

Instructions for Petition Signers and Circulators

For Signers:

- You must be a registered voter in your district!
 - Your previous voting history does not matter.
- You can sign as many petitions for as many candidates as you want to each election as long as they are of the same political party as you.
- Your signature needs to match your official signature on file with the Clerk's Office in order for it to count – don't rush when signing!
- Use the same signature you would use on official documents, regardless of any variations there are in your printed name.
- Do not use ditto marks within the address or county sections of the petition.
- You can only sign for yourself – you cannot sign anyone else's name, even if they are family

For Circulators:

- You must be a US Citizen to circulate.
- You must be 18 years of age or older to circulate or 17 years of age and qualified to vote in Illinois.
- You do not need to be a registered voter to circulate – previous voting history does not matter, nor whether you voted in the previous election cycle or not.
- You can only circulate petitions for one political party per election cycle.
- You cannot circulate petitions for independent/new party candidates while also petitioning for established parties within the same election cycle.
- You must be present and personally witness each signature made onto your petition sheet.
- You can sign your own petition if you are a registered voter in the district you are petitioning in.
- You can petition in any district you would like to, but each signature on your petition sheets for each district must be from registered voters who live in the district.

- Every signature count, even if they are a part of a sheet that is not completely filled out – send your campaign your sheets, no matter how full they are.
- If you find out that one of your signatures is faulty, do not cross it out – alert your campaign, and they will officially strike it.
- After circulating, fill out and sign the bottom portion of each petition sheet in front of a Notary Public licensed in Illinois, and the Notary Public must affix their seal or stamp – these can be found in most banks and libraries, and they will usually notarize your sheets for free.
- Do not number your petition pages.
- Make sure to follow these rules to the letter – violators of circulation rules may have their sheets stricken, even if some signatures are valid.