

Gwinnett County Board of Registrations and Elections Board Policy File

Policy Title: Special Voter Registration Drive Deputy Registrars

Version: 2017-01, amending and replacing version 2015-02

Effective Date:

I. Authority:

The Gwinnett County Board of Registrations and Elections (Board) is empowered with all the powers and duties relating to the registration of voters. 1988 Ga. Laws p. 4296 (Section 9).

II. Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to establish standards for special voter registration drives and requests from citizens to be become deputy registrars.

III. Applicability and Scope:

This policy applies to any person desiring to request multiple registration applications from the Gwinnett County Office of Registrations and Elections and/or any person desiring to be trained as a deputy registrar.

IV. Related Documents and References:

- A. Rules and Regulations of the State of Georgia, Rule 183-1-6 – Registration of Electors
- B. Section 203 of the Voting Rights Act, 15 U.S.C. § 10503
- C. Code of Federal Regulations, 28 CFR Part 55.

V. Policy:

It is the policy of the Board to encourage all forms of voter participation, including registering citizens to vote.

As required by law, the Board shall maintain an adequate supply of applications for voter registration. Such voter registration applications shall be available and provided in both English and Spanish. Any person requesting multiple applications shall ensure that both English and Spanish Voter Registration applications are equally available. Any person who requests multiple applications shall be provided a maximum of 100 applications per request. The applications may be reproduced as often as necessary by citizens or private entities in the event that the person making the request is in need of more than 100 applications per request. The English Language version of the State of Georgia voter registration application is also available online at the Secretary of State's website and the Gwinnett County website for downloading and copying. The Spanish Language version of the National Voter Registration Form is also available on the Election Assistance Commission website and the Gwinnett County website for downloading and copying.

The Board shall not reject applications submitted by private voter registration organizers solely on the basis that they were collected by private entities and/or submitted in bundles. The Board does not require or seek to require the presence or permission of a registrar or deputy registrar whenever voter registration forms are accepted by or on behalf of a private entity.

The Board shall not restrict or seek to restrict the times, locations and circumstances wherein private entities may organize voter registration drives so long as they comply with law.

The State of Georgia provides an option for registering to vote using online application tools. This is for citizens, as well as private entities at special registration drives. This method is encouraged because it allows for more efficient processing of voter registration applicants. The National Voter Registration Application shall also be available on the County's website in both English and Spanish.

Citizens are not required to be trained as deputy registrars, however, if a request is made the Board will honor the request if the private entity or citizen provides a specific day(s), time(s) and location(s) that the voter registration drive will take place as provided in State Election Board Rule 183-1-6.

The Board will only designate additional deputy registrars for permanent sites or sites that intend to register voters for at least a 12 month period.

This ____ day of August, 2017.

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