

4 Easy Steps to Hosting a Successful Online & Paperless Voters Registration Campaign in Your Church with Called to Vote

Only the following 38 states allow for online registration:

Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin

1) ASK.

The first step is to respect the authority of your local church and appeal to your pastor or church leadership for permission to hold a voter registration drive for 2-4 weeks during services. Emphasis to church leadership that this activity is Biblical, simple and legal. The IRS says church voter-registration drives are legal, and even encouraged, unless they endorse or oppose candidates.

2) PREPARE.

The Called to Vote system is completely paperless in the 38 states where new voters can register entirely online. You will need to secure 2-5 laptop computers or iPads, internet access, folding tables, and some chairs. Then set the computer internet browser to your state's voter registration website where users can sit down and immediately start the voter registration process. Find your voter registration portal here:

<https://calledtovote.org/register-to-vote/>

NOTE: For the states that do not have online voter registration, you will need to arrange have printers on hand to print out the voter registration forms for new voters to sign. If you also can provide self-addressed stamped envelopes, this will help ensure the potential new voter gets the form to the local elections office.

3) REGISTER.

If the church will allow you, get them to announce the voter registration drive from the pulpit, put an announcement in the church bulletin, or get the word out with signs as people are coming and going in and out of the service.

4) STAY LEGAL.

Tips from an Alliance Defending Freedom attorney:

- Emphasize registration, not politics.
- Allow people from every political party to register.
- Don't make issue statements like "do your part for pro-life candidates" that can be construed as endorsements.
- Don't tell people who you're voting for during registration.

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