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Do's and Don'ts of Candidates Registering Voters

Candidates may

- Distribute mail-in voter registration applications (ED-671). (Obtain from registrars of voters or secretary of the state.)
- Campaign while distributing applications.
- Return completed applications to the registrar of voters of the town of residence of applicants. Completed mail-in applications must be received by the registrar of voters or postmarked by October 19, 2004. (For the August 10, 2004 primary, generally applications must be received by the hometown registrar by August 5, 2004.)
- Target persons who may support the candidate or party so long as persons who do not support the candidate or party are not refused the same opportunity to become registered. (In other words, if you are distributing and filing applications with the registrar and someone who does not support you wishes to register, you must offer such person the voter application and file the completed application immediately with the registrar of voters of the town of residence of the applicant.)
- Use Spanish applications for Hispanic applicants who are not bilingual.
- The applicant must sign the statement on the application under penalties of perjury. Recommendation: Have the applicant himself fill out all the required information.

Do not

- Deny anyone the opportunity to register.
- Delay in returning voter applications to the Registrar of voters of the town of residence of the prospective voter. (Conn. Gen. Stat. Sec. 9-23g provides that if the applicant entrusts his application to another person for mailing or return to the registrars of voters, such person must immediately mail or return the application.)
- Fill in party affiliation: Have the applicant fill it in.
- Campaign at a social service agency or at an agency providing state-funded services to persons with disabilities or other offices where campaigning is prohibited. (42 USC 1973gg-5)
- Submit applications known to be false. (42 USC 1973gg-10)