Petition For Constitutional Amendment

We, the undersigned registered and duly qualified electors of the State of Illinois, petition to amend Article IV, Section 3(b) of the Illinois Constitution, by placing this proposed amendment before the electors of Illinois at large by referendum at the General Election to be held on the 3rd day of November, 2020, and replacing the current Section 3(b) with the following: (b) In the year following each Federal decennial census year, a Bipartisan Commission on Legislative Redistricting having twelve members shall be constituted by March 1 of that year and shall redistrict the Legislative Districts and the Representative Districts. The Speaker and Minority Leader of the House of Representatives and President and Minority Leader of the Senate shall each appoint three persons to the Commission. The members shall be certified to the Secretary of State by the appointing authorities. A vacancy on the Commission shall be filled within five days by the authority that made the original appointment. Not later than July 1, the Commission shall file with the Secretary of State a redistricting plan approved by a majority of its members including at least one member appointed by each of the appointing authorities. An approved redistricting plan filed with the Secretary of State shall be presumed valid, shall have the force and effect of law and shall be published promptly by the Secretary of State. The Supreme Court shall have original and exclusive jurisdiction over actions concerning redistricting the House and Senate, which shall be initiated in the name of the People of the State by the Attorney General.

The purpose of the Amendment is to change the current system of redistricting, where the General Assembly by law draws legislative maps after each decennial census, and instead provide a Bipartisan Commission on Legislative Redistricting to draw the legislative maps.

For the proposed amendment to Section 3(b) of Article IV of the Constitution

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I, ___________________________ do hereby certify that I reside at ____________________________ in the City/Village/Unincorporated Area (circle one) of ____________________________ (if unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service) Zip Code __________, County of ____________________________, State of ____________________________, that I am 18 years of age or older (or 17 years of age and qualified to vote in Illinois), that I am a citizen of the United States, and that the signatures on this sheet were signed in my presence, not more than twenty-four months preceding the General Election on November 3, 2020, that the text of the amendment is set forth on this petition sheet, was available for review, and that to the best of my knowledge and belief such signatures are genuine and that the persons so signing were at the time of signing the petition duly qualified and registered voters and electors of the State of Illinois, and that their respective residences are correctly stated, as above set forth.

____________________________________ (Circulator’s Signature)

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by ____________________________ before me, on ____________________________.

(Name of Circulator) (insert month, day, year)

(SEAL)

____________________________________ (Notary Public’s Signature)

SHEET NO. _______
Fair Maps Illinois – Petition Instructions

Instructions for Petition CIRCULATORS

1. You must be 18 years old (or 17 years old and qualified to vote in Illinois) and a U.S. citizen. You need not live in Illinois (unless you are 17 years old). You need not be registered to vote.

2. Only one person may circulate each petition sheet.

3. Ask each person if he or she is registered to vote in Illinois.

4. You must personally see each voter sign the petition. Never leave a petition on a counter unattended.

5. Nobody may sign for another person.

6. You may sign the petition sheet if you are circulating if you are registered to vote in Illinois.

7. Partially filled petition sheets count! Please turn in whatever signatures you gather.

8. Please do not fill in page numbers on petition sheets.

9. The “YES/NO” box is representative of how the amendment will appear on the ballot and does not need to be marked.

10. Print your name and home address in the paragraph at the bottom of the petition sheet, but DO NOT SIGN until you have finished circulating that sheet AND are in front of a notary.

11. AFTER you have finished circulating the petition, you must appear before an Illinois notary to sign as the petition circulator and have your signature notarized. DO NOT SIGN as circulator until you are in front of a notary. (Many banks, currency exchanges, and some libraries have a notary available).

12. Send notarized petitions to: Fair Maps Illinois, PO Box 966, Lombard, IL 60148

Instructions for Petition SIGNERS

1. You must be a registered voter at your current address AND your address must be in Illinois. Write your Rural Route number if you do not have a Street Address.

2. You must sign in the presence of the circulator.

3. You may sign only for yourself. You may not sign for a family member, friend, etc.

4. Sign your name as you are registered to vote (e.g. “William Smith” not “Bill Smith”). After signing, you should then legibly print your name, address, and county.

5. Do not use “ditto” marks.