

# **APPENDIX B**

**Paying People to Register  
Citizens to Vote -  
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## **Paying People to Register Citizens to Vote Elections Code Section 2159.5**

Elections Code section 2159.5 states that any person, company, or organization that is paying people to help register citizens to vote, by receiving completed affidavits of registration or by assisting with the submission of an electronic affidavit of registration through the Secretary of State's website, must:

- Maintain a list of the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of everyone that the person, company, or organization has agreed to pay for helping register citizens to vote.
- Provide each person who is being compensated for helping register citizens to vote with a written statement of that person's personal responsibilities and liabilities under Elections Code sections 2138, 2138.5, 2139, 2150, 2158, 2159, 18100, 18101, 18103, 18106, 18108, 18108.1, and 18108.5; and maintain for at least three years, a written acknowledgment that the person received the written statement. [A Sample Statement of Circulator's Responsibilities and Liabilities can be found in Appendix C.]
- Only compensate people who comply with the requirements of Elections Code section 2159, which states in pertinent part that "any person who, in exchange for money or other valuable consideration, assists another to register to vote by receiving the completed affidavit of registration from the elector, shall sign in his or her handwriting and affix directly on the affidavit of registration his or her full name, telephone number, and address, and the name and telephone number of the person, company, or organization, if any, that agrees to pay money or other valuable consideration for the completed affidavit of registration."
- Submit all affidavits of registration collected to the elections official, even if some affidavits do not contain all of the information required by Elections Code sections 2150 and 2159. When submitting the completed affidavits, place the affidavits that contain all of the required information into a group and attach a signed acknowledgement that the affidavits in the group are in compliance with Elections Code sections 2150 and 2159. If there are affidavits that do not contain all of the required information, place them into a group and attach a signed acknowledgment that the affidavits in the group are not in compliance with Elections Code sections 2150 and 2159.

For the full text of Elections Code section 2159.5 visit [http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes\\_displaySection.xhtml?lawCode=ELEC&sectionNum=2159.5](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?lawCode=ELEC&sectionNum=2159.5).