



## News Release

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### **Launch of Third Party Voter Registration Training ~Conducted by State Board of Elections and Local Election Officials~**

**RICHMOND, VA** –Effective July 1, 2013, the State Board of Elections (SBE) and local general registrars will conduct voter registration training mandated by recently enacted legislation (SB1008) that requires individuals or groups obtaining twenty-five (25) or more voter registration applications from SBE or a local voter registration office to register and receive SBE-certified training for conducting voter registration drives.

The training will cover topics including best practices for completion of the voter registration application, maintaining the integrity of the voter registration process, prohibited activities, important deadlines for submission of completed applications, and laws protecting the privacy of applicants. This training will present the opportunity to provide additional information to registration drives that may impact the registration and voting processes, including the restoration of felon voting rights.

Secretary Don Palmer said, “The State Board of Elections is pleased with the development of registration guidelines and new training requirements based on changes to the election code. It is our belief that additional training for those handling voter registration forms will improve the secure and timely handling of voter registration forms and deter improper behavior.”

SBE will be hosting in-person training at its offices at **1100 Bank St. Richmond, VA 23219**. To register for one of the scheduled trainings listed below, please e-mail Garry Ellis at [Garry.Ellis@sbe.virginia.gov](mailto:Garry.Ellis@sbe.virginia.gov). Individuals and groups can also obtain training materials in local voter registration offices. Online training available via SBE’s website is expected to be available in the coming weeks.

July 3, 2013	10:30am – 12:00pm
July 9, 2013	10:30am – 12:00pm
August 13, 2013	10:30am – 12:00pm
August 22, 2013	10:30am – 12:00pm
September 11, 2013	10:30am – 12:00pm
September 25, 2013	10:30am – 12:00pm

SBE encourages all groups involved in the voter registration process to participate in these training opportunities, including interactive online training, which will be launched in July. Additional information is available at SBE's website: [www.SBE.Virginia.gov](http://www.SBE.Virginia.gov).

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