# How to Host a Virtual Voter Registration Drive

With social distancing restrictions in place, we'll need to get creative hosting voter registration drives this year. That's why Secular America Votes is encouraging local affiliates to host Virtual Voter Registration Drives. We want to drive as much engagement and outreach as we can to virtual drives to help make sure people have the resources and support to register.

Not familiar with hosting a voter registration drive? See our <u>How to Host a Voter</u> Engagement Drive Guide

If you have any questions when setting up your drive please contact secularvoter@secularstudents.org

Step 1: Find out if your state allows for online voter registration.

A list of states offering online voter registration can be found at the end of this document.

If your state doesn't offer online voter registration, you could still consider setting up a virtual drive because if they fill out the "Register to Vote" form on SAV's website it will give them instructions to register to vote in their state. However, if you choose to host a virtual drive in a state that doesn't have online registration, be sure to make this clear in your event description to avoid confusion.

#### Step 2: Set up a Facebook Event

You can use the event title and description or come up with your own. Once

We recommend setting the "Event Date" for at least a month out, that way you'll have plenty of time to direct people to your page.

Facebook Event Title: Voter Engagement Drive - Register Today!

Facebook Event Cover Photo: Here are some sample Facebook Cover graphics you can use. Feel free to create your own or adapt these!











Find these graphics and more at https://bit.ly/SAVshareables

#### Facebook Event Description:

Welcome to [name of your group] Virtual Voter Registration Drive.

We wish we could help you register in person, but since we can't we wanted to connect you with all the necessary information to get ready to vote this November.

Step 1: Visit bit.ly/every1vote where you can:

- 1. Register to Vote
- 2. Check your registration status: Already registered? That's great, be sure to check your registration status is updated and that your

- address, party affiliation, and other important information is correct.
- 3. Sign-up for Election Reminders
- 4. Pre-Register (ages 13-17): Too young to register? That's okay, pre-register to vote so that when you do turn 18 you'll be ready to go!
- 5. Request a Mail-In or Absentee Ballot

Step 2: Share what you did with your friends by posting one of our graphics (See discussion for graphics)

Step 3: Invite your friends, family, and community members to this Facebook Event to ensure they are ready for the upcoming election!

Have a question? Reach out to secularvoter@secularstudents.org

# Step 3: Post Graphics in Discussion

Use the discussion section of the group to post these photos that people can share on their social media pages to further our reach to their audiences. These images can be found in the <u>SAV - Access Folder</u>.









# Step 4: Register your Drive with Secular America Votes

- Visit the following URL to register your drive with SAV so we know how many folks mobilized to host drives
- https://secularstudents.wufoo.com/forms/girg2kk08gg3hs/

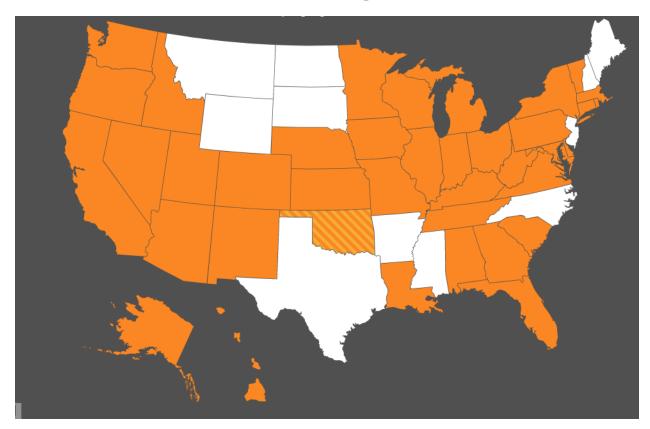
### Step 4: Promote your Facebook Event

- Invite everyone you know to the event, and encourage them to invite others
- Encourage your members to invite all of their friends
- Send an email to your membership inviting them to the event and encouraging them to share the event widely
- Consider paid promotion if allowable on Facebook

## Step 5: Plan a virtual hangout for the day your drive expires

You can set up a Zoom call and invite everyone that has participated back to share their experience and connect with other folks in the community. You can invite folks to share stories about their past experiences voting or future plans to vote or work together to create election day plans. This is an optional step, but it could be a cool way to draw in new members to your group!

# States with Online Voter Registration



Adapted from: ACLU - States With Online Voter Registration

Alabama: <u>Alabama Votes</u> Alaska: <u>OLVR - Alaska</u> Arizona: <u>ServiceArizona</u>

California: California Online Voter Registration

Colorado: Colorado Secretary of State

Connecticut: Online Voter Registration - Connecticut

Delaware: Vote Delaware

DC: Vote for D.C.

Florida: Florida Online Voter Registration Website

Georgia: OLVR - Georgia

Hawaii: Office of Elections - Hawaii
Illinois: Illinois Online Voter Application

Indiana: Statewide Voter Registration System - Indiana

Iowa: Iowa Secretary of State

Kansas: Online Voter Registration - Kansas

Kentucky: Kentucky Online Voter Registration

Louisiana: <u>Louisiana Secretary of State</u> Maryland: <u>Maryland Board of Elections</u>

Massachusetts: Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Minnesota: Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State

Missouri: Missouri Secretary of State

Nebraska: Nebraska Government Website

Nevada: Nevada Secretary of State

New Mexico: New Mexico Secretary of State Voter Services

New York: New York Department of Motor Vehicles

Ohio: Ohio Secretary of State

Oregon: Oregon Secretary of State

Pennsylvania: Pennsylvania Online Voter Registration

Rhode Island: Rhode Island Secretary of State

South Carolina: South Carolina Election Commission

Tennessee: GoVoteTN

Utah: <u>Utah Voter Registration Website</u>
Vermont: <u>Vermont Secretary of State</u>
Virginia: <u>Virginia Department of Elections</u>

Washington: MyVote

West Virginia: West Virginia Secretary of State

Wisconsin: My Vote Wisconsin

Michigan: Michigan Voter Registration

#### States without online Voter Registration

IdahoWyomingOklahomaMississippi

Texas

Arkansas

New Jersey

North Carolina

Maine

New Hampshire

Montana

North Dakota

South Dakota