

## Petition Circulator

- a. A petition circulator must be 18 years of age or older and a citizen of the United States. The circulator must personally witness all signatures given and sign the required circulator's statement stating that all signatures were taken in his or her presence. No one may be considered a circulator of any petition page except the person who signs the circulator's statement.
- b. Petition sheets must not be circulated more than 90 days preceding the last day for the filing of the petitions. The circulator's statement on a candidate's petition sheet must specify either the dates on which the sheets were circulated, the first and last dates on which the sheet was circulated or that none of the signatures on the sheet were signed more than 90 days preceding the last day for filing the petitions. See page ii for dates when candidates may start circulating petitions.
- c. A petition circulator may not circulate for more than one political party.
- d. A petition circulator may not circulate for an independent candidate or candidates in addition to candidates for a new political party.
- e. A petition circulator may not circulate for more than one new political party.
- f. A petition circulator must complete the circulator's statement at the bottom of each petition sheet certifying address, age and citizenship information and also certifying that the signatures on that sheet were signed in his/her presence and are genuine and that to the best of his/her knowledge the persons so signing were duly registered voters of the political subdivision for which the candidate or candidates shall be nominated, or elected, and that their respective registration addresses are correctly stated therein. This statement shall be sworn to and signed before an officer authorized to administer oaths in Illinois.
- g. Petition circulators shall indicate on such petition their residence address, written, or printed, including the street address or rural route number of the circulator, as well as the circulator's city, village or town.

## Petition Signers

- a. **A signer MAY NOT sign petitions for a candidate of more than one political party for the same Primary Election.** (IMPORTANT - See next paragraph)

- b. A signer may sign the petitions of one established political party for the Primary Election and one new political party or independent for the subsequent General Election.**
- c. A signer must sign his/her own signature on the petition. The signer cannot sign for someone else, such as another member of his or her family.
- d. A petition signer may change party affiliation from one election to another.
- e. Petition signers must be registered voters in the political subdivision in which the candidate is seeking nomination or election.
- f. Petition signers shall indicate on such petition their residence address, written or printed, including the street address or rural route number, as well as their city, village or town, county and state. However, the state, county, city, village and town of residence may be pre-printed on the petition form when all of the electors signing the petition form reside therein. Standard abbreviations may be used in writing the residence address. A petition signer must be a registered voter from the address shown opposite his/her signature on the petition.
- g. Signatures may be struck from the petition by the circulator or the candidate, prior to filing, in the following manner:
- 1) The person striking the signature must initial the petition at the place where the signature is struck.
  - 2) The person striking the signature must sign a certification (such as SBE suggested form P-2A) listing the page number and line number of each signature struck from the petition. Such certification shall be filed as part of the petition.
  - 3) The person striking signatures from independent candidate petitions must sign an additional certificate (SBE suggested form P-2B) specifying the number of certification pages listing stricken signatures, which are attached to the petition, and the page numbers indicated on such certifications. This additional certificate must be filed as part of the petition, shall be numbered, and shall be attached immediately following the last page of voters' signatures and before the certifications of stricken signatures.
  - 4) All of the foregoing requirements are necessary to effect a valid striking of any signature.