



Signature Collection Rules to Remember

Follow the rules. There are no shortcuts!

- You must be a registered Maine voter to circulate a petition.
- You must complete a circulator's certificate prior to collecting signatures.
- You must be a registered Maine voter to sign a petition.
- EVERY TOWN GETS ITS OWN PETITION.
 - Signatures are validated by each voter's town clerk or registrar of voters, so it's important to keep the petition forms segregated by town.
 - Make sure you verify the town in which the voter is registered — then, pull the appropriate petition for him/her to sign.
 - TIP: Place an accordion file in a messenger bag. Sort petitions by town in the accordion file.
- You MUST personally witness every signature collected. This means you CANNOT leave unattended petitions on registration tables, store counters, fair booths, etc. Leaving a petition unattended can result in the disqualification of every signature on that petition!
- Every sheet must be NOTARIZED before they are returned to MCCE. For each petition sheet you circulate, you will sign the Circulator's Oath (on the bottom of each petition) in the presence of a notary.
 - You must ensure your printed name is legible on the Circulator's Oath.
 - Notaries are available regularly at MCCE. Contact MCCE if you need more information about where petitions can be notarized.
- The voter must indicate date of signature on the petition.
 - All signatures must be physically made by the voter.
 - Spouses may not sign for each other.
- You (petition circulator) may not sign for anyone. You CAN, however, fill in all printed information if needed, but the voter must be the one to put their signature on the petition.
- You must use only the petition form approved by the Secretary of State and you may not photocopy forms.
- You cannot pay people to sign a petition.
- Once you affix your oath on a petition and date it, that petition form is closed! (Even if it only has one signature on it.) DO NOT GO BACK AND COLLECT ADDITIONAL SIGNATURES ON A CLOSED PETITION.

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