.
- 7. Choice of Party. Optional. You do not have to register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election, caucus, or convention.
- **8. Race or Ethnic Group.** Leave blank.
- **9. Signature.** To register in Arkansas you must:
- be a citizen of the United States
- live in Arkansas at the address in Box 2 on the application
- be at least 18 years old before the next election
- not be a convicted felon (or have completely discharged your sentence or been pardoned)
- not claim the right to vote in any other jurisdiction
- not previously be adjudged mentally incompetent by a court of competent jurisdiction

Mailing address:

Secretary of State Voter Services P.O. Box 8111 Little Rock, AR 72203-8111

California

Updated: 03-01-2006

Registration Deadline — 15 days before the election.

- 6. ID Number. When you register to vote, you must provide your California driver's license or California identification card number, if you have one. If you do not have a driver's license or ID card, you must provide the last four digits of your Social Security Number (SSN). If you do not include this information, you will be required to provide identification when you vote.
- 7. Choice of Party. Please enter the name of the political party with which you wish to register. If you do not wish to register with any party, enter "Decline to State" in the space provided.

California law allows voters who "decline to state" an affiliation with a qualified political party or who affiliate with a nonqualified political party to vote in the primary election of any qualified political party that files a notice with the Secretary of State allowing them to do so. You can call 1-800-345-VOTE or visit www.sos.ca.gov to learn which political parties are allowing nonaffiliated voters to participate in their primary election.

- **8. Race or Ethnic Group.** Leave blank.
- **9. Signature.** To register in California you must:
- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of California
- be at least 18 years of age at the time of the next election
- not be imprisoned or on parole for the conviction of a felony
- not currently be judged mentally incompetent by a court of law

Signature is required. If you meet the requirements listed above, please sign and date the registration card in the space provided.

Mailing address:

Secretary of State Elections Division 1500 11th Street Sacramento, CA 95814

Colorado

Updated: 03-28-2008

Registration Deadline — 29 days before the election. If the application is received in the mails without a postmark, it must be received within 5 days of the close of registration.

- **6. ID Number.** Your completed voter registration form must contain your state issued driver's license number or identification number. If you do not have a driver's license or state issued identification, you must include the last four digits of your social security number. If you do not have a driver's license or a state issued identification or a social security number, please write "NONE" on the form. A unique identifying number will be assigned by the State.
- 7. Choice of Party. You must register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election, caucus, or convention.
- **8. Race or Ethnic Group.** Leave blank.
- **9. Signature.** To register in Colorado you must:
- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of Colorado 30 days prior to the election
- be 18 years old on or before election day

• not be confined as a prisoner or serving any part of a sentence under mandate

Mailing address:

Colorado Secretary of State 1700 Broadway, Suite 270 Denver, Colorado 80290

Connecticut

Updated: 03-01-2006

Registration Deadline — 14 days before the election.

- **6. ID Number.** Connecticut Driver's License Number, or if none, the last four digits of your Social Security Number.
- 7. Choice of Party. This is optional, but you must register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election, caucus, or convention.
- **8. Race or Ethnic Group.** Leave blank.
- **9. Signature.** To register in Connecticut you must:
- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of Connecticut and of the town in which you wish to vote
- be 17 years old. You can vote when you turn 18
- have completed confinement and parole if previously convicted of a felony, and have had your voting rights restored by Registrars of Voters.
- not currently be declared mentally incompetent to vote by a court of law

Mailing address:

Secretary of State Elections Division 30 Trinity Street Hartford, CT 06106

Delaware

Updated: 02-07-2012

Registration Deadline — The 4th Saturday before a primary or general election, and 10 days before a special election.

- 6. ID Number. Your completed voter registration form must contain your state issued driver's license number or nonoperating identification number. If you do not have a driver's license or nonoperating identification, you must include the last four digits of your social security number. If you do not have a driver's license or a nonoperating identification or a social security number, please write "NONE" on the form. A unique identifying number will be assigned by the State.
- 7. Choice of Party. You must register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election, caucus, or convention.
- **8. Race or Ethnic Group.** Leave blank.
- **9. Signature.** To register in Delaware you must:
- be a citizen of the United States
- be a permanent resident of Delaware
- be at least 18 years old on the date of the next general election
- felons are eligible to vote if certain requirements are met: fines and sentence completed at least five years prior to application date; felony convictions can not be disqualifying felonies, which are murder, sexual offenses, or crimes against public administration involving bribery or improper influence or abuse of office.
- not be mentally incompetent

Mailing address:

State of Delaware Office of the State Election Commissioner 905 S. Governors Ave., Suite 170 Dover, DE 19904

District of Columbia

Updated: 10-29-2003

Registration Deadline — 30 days before the election.

- **6. ID Number.** Federal law now requires that all voter registration applications must include either the applicant's driver's license number or the last four digits of the applicant's social security number in order to be processed.
- 7. Choice of Party. You must register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election, caucus, or convention.
- **8. Race or Ethnic Group.** Leave blank.
- **9. Signature.** To register in the District of Columbia you must:
- be a citizen of the United States
- be a District of Columbia resident at least 30 days preceding the next election
- be at least 18 years old on or preceding the next election
- not be in jail for a felony conviction
- not have been judged "mentally incompetent" by a court of law
- not claim the right to vote anywhere outside D.C.

Mailing address:

District of Columbia Board of Elections & Ethics 441 4th Street, NW, Suite 250 Washington, DC 20001-2745

Florida

Updated: 11-30-2011

Registration Deadline — 29 days before the election.

- 6. ID Number. If you have one, you must provide your Florida driver's license number or Florida identification card number. If you do not have a Florida driver's license or identification card, you must provide the last four digits of your social security number. If you have not been issued any of these numbers, you must write the word "NONE."
- 7. Choice of Party. You must register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election, caucus, or convention.
- **8. Race or Ethnic Group.** You are requested, but not required, to fill in this box. See the list of choices under the Application Instructions for Box 8 (on page 2).
- **9. Signature.** To register in Florida you must:
- be a citizen of the United States
- be a legal resident of both the State of Florida and of the county in which you seek to be registered
- be 18 years old (you may pre-register if you are at least 16)
- not be adjudicated mentally incapacitated with respect to voting in Florida or any other State, or if you have, you must first have your voting rights restored.
- not be a convicted felon, or if you are, you must first have your civil rights restored if they were taken away.
- swear or affirm the following: "I will protect and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Florida, that I am qualified to register as an elector under the Constitution and laws of the State of

Florida, and that all information in this application is true."

Mailing address:

State of Florida Department of State Division of Elections The R.A. Gray Building 500 South Bronough St, Rm 316 Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

Georgia

Updated: 02-01-2016

Registration Deadline — The fifth Monday before any general primary, general election, or presidential preference primary, or regularly scheduled special election pursuant to the Georgia Election Code. In the event that a special election is scheduled on a date other that those dates prescribed by the Georgia Election Code, registration would close on the 5th day after the call.

- **6. ID Number.** Federal law requires you to provide your full GA Drivers License number or GA State issued ID number. If you do not have a GA Drivers License or GA ID you must provide the last 4 digits of your Social Security number. Providing your full Social Security number is optional. Your Social Security number will be kept confidential and may be used for comparison with other state agency databases for voter registration identification purposes. If you do not possess a GA Drivers License or Social Security number, a unique identifier will be provided for you.
- 7. Choice of Party. You do not have to register with a party to take part in that party's primary, caucus or convention.

- **8. Race or Ethnic Group.** You are requested to fill in this box. See the list of choices under the Application Instructions for Box 8 (on page 2).
- **9. Signature.** To register in Georgia you must:
- be a citizen of the United States
- be a legal resident of Georgia and of the county in which you want to vote
- be 18 years old within six months after the day of registration, and be 18 years old to vote
- not be serving a sentence for having been convicted of a felony
- not have been judicially determined to be mentally incompetent, unless the disability has been removed
- be found eligible to vote by supplying satisfactory evidence of U.S. citizenship

Mailing address:

Elections Division Office of the Secretary of State 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive Suite 802 Floyd West Tower Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Hawaii

Updated: 03-01-2006

Registration Deadline — 30 days before the election.

- **6. ID Number.** Your full social security number is required. It is used to prevent fraudulent registration and voting. Failure to furnish this information will prevent acceptance of this application (Hawaii Revised Statutes, Section 11-15).
- **7. Choice of Party.** A "choice of party" is not required for voter registration.

- **8. Race or Ethnic Group.** Race or ethnic group information is not required for voter registration.
- **9. Signature.** To register in Hawaii you must:
- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of the State of Hawaii
- be at least 16 years old (you must be 18 years old by election day in order to vote)
- not be incarcerated for a felony conviction
- not be adjudicated by a court as "non compos mentis"

Mailing address:

Office of Elections State of Hawaii 802 Lehua Avenue Pearl City, HI 96782

Idaho

Updated: 03-01-2006

Registration Deadline — 25 days before the election.

- **6. ID Number.** Enter your driver's license number. If you have no driver's license, enter the last 4 digits of your social security number.
- 7. Choice of Party. You do not have to register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election, caucus, or convention.
- **8. Race or Ethnic Group.** Leave blank.
- **9. Signature.** To register in Idaho you must:
- be a citizen of the United States
- have resided in Idaho and in the county for 30 days prior to the day of election
- be at least 18 years old
- not have been convicted of a felony, and without having been restored to the rights of

citizenship, or confined in prison on conviction of a criminal offense

Mailing address:

Secretary of State P.O. Box 83720 State Capitol Bldg. Boise, ID 83720-0080

Illinois

Updated: 08-14-2012

Registration Deadline — 28 days prior to each election.

- **6. ID Number.** Your driver's license number is required to register to vote. If you do not have a driver's license, at least the last four digits of your social security number are required. If you have neither, please write "NONE" on the form. A unique identifier will be assigned to you by the State.
- 7. Choice of Party. Party registration or preference is not required for voter registration. However, when you apply for a primary ballot, you must indicate your party preference for that election.
- **8. Race or Ethnic Group.** Leave blank
- **9. Signature.** A signature is required. If signature is missing from registration form, you will be notified your registration is incomplete.

To register in Illinois you must:

- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of Illinois and of your election precinct at least 30 days before the next election
- be at least 18 years old on or before the next election
- not be in jail for a felony conviction
- not claim the right to vote anywhere else

Mailing address:

State Board of Elections 2329 S. MacArthur Boulevard Springfield, IL 62704

Indiana

Updated: 03-01-2006

Registration Deadline — 29 days before the election.

- 6. ID Number. Your state voter ID number is your ten digit Indiana issued driver's license number. If you do not possess an Indiana driver's license then provide the last four digits of your social security number. Please indicate which number was provided. (Indiana Code 3-7-13-13)
- 7. Choice of Party. Leave blank.
- **8. Race or Ethnic Group.** Leave blank.
- **9. Signature.** To register in Indiana you must:
- be a citizen of the United States
- have resided in the precinct at least
 30 days before the next election
- be at least 18 years of age on the day of the next general election
- not currently be in jail for a criminal conviction

Mailing address:

Election Division Office of the Secretary of State 302 West Washington Street, Room E-204 Indianapolis, IN 46204-2743

Iowa

Updated: 03-28-2008

Registration Deadline — Must be delivered by 5 p.m. 10 days before the election, if it is a state primary or general election; 11 days before all others.* Registration forms which are postmarked 15 or

more days before an election are considered on time even if received after the deadline.

*If you fail to meet the voter registration deadlines above you can register and vote by following the guidelines for election day registration. You can find these on the Iowa Secretary of State's website: www.sos.state.ia.us/pdfs/elections/EDRbrochure.pdf.

- **6. ID Number.** Your ID number is your Iowa driver's license number (or Iowa non-driver identification number) if you have one, if not then the last four digits of your social security number. The ID number you provide will be verified with the Iowa Department of Transportation or the Social Security Administration.
- 7. Choice of Party. You may, but do not have to, register with a party in advance if you want to take part in that party's primary election.
- You may change or declare a party affiliation at the polls on primary
- · election day.
- **8. Race or Ethnic Group.** Leave blank.
- **9. Signature.** To register in Iowa you must:
- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of Iowa
- be at least 17-1/2 years old (you must be 18 to vote)
- not have been convicted of a felony (or have had your rightsrestored)
 - not currently be judged by a court to be "incompetent to vote"
 - not claim the right to vote in more than one place
 - give up your right to vote in any other place

Mailing address:

Elections Division
Office of the Secretary of State
Lucas Building-1st Floor
321 E. 12th Street
Des Moines, IA 50319

Kansas

Updated: 02-01-2016

Registration Deadline —

Postmarked or delivered 21 days before the election

- 6. ID Number. Your completed voter registration form must contain your state issued driver's license number or nondriver's identification card number. If you do not have a driver's license or nondriver's identification card, you must include the last four digits of your social security number. If you do not have a driver's license or a nondriver's identification card or social security number, please
- write "NONE" on the form. A unique identifying number will be assigned by the State. The number you provide will be used for administrative purposes only and will not be disclosed to the public. (KSA 25-2309).
- 7. Choice of Party. You must register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election, caucus, or convention.
- **8. Race or Ethnic Group.** Leave blank.
- **9. Signature.** To register in Kansas you must:
 - be a citizen of the United States
 - be a resident of Kansas
 - be 18 by the next election
- have provided a document, or copy thereof, demonstrating
- United States citizenship within 90 days of filing the application with

the secretary of state or applicable county election officer

- have completed the terms of your sentence if convicted of a felony; a person serving a sentence for a felony conviction is ineligible to vote
- not claim the right to vote in any other location or under any other name
- not be excluded from voting by a court of competent jurisdiction
- acceptable documents demonstrating United States citizenship as required by K.S.A. § 25-2309(l) include the following:
 - (1) a driver's license or nondriver state identification card indicating on its face that the holder has provided satisfactory proof of United States citizenship;
 - (2) a birth certificate indicating birth in the United States;
 - (3) pertinent pages of a valid of expired United States passport identifying the applicant and the applicant's passport number;
 - (4) a naturalization document indicating United States citizenship.
 - (5) A document issued by the federal government pursuant to the Immigration and Naturalization Act of 1952, and amendments thereto, indicating United States citizenship;
 - (6) a Bureau of Indian Affairs card number, tribal treaty card number, or tribal enrollment number;
 - (7) a consular report of birth abroad of a citizen of the United States;
 - (8) a certificate of citizenship issued by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services;(9) a certificate of report of birth issued by the U.S. Department of State;

(10) an American Indian card with KIC classification issued by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security;

- (11) a final adoption decree showing the applicant's name and United States birthplace; (12) an official U.S. military record of service showing the applicant's United States birthplace;
- (13) an extract from a U.S. hospital record of birth created at the time of the applicant's birth indicating the applicant's United States birthplace.

If one does not possess any of the listed documents, the person may alternatively prove his or her citizenship through the process described in K.S.A. § 25-2309(m).

Mailing address:

Secretary of State 1st Floor, Memorial Hall 120 SW 10th Ave. Topeka, KS 66612-1594

Kentucky

Updated: 03-01-2006

Registration Deadline — 29 days before the election.

- **6. ID Number.** Your full social security number is required. It is used for administrative purposes only and is not released to the public (KRS 116.155). No person shall be denied the right to register because of failure to include social security number.
- 7. Choice of Party. You must register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election, caucus, or convention.
- **8. Race or Ethnic Group.** Leave blank.

- **9. Signature.** To register in Kentucky you must:
- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of Kentucky
- be a resident of the county for at least 28 days prior to the election date
- be 18 years of age on or before the next general election
- not be a convicted felon or if you have been convicted of a felony, your civil rights must have been restored by executive pardon
- not have been judged "mentally incompetent" in a court of law
- not claim the right to vote anywhere outside Kentucky

Mailing address:

State Board of Elections 140 Walnut Street Frankfort, KY 40601-3240

Louisiana

Updated: 08-14-2012

Registration Deadline — 30 days before the election.

6. ID Number. You must provide your Louisiana driver's license number or Louisiana special identification card number, if issued. If not issued, you must provide at least the last four digits of your social security number, if issued. The full social security number may be provided on a voluntary basis. If the applicant has neither a Louisiana driver's license, a Louisiana special identification card, or a social security number, the applicant shall attach one of the following items to his application: (a) a copy of a current and valid photo identification; or (b) a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that

shows the name and address of applicant. Neither the registrar nor the Department of State shall disclose the social security number of a registered voter or circulate the social security numbers of registered voters on commercial lists (R.S. 18:104 and 154; 42 U.S.C. § 405).

- **7. Choice of Party.** If you do not list a party affiliation, you cannot vote in the Presidential Preference Primary and party committee elections. Political party affiliation is not required for any other election.
- **8. Race or Ethnic Group.** You are requested to fill in this box. See the list of choices under the Application Instructions for Box 8 (on page 2).
- **9. Signature.** To register in Louisiana you must:
- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of Louisiana (Residence address must be address where you claim homestead exemption, if any, except for a resident in a nursing home or veteran's home who may select to use the address of the nursing home or veterans' home or the home where he has a homestead exemption. A college student may elect to use his home address or his address while away at school.)
- be at least 17 years old, and be 18 years old prior to the next election to vote
- not currently be under an order of imprisonment for conviction of a felony
- not currently be under a judgment of interdiction for mental incompetence

Mailing address:

Secretary of State Attention: Voter Registration P.O. Box 94125 Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9125

Maine

Updated: 08-14-2012

Registration Deadline — Delivered 21 business days before the election (or a voter may register *in-person* up to and including election day).

- 6. ID Number. You must list your valid Maine driver's license number. If you don't have a valid Maine driver's license, then you must provide the last four digits of your Social Security Number. Voters who don't have either of these forms of ID must write "NONE" in this space.
- 7. Choice of Party. You must register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election, caucus, or convention (unless otherwise permitted by a political party).
- **8. Race or Ethnic Group.** Leave blank
- **9. Signature.** To register in Maine you must:
- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of Maine and the municipality in which you want to vote
- be at least 17 years old (you must be 18 years old to vote)

Mailing address:

Elections Division Bureau of Corporations, Elections and Commissions 101 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333-0101

Maryland

Updated: 06-26-2008

Registration Deadline — 9:00 p.m. 21 days before the election.

- **6. ID Number.** If you have a current, valid Maryland driver's license or a Motor Vehicle Administration identification card, you must enter the driver's license or identification number. If you do not have a current, valid Maryland driver's license or Motor Vehicle Administration identification card, you must enter at least the last 4 digits of your social security number. However, please note, the disclosure of your full Social Security number is voluntary. The statutory authority allowing election officials to request your full Social Security number is Election Law Article, Section 3-202, Annotated Code of Maryland. The number will be used only for registration and other administrative purposes. It will be kept confidential.
- 7. Choice of Party. You must register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election.
- **8. Race or Ethnic Group.** Leave blank.
- **9. Signature.** To register in Maryland you must:
- be a U.S. citizen
- be a Maryland resident
- be at least 18 years old by the next general election
- not be under guardianship for mental disability
- not have been convicted of buying or selling votes
- not have been convicted of a felony, or if you have, you have completed serving a court ordered sentence of imprisonment,

including any term of parole or probation for the conviction.

Mailing address:

State Board of Elections P.O. Box 6486 Annapolis, MD 21401-0486

Massachusetts

Updated: 03-01-2006

Registration Deadline — 20 days before the election.

- **6. ID Number.** Federal law requires that you provide your driver's license number to register to vote. If you do not have a current and valid Massachusetts' driver's license then you must provide the last four (4) digits of your social security number. If you have neither, you must write "NONE" in the box and a unique identifying number will be assigned to you.
- 7. Choice of Party. If you do not designate a party of political designation in this box, you will be registered as unenrolled. Unenrolled voters may participate in party primaries. However, an unenrolled voter must enroll in a party on the day of the Presidential Preference Primary in order to participate in that primary.
- **8. Race or Ethnic Group.** Leave blank.
- **9. Signature.** To register in Massachusetts you must:
- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of Massachusetts
- be 18 years old on or before the next election
- not have been convicted of corrupt practices in respect to elections
- not be under guardianship with respect to voting

• not be currently incarcerated for a felony conviction

Mailing address:

Secretary of the Commonwealth Elections Division, Room 1705 One Ashburton Place Boston, MA 02108

Michigan

Updated: 03-01-2006

Registration Deadline — 30 days before the election.

- **6. ID Number.** Your completed voter registration form must contain your state issued driver's license number or state issued personal identification card number. If you do not have a driver's license or state issued personal identification card, you must include the last four digits of your social security number. If you do not have a driver's license or a state issued personal identification card or a social security number, please write "NONE" on the form. A unique identifying number will be assigned by the State.
- **7. Choice of Party.** A "choice of party" is not required for voter registration.
- **8. Race or Ethnic Group.** Leave blank.
- **9. Signature.** To register in Michigan you must:
- be a citizen of the United States
- be 18 years old by the next election
- be a resident of Michigan and at least a 30 day resident of your city or township by election day
- not be confined in a jail after being convicted and sentenced

Notice: Michigan law requires that the same address be used for voter

registration and driver license purposes. Therefore, if the residence address you provide on this form differs from the address shown on a driver license or personal identification card issued by the State of Michigan, the Secretary of State will automatically change your driver license or personal identification card address to match the residence address entered on this form. If an address change is made, the Secretary of State will mail you an address update sticker for your driver license or personal identification card.

Caution: If you register by mail, you must vote in person at your assigned precinct the first time you vote, unless you are:

- disabled as defined by state law;
- 60 years of age or older; or
- temporarily residing overseas.

Mailing address:

Michigan Department of State Bureau of Elections P.O. Box 20126 Lansing, MI 48901-0726

Minnesota

Updated: 12-31-2008

Registration Deadline —

Delivered by 5:00 p.m. 21 days before the election (there is also election day registration at polling places).

- 6. ID Number. You are required to provide your Minnesota driver's license or state ID number to register to Vote. If you do not have a Minnesota driver's license or state ID then you will have to provide the last four digits of your social security number. If you have neither, please write "none" on the form.
- 7. Choice of Party. Leave blank.

- **8. Race or Ethnic Group.** Leave blank.
- **9. Signature.** To register in Minnesota you must:
- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of Minnesota for 20 days before the next election
- maintain residence at the address given on the registration form
- be at least 18 years old on election day
- if previously convicted of a felony, your felony sentence has expired or been completed, or you have been discharged from the sentence
- not be under a court-ordered guardianship in which the right to vote has been revoked
- not be found by a court to be legally incompetent to vote.

Mailing address:

Secretary of State 60 Empire Drive, Suite 100 St. Paul, MN 55103-1855

Mississippi

Updated: 05-07-2010

Registration Deadline — 30 days before the election.

- **6. ID Number.** You are required to provide your current and valid driver's license number or, if you don't have one, the last four digits of your social security number.
- 7. Choice of Party. Mississippi does not have party registration. Therefore, you do not have to register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election, caucus, or convention.
- **8. Race or Ethnic Group.** Leave blank.
- **9. Signature.** To register in Mississippi you must:
- be a citizen of the United States

- have lived in Mississippi and in your county (and city, if applicable)
 30 days before the election in
- which you want to votebe 18 years old by the time of the
- general election in which you want to vote
- have not been convicted of murder, rape, bribery, theft, arson,
- obtaining money or goods under false pretense, perjury, forgery,
 embezzlement, armed robbery, extortion, felony bad check, felony
- shoplifting, larceny, receiving
- stolen property, robbery, timber larceny, unlawful taking of a motor
- vehicle, statutory rape, carjacking, or bigamy, or have had your rights
- restored as required by law
- not have been declared mentally
- ' incompetent by a court
- Note: State law changed by federal court order in 1998 and by state legislation in 2000. We now accept the form as registration for voting for all state and federal offices.

Mailing address:

- Secretary of State P.O. Box 136
 - Jackson, MS 39205-0136

Local county addresses:

You also may return completed applications to the county circuit clerk/registrar where you reside.

A complete list of county circuit clerk/registrars is available on Mississippi's website at www.sos.ms.gov.

Missouri

Updated: 09-12-2006

Registration Deadline — 28 days before the election.

- 6. ID Number. Your completed voter registration form must contain your state issued driver's license number. Your completed voter registration form must
- also include the last four digits of your social security number.
- · (Section 115.155, RSMo). If you do not have a driver's license or
- a social security number, please write "NONE" on the form. Aunique identifying number will
- be assigned by the State. Any electronic media, printouts or mailing labels provided under this

section shall not include telephone

- numbers and social security numbers of voters. (Section
- 115.157, RSMo).
- 7. Choice of Party. You do not have
 to register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary
 election, caucus, or convention.
 - **8. Race or Ethnic Group.** Leave blank.
- **9. Signature.** To vote in Missouri you must:
- be a citizen of the United States
 - be a resident of Missouri
- be at least 17-1/2 years of age (you must be 18 to vote)
- not be on probation or parole after conviction of a felony, until finally discharged from such probation or parole
- not be convicted of a felony or misdemeanor connected with the right of suffrage
- not be adjudged incapacitated by any court of law
- not be confined under a sentence of imprisonment

Mailing address:

Secretary of State P.O. Box 1767 Jefferson City, MO 65102-1767

Montana

Updated: 03-01-2006

Registration Deadline — 30 days before the election.

- 6. ID Number. You must provide your Montana driver's license number. If you do not have a Montana driver's license number then you must list the LAST FOUR DIGITS OF YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER. If you have neither a driver's license, nor a social security number, please write "NONE" on the form. The state of Montana will assign to you a unique identifying number.
- **7. Choice of Party.** Montana does not require party registration to participate in any election.
- **8. Race or Ethnic Group.** Leave blank.
- **9. Signature.** To register in Montana you must:
- be a citizen of the United States
- be at least 18 years old on or before the election
- be a resident of Montana and of the county in which you want to vote for at least 30 days before the next election
- not be in a penal institution for a felony conviction
- not currently be determined by a court to be of unsound mind
- meet these qualifications by the next election day if you do not currently meet them

Mailing address:

Secretary of State's Office P.O. Box 202801 State Capitol Helena, MT 59620-2801

Nebraska

Updated: 03-01-2006

Registration Deadline — The third Friday before the election (or delivered by 6 p.m. on the second Friday before the election).

- **6. ID Number.** You must provide your Nebraska driver's license number. If you do not have a Nebraska driver's license number then you must list the last four digits of your social security number.
- **7. Choice of Party.** You must register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election, caucus, or convention.
- **8. Race or Ethnic Group.** Leave blank.
- **9. Signature.** To register in Nebraska you must:
- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of Nebraska
- be at least 18 years of age or will be 18 years of age on or before the first Tuesday after the first Monday of November
- not have been convicted of a felony, or if convicted, have had your civil rights restored
- not have been officially found to be mentally incompetent

Mailing address:

Nebraska Secretary of State Suite 2300, State Capitol Bldg. Lincoln, NE 68509-4608

Nevada

Updated: 05-07-2010

Registration Deadline — The deadline for mail-in registration is the fifth Saturday before any primary or general election.

In person registration remains available until 9:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday preceding any primary or general election. You may register to vote in person only by appearing at the office of the County Clerk/Registrar of Voters.

- 6. ID Number. You must supply a Nevada's Driver's License Number or Nevada ID Card Number if you have been issued one. If you do not have a Driver's License Number or Nevada ID Card Number, you must supply the last four digits of your Social Security Number. If you do not have a Social Security Number, please contact your County Clerk/Registrar of Voters to be assigned a unique identifier.
- 7. Choice of Party. You must register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election, caucus, or convention. If you register with a minor political party, or as a Nonpartisan you will receive a Nonpartisan Ballot for the Primary Election.
- **8. Race or Ethnic Group.** Leave blank
- **9. Signature.** To register in Nevada you must:
- be a citizen of the United States
- have attained the age of 18 years on the date of the next election
- have continuously resided in the State of Nevada, in your county, at least 30 days and in your precinct at least 10 days before the next election
- have your civil rights restored if you were convicted of a felony
- not be determined by a court of law to be mentally incompetent
- claim no other place as your legal residence

Mailing address:

Secretary of State Elections Division 101 North Carson Street Suite 3 Carson City, NV 89701-4786

Applications may be returned to the Secretary of State's office at the address above, but to avoid possible delays, you are advised to return your completed voter registration applications directly to your local county election official.

Local county addresses:

To meet registration deadlines, especially during the two weeks before the close of the mail-in registration deadline, return completed applications to your respective County Clerk/Registrar of Voters. A complete list of County Clerk/Registrar of Voters and registration deadlines is available on Nevada's website: www.nvsos.gov.

New Hampshire

Updated: 03-01-2006

Registration Deadline — New Hampshire town and city clerks will accept this application only as a request for their own absentee voter mail-in registration form, which must be received by your city or town clerk by 10 days before the election.

New Hampshire town and city clerks will accept this application only as a request for their own absentee voter mail-in registration form. You need to fill in only Box 1 and Box 2 or 3.

The application should be mailed to your town or city clerk at your zip code. These addresses are listed on the Secretary of State web site at www.state.nh.us/sos/clerks.htm

It should be mailed in plenty of time for your town or city clerk to
mail you their own form and for you to return that form to them by
10 days before the election.

New Jersey

Updated: 03-28-2008

Registration Deadline — 21 days before the election.

- 6. ID Number. The last four digits of your Social Security number OR your New Jersey Driver's License number is required for voter registration. If you do not possess either of these identifications, please write "NONE" on the form.

 The State will assign a number that will serve to identify you for voter
- registration purposes. 7. Choice of Party. New Jersey's voter registration form does not provide a check-off for political party affiliation. A newly registered voter or voter who has never voted in a political party primary election can declare party affiliation at the polling place on the day of a • primary election. In New Jersey, a primary election is only held for the Democratic and Republican parties. A voter may also file a political party declaration form to become a member of a political party. If a declared voter wished to change party affiliation he or she must file a declaration form 50
- days before the primary election, in order to vote.
- **8. Race or Ethnic Group.** Leave blank.
- **9. Signature.** To register in New Jersey you must:

- be a citizen of the United States
- be at least 18 years of age by the time of the next election
- be a resident of this State and
- county at your address at least 30 days before the next election
- not be serving a sentence or on parole or probation as the result of a conviction of any indictable offense under the laws of this or another state or of the United States

Mailing address:

- New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety
- Division of Elections PO BOX 304
 - Trenton, NJ 08625-0304

New Mexico

Updated: 03-01-2006

Registration Deadline — 28 days before the election.

- 6. ID Number. Your full social security number is required.
 This registration card containing your social security number will become part of the permanent voter registration records of your locality,
- which are open to inspection

 by the public in the office of the
- county clerk. However, your socialsecurity number and date of birth will remain confidential and will
- not be disclosed to the public.
- Computerized listings of limited voter registration information (without social security number
- or birth date) are available to the general public, and are furnished upon request to incumbent election
- officeholders, candidates, political parties, courts and non-profit
- organizations promoting voter participation and registration, for
 political purposes only (§1-5-19B, NMSA 1978).

- 7. Choice of Party. You must register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election, caucus, or convention.
- **8. Race or Ethnic Group.** Leave blank.
- **9. Signature.** To register in New Mexico you must:
- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of the State of New Mexico
- be 18 years of age at the time of the next election
- not have been denied the right to vote by a court of law by reason of mental incapacity and, if I have been convicted of a felony, I have completed all conditions of probation or parole, served the entirety of a sentence or have been granted a pardon by the Governor.

Mailing address:

Bureau of Elections 325 Don Gaspar, Suite 300 Santa Fe, NM 87503

New York

Updated: 06-19-2014

Registration Deadline — 25 days before the election.

- 6. ID Number. Federal law requires that you provide your driver's license number to register to vote. If you do not have a driver's license then you will have to provide at least the last four digits of your social security number. If you have neither, please write "NONE" on the form. A unique identifying number will be assigned to you by your State.
- **7. Choice of Party.** You must enroll with a party if you want to vote in that party's primary election or caucus.
- **8. Race or Ethnic Group.** Leave blank.

- **9. Signature.** To register in New York you must:
- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of the county, or of the City of New York, at least 30 days before an election
- be 18 years old by December 31 of the year in which you file this form (*Note*: You must be 18 years old by the date of the general, primary, or other election in which you want to vote)
- not be in jail or on parole for a felony conviction
- not currently be judged incompetent by order of a court of competent judicial authority
- not claim the right to vote elsewhere

Mailing address:

NYS Board of Elections 40 North Pearl Street, Suite 5 Albany, NY 12207-2729

North Carolina

Updated: 03-01-2006

Registration Deadline —

Postmarked 25 days before the election or received in the elections office or designated voter registration agency site by 5:00 p.m. 25 days before the election.

- **6. ID Number.** Provide your North Carolina driver's license number, or North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles ID number. If you do not have a driver's license, then list the last four digits of your social security number.
- 7. Choice of Party. You must register with a party to vote in that party's primary unless that party allows unaffiliated voters to vote in its primary. If you indicate a political party that is not a qualified party, or indicate no party, you will be listed as "Unaffiliated".

- **8. Race or Ethnic Group.** You are required to fill in this box. However, your application will not be rejected if you fail to do so. See the list of choices under the Application Instructions for Box 8 (on page 2).
- **9. Signature.** To register in North Carolina you must:
- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of North Carolina and the county in which you live for at least 30 days prior to the election
- be 18 years of age by the day of the next general election
- have your rights of citizenship restored if you have been convicted of a felony
- not be registered or vote in any other county or state

Mailing address:

State Board of Elections P.O. Box 27255 Raleigh, NC 27611-7255

North Dakota

Updated: 03-01-2006

North Dakota does not have voter registration.

Ohio

Updated: 03-01-2006

Registration Deadline — 30 days before the election.

6. ID Number. Your social security number is requested. Providing this number is voluntary. This information allows the Board of Elections to verify your registration if necessary (O.R.C. 3503.14). [Federal law requires that you provide your driver's license number to register to vote. If you do not have a driver's license then you will have to provide at least the last four digits of your

social security number. If you don't have either number you will have to write "NONE" on the form and the State will assign you a number.]

7. Choice of Party. You do not register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election. Party affiliation is established by voting at a primary election.

- **8. Race or Ethnic Group.** Leave blank
- **9. Signature.** To register in Ohio you must:
- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of Ohio
- be 18 years old on or before election day. If you will be 18 on or before the day of the general election, you may vote in the primary election for candidates only.
- not be convicted of a felony and currently incarcerated
- not be found incompetent by a court for purposes of voting

Mailing address:

Secretary of State of Ohio Elections Division 180 E. Broad Street — 15th Floor Columbus, OH 43215

Oklahoma

Updated: 10-29-2003

Registration Deadline — 25 days before the election.

- **6. ID Number.** The last four digits of your social security number are required. (Oklahoma Title 26, Section 4-112) In addition, your Oklahoma driver's license number is requested.
- 7. Choice of Party. You must register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election, caucus, or convention.
- **8. Race or Ethnic Group.** Leave blank.

- **9. Signature.** To register in Oklahoma you must:
- be a citizen of the United States and a resident of the State of Oklahoma
- be 18 years old on or before the date of the next election
- have not been convicted of a felony, for which a period of time equal to the original sentence has not expired, or for which you have not been pardoned
- not now be under judgment as an incapacitated person, or a partially incapacitated person prohibited from registering to vote

Mailing address:

Oklahoma State Election Board Box 528800 Oklahoma City, OK 73152-8800

Oregon

Updated: 03-01-2006

Registration Deadline — 21 days before the election.

- 6. ID Number. Federal law requires that you provide your driver's license number to register to vote. If you do not have a driver's license then you will have to provide at least the last four digits of your social security number. If you have neither, you will need to write "NONE" on the form. A unique identifying number will instead be assigned to you by your State.
- 7. Choice of Party. You must register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election.
- **8. Race or Ethnic Group.** Leave blank.
- **9. Signature.** To register in Oregon you must:
- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of Oregon

• be at least 18 years old by election day

Mailing address:

Secretary of State Elections Division 141 State Capitol Salem, OR 97310-0722

Pennsylvania

Updated: 03-01-2006

Registration Deadline — 30 days before an election or primary.

- **6. ID Number.** You must supply a Driver's License Number, if you have one. If you do not have a Driver's License Number, you must supply the <u>last four digits</u> of your social Security Number. If you do not have a Social Security Number, please write "NONE" in the box.
- **7. Choice of Party.** You must register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election.
- **8. Race or Ethnic Group.** You are requested to fill in this box. See the list of choices under the Application Instructions for Box 8 (on page 2).
- **9. Signature.** To register in Pennsylvania you must:
- be a citizen of the United States at least one month before the next election
- be a resident of Pennsylvania and your election district at least 30 days before the election
- be at least 18 years of age on the day of the next election

Mailing address:

Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth 210 North Office Bldg. Harrisburg, PA 17120-0029

Rhode Island

Updated: 03-28-2008

Registration Deadline — 30 days before the election.

- 6. ID Number. The applicant shall be required to provide his/ her Rhode Island driver's license number if the applicant has been issued a current and valid Rhode Island driver's license. In the case of an applicant who has not been issued a current and valid driver's license he/she must provide the last four (4) digits of his/her social security number. An applicant, who has neither, will be assigned a unique identifying number by the State of Rhode Island.
- 7. Choice of Party. In Rhode Island, a person must register with a party if he/she wishes to take part in that party's primary election. A person who fails to register with a party at the time of registration may, if he/she chooses, register with a party on the day of that party's primary and take part in that party's primary election. If a person does not register with a party, he/she can still vote in general elections and non-partisan primary elections.
- **8. Race or Ethnic Group.** Leave blank.
- **9. Signature.** To register in Rhode Island you must:
- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of Rhode Island for30 days preceding the next election
- be 18 years old by election day
- not be currently incarcerated in a correctional facility due to a felony conviction
- not have been lawfully judged to be mentally incompetent

Mailing address:

Rhode Island State Board of Elections 50 Branch Ave. Providence, RI 02904-2790

South Carolina

Updated: 03-01-2006

Registration Deadline — 30 days before the election.

- 6. ID Number. Your full social security number is required. It is required by the South Carolina Code of Laws and is used for internal purposes only. Social security number does not appear on any report produced by the State Election Commission nor is it released to any unauthorized individual. (South Carolina Title 7-5-170)
- 7. Choice of Party. You do not have to register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election, caucus, or convention.
- **8. Race or Ethnic Group.** You are required to fill in this box. Your application may be rejected if you fail to do so. See the list of choices under the Application Instructions for Box 8 (on page 2).
- **9. Signature.** To register in South Carolina you must:
- be a citizen of the United States
- be at least 18 years old on or before the next election
- be a resident of South Carolina, your county and precinct
- not be confined in any public prison resulting from a conviction of a crime
- never have been convicted of a felony or offense against the election laws, or if previously convicted, have served your entire sentence, including probation or

parole, or have received a pardon for the conviction

- not be under a court order declaring you mentally incompetent
- claim the address on the application as your only legal place of residence and claim no other place as your legal residence

Mailing address:

State Election Commission P.O. Box 5987 Columbia, SC 29250-5987

South Dakota

Updated: 03-01-2006

Registration Deadline — Received 15 days before the election.

- **6. ID Number.** Your driver's license number is requested. If you do not have a valid driver's license, you must provide the last four digits of your social security number.
- 7. Choice of Party. You must register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election, caucus, or convention.
- **8. Race or Ethnic Group.** Leave blank
- **9. Signature.** To register in South Dakota you must:
- be a citizen of the United States
- reside in South Dakota
- be 18 years old by the next election
- not be currently serving a sentence for a felony conviction which included imprisonment, served or suspended, in an adult penitentiary system
- not have been adjudged mentally incompetent by a court

Mailing address:

Elections, Secretary of State 500 E. Capitol Pierre, SD 57501-5070

Tennessee

Updated: 06-19-2014

Registration Deadline — 30 days before the election.

- 6. ID Number. Your full social security number is required. Social security number, if any, is required for purposes of identification and to avoid duplicate registration (TCA 2.2.116).
 7. Choice of Party. You do not
- 7. Choice of Party. You do not have to register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election, caucus, or convention.
- 8. Race or Ethnic Group. Optional.
- **9. Signature.** To register in Tennessee you must:
- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of Tennessee
- be at least 18 years old on or before the next election
- not have been convicted of a felony, or if convicted, have had your full rights of citizenship restored (or have received a pardon)
- not be adjudicated incompetent by a court of competent jurisdiction (or have been restored to legal capacity)

Mailing address:

Coordinator of Elections Tennessee Tower, Seventh Floor 312 Rosa L. Parks Ave. Nashville, TN 37243-1102

Texas

Updated: 03-01-2006

Registration Deadline — 30 days before the election.

- **6. ID Number.** You must provide your driver's license number to register to vote. If you do not have a driver's license then you will have to provide at least the last four digits of your social security number. If you have neither, please write "NONE" on the form. A unique identifying number will instead be assigned to you by your State.
- **7. Choice of Party.** You do not have to register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election, caucus, or convention.
- **8. Race or Ethnic Group.** Leave blank.
- **9. Signature.** To register in Texas you must:
- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of the county in which the application for registration is made
- be at least 17 years and 10 months old (you must be 18 to vote)
- not be finally convicted of a felony, or if a convicted felon, you must have fully discharged your punishment, including any incarceration, parole, supervision, period of probation or be pardoned.
- have not been declared mentally incompetent by final judgment of a court of law

Mailing address:

Office of the Secretary of State Elections Division P.O. Box 12060 Austin, TX 78711-2060

Utah

Updated: 03-28-2008

Registration Deadline — 30 days before the election for mail-in applications; 15 days before the election for walk-in registrations at the county clerk's office.

- 6. ID Number. Your completed voter registration form must contain your state issued driver's license number or nonoperating identification number. If you do not have a driver's license or nonoperating identification, you must include the last four digits of your social security number. If you do not have a driver's license or a nonoperating identification or a social security number, please write "NONE" on the form. A unique identifying number will be assigned by the State.
- 7. Choice of Party. Declaring a party is not required in order to register to vote. However, Utah's election law allows each political party to choose whom it will allow to vote in its primary election. If you do not affiliate with a party, you may be restricted from voting in the primary.
- **8. Race or Ethnic Group.** Leave blank.
- **9. Signature.** To register in Utah you must:
- be a citizen of the United States
- have resided in Utah for 30 days immediately before the next election
- be at least 18 years old on or before the next election
- not be a convicted felon currently incarcerated for commission of a felony
- not be convicted of treason or crime against the elective franchise, unless restored to civil rights

• not be found to be mentally incompetent by a court of law

Mailing address:

Office of the Lieutenant Governor P.O. Box 142325 Salt Lake City, UT 84114

Vermont

Updated: 07-29-2008

Registration Deadline — Delivered to the town clerk before 5:00 PM on the Wednesday before the election.

- **6. ID Number.** You must provide your Vermont Driver's license number, or if none, the last 4 digits of your Social Security number. If you do not have a Vermont Driver's license or a Social Security number, please write "NONE" on the form. The Secretary of State's office will assign you a unique identifying number.
- 7. Choice of Party. Vermont does not require party registration to participate in any election.
- **8. Race or Ethnic Group.** Leave blank.
- **9. Signature.** To register in Vermont you must:
- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of Vermont
- be 18 years of age on or before election day
- have taken the following Oath: You solemnly swear (or affirm) that whenever you give your vote or suffrage, touching any matter that concerns the state of Vermont, you will do it so as in your conscience you shall judge will most conduce to the best good of the same, as established by the Constitution, without fear or favor of any person [Voter's Oath,

Vermont Constitution, Chapter II, Section 42]

By signing in Box 9, you are attesting that you have sworn or affirmed the Vermont voter's oath as printed above.

Mailing address:

Office of the Secretary of State Director of Elections 26 Terrace Street Montpelier, VT 05609-1101

Virginia

Updated: 11-30-2011

Registration Deadline — Delivered 22 days before the election.

- **6. ID Number.** Your full social security number is required. Your social security number will appear on reports produced only for official use by voter registration and election officials and, for jury selection purposes, by courts. Article II, \$2, Constitution of Virginia (1971).
- 7. Choice of Party. You do not have to register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election, caucus, or convention.
- **8. Race or Ethnic Group.** Leave blank.
- **9. Signature.** To register in Virginia you must:
- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of Virginia and of the precinct in which you want to vote
- be 18 years old by the next <u>May</u> or November general election
- not have been convicted of a felony, or have had your civil rights restored
- not currently be declared mentally incompetent by a court of law

Mailing address:

Virginia State Board of Elections 1100 Bank Street, 1st floor Richmond, VA 23219

Washington

Updated: 9-24-2012

Registration Deadline — 29 days before the election (or delivered in-person to the local voter registration office until 8 days before the election).

- **6. ID Number.** You must provide your Washington driver's license or state ID card number. If you do not have a Washington driver's license, or state ID card, you must provide the last four digits of your Social Security Number. Failure to provide this information may prevent your registration from being processed.
- **7. Choice of Party.** You are not required to designate your party affiliation to register in Washington.
- **8. Race or Ethnic Group.** Leave blank.
- **9. Signature.** To register in Washington you must:
- be a citizen of the United States
- be a legal resident of Washington State, your county and precinct for 30 days immediately preceding the election in which you want to vote
- be at least 18 years old by election day
- not be convicted of infamous crime, unless restored to civil rights

Mailing address:

Secretary of State Elections Division P.O. Box 40229 Olympia, WA 98504-0229

West Virginia

Updated: 09-12-2006

Registration Deadline — 21 days before the election.

- **6. ID Number.** Enter your driver's license number. If you do not have a driver's license number, enter the last four numbers of your social security number. If you do not have a driver's license number or a social security number, an identification number will be assigned to you.
- 7. Choice of Party. You must register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election, caucus, or convention (unless you request the ballot of a party which allows independents to vote)
- **8. Race or Ethnic Group.** Leave blank.
- **9. Signature.** To register in West Virginia you must:
- be a citizen of the United States
- live in West Virginia at the above address
- be 18 years old, or to vote in the primary be 17 years old and turning 18 before the general election
- not be under conviction, probation, or parole for a felony, treason or election bribery
- not have been judged "mentally incompetent" in a court of competent jurisdiction

Mailing address:

Secretary of State Building 1, Suite 157-K 1900 Kanawha Blvd. East Charleston, WV 25305-0770

Wisconsin

Updated: 08-05-2013

Registration Deadline —

Postmarked at least twenty days before the election; or completed in the office of the town, village, or city clerk up to 5:00 pm or the close of business whichever is later, on the Friday before the election; or completed at the polling place on Election Day

- **6. ID Number.** Provide your driver license or DOT-issued ID card number. If you do not have a current and valid DOT-issued driver license or ID card, provide the last 4 digits of your social security number
- 7. Choice of Party. Not required.
- **8. Race or Ethnic Group.** Not required.
- **9. Signature.** To register in Wisconsin you must:
- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of Wisconsin and have resided at the registration address for at least 28 days.
- be 18 years old
- not have been convicted of treason, felony or bribery, or if you have, your civil rights have been restored
- not have been found by a court to be incapable of understanding the objective of the electoral process
- not make or benefit from a bet or wage depending on the result of an election
- not have voted at any other location, if registering on election day

Mailing address:

Government Accountability Board 212 East Washington Avenue, Third Floor P.O. Box 7984 Madison, WI 53707-7984

Wyoming

Updated: 03-01-2006

Wyoming by law, cannot accept this form unless State law is changed.