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Absentee Ballots - Elections -
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The Code of Alabama does not
prohibit a candidate or an
individual from obtaining and
distributing absentee ballot
applications.

Dear Mrs. Steindorff:

Our office received an opinion request from you
concerning the following matter:

"1. Can a candidate for election pick up
absentee ballot applications from the
Register or Clerk, and if so, how many is
he entitled to have?

2. Can he pick up individual
applications or is he entitled to a book
of applications?

3. How many applications is an
individual not a candidate entitled to
have?"

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In answer to your questions, the Code of Alabama does not prohibit a candidate or an individual from obtaining and distributing absentee ballot applications. The only restriction the Code places on such applications is that they be returned to the register or the clerk either by hand or by U.S. mail.

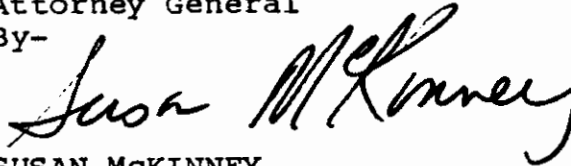
In response to your quantitative question the Attorney General is of the opinion that a candidate or an individual would be entitled to a reasonable amount of applications. This would be strictly discretionary with the individual clerks and registers.

I do hope this response sufficiently answers your inquiry. If, however, we may be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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