

PersonhoodCO



RULES FOR PETITION CIRCULATORS

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1. **READ THE WARNING THAT APPEARS AT THE TOP OF EACH PAGE OF THE PETITION.**
2. **PRINT CLEARLY IN BLACK OR BLUE INK.**
3. **PROVIDE ALL REQUIRED INFORMATION.**
4. **COMPLETE ALL PORTIONS OF THE SIGNATURE LINE.**

DO NOT...

1. **SIGN FOR ANOTHER PERSON.**
2. **SIGN THE SAME PETITION MORE THAN ONCE.**
3. **USE DITTO MARKS TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON A SIGNATURE LINE.**
4. **PROVIDE A P.O. BOX FOR YOUR RESIDENCE ADDRESS.**

1. To circulate petitions you must be 1) a resident of Colorado, 2) a citizen of the United States, and 3) at least eighteen years old at the time that the petition is circulated.

2. Only registered voters in the state of Colorado may sign the petition.

3. If you are a circulator who will not be paid circulating a petition concerning a ballot issue you must display an identification badge that includes the words "VOLUNTEER CIRCULATOR" in bold type that is clearly legible.

4. You must personally witness each signature collected. It is not sufficient that you are merely present in the same room or vicinity. This also means there may only be one circulator per petition.

5. A signature line consists of two lines, both of which must be fully completed.

6. **CORRECTING MISTAKES**

If a small correction is made, the signer should initial the change.

For example: He or she can draw a single line through a simple mistake, like a wrong street number, and then initial the correction.

For a major correction, draw a line through both lines of boxes and start over in the next two available spaces.

7. If a registered voter is physically disabled or illiterate and wishes to sign the petition, the voter may do so by signing his or her name or making his or her mark in the signature area. Any person, except the circulator, may assist the elector in completing the remaining information required. The person providing assistance must sign his or her name and address and must write that they have assisted a disabled voter.

8. After a petition section has been circulated, and you are finished gathering signatures, you will need to complete and sign the circulator affidavit of the petition before a notary public commissioned in Colorado.

To complete the affidavit, provide your printed name and residential street address. Additionally, you must present an acceptable form of identification to the notary public.

9. When you are finished gathering signatures, and have properly completed the circulator affidavit before a notary public, you should then immediately return the petition to the Personhood Colorado address listed on the petition.



The following violations are punishable by a fine or imprisonment:

FRAUDULENT REPRESENTATION

It is illegal to intentionally circulate, sign, or cause to be signed, any petition that so much as implies endorsement or approval of any person, organization, league, or political party without written consent and approval.

ELECTOR SIGNING A PETITION FOR ANOTHER PERSON

A voter may only sign his or her own name, and may not sign more than once for the same measure in one election.

NO INELIGIBLE VOTER MAY SIGN

A voter must not sign a petition if he or she is not a registered Colorado voter at that time.

IMPROPER EXECUTION OF AFFIDAVIT

A circulator must not sign the circulator affidavit on the last page of the petition form without knowing or reasonably believing the statements made in the affidavit to be true.

Additionally, a circulator must have witnessed each signature in the petition.

BRIBERY

It is against the law to pay, or promise to pay, money or other things of value to a voter for the purpose of inducing a voter to:

- sign a petition, or
- withdraw his/her name from a petition.

IMPROPER CIRCULATION OF THE PETITION

A circulator must not circulate in whole or in part a petition, unless they are the circulator who will sign the affidavit attached to the petition.

TAMPERING WITH A PETITION

It is against the law to:

- willfully destroy, deface, mutilate, or suppress any initiative or referendum petition,
- willfully neglect to file or delay the delivery of the initiative or referendum petition,
- conceal or remove any initiative or referendum petition from the possession of the person authorized by law to have the custody thereof,
- add, amend, alter, or in any way change the information on the petition as provided by the voter, or
- aid, counsel, procure, or assist any person in doing any of said acts.

Note: this does not prevent a circulator from striking a complete line on the petition if the circulator believes the line to be invalid.

FORGERY

Do not forge the name of a person as a signer or witness to a petition.

IMPROPERLY ASSISTING DISABLED VOTERS

The circulator of a petition may not assist a physically disabled or illiterate voter in signing the petition or otherwise completing the information required.

USE OF FALSE CIRCULATOR NAME OR ADDRESS

A petition circulator must not provide a false name or address in the circulator affidavit.

COMPENSATING CIRCULATORS WITHOUT A PETITION ENTITY LICENSE

No one may pay anyone to circulate a petition unless they first obtain a license from the Secretary of State.

THIS INFORMATION WAS COMPILED FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S TRAINING GUIDE FOR PETITION CIRCULATORS. PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO OBTAIN A COPY OR CONTACT US DIRECTLY.