

THE “HOW TO’S” FOR CIRCULATING PETITIONS

Directions for Circulating Petition (Circulator)

1. You may not circulate petitions for more than one political party.
2. You must personally witness all signatures made on the petition.
3. You may sign your own petition.
4. You may pass this petition anywhere in McLean County.
5. Petitions with fewer than 10 names **DO** count. If you are unable to fill a petition, send in a partial list. Each name counts.
6. If you learn a signature is not valid, do not worry. Bad signatures do not knock out other good signatures or invalidate a petition. HOWEVER, known bad signatures should be brought to the attention of the campaign, so that they can be officially deleted. A circulator who recklessly and routinely disregards the signature gathering rules MAY have an entire sheet stricken even though the signatures are valid.
7. You **must sign** as the circulator of the petition before a Notary Public licensed in Illinois and the Notary Public must affix their seal or stamp. **Make sure the Circulator’s Oath is completely and accurately filled out.** Most banks and libraries will notarize free of charge.
8. **DO NOT number the petition page** (Sheet NO).

Directions for Signing Petition (Signer)

1. Signer must be a registered voter in McLean County. Signer need not have voted in a previous Republican Primary and may have even voted in a Democrat Primary or not even have voted in a primary at all.
2. Signer must sign their name as registered to vote. For example, William E. Jones, not Bill Jones.
3. **DO NOT use ditto marks (“)** for any part of the address or county.
4. Signer must use the address where they are registered to vote – street address or rural route number, as well as city, village or town. Standard address abbreviations may be used in writing the residence address. **Post Office boxes are NOT acceptable.**
5. Signer may not sign petitions for a candidate of more than one political party for the same election.
6. Signer may sign petitions of as many candidates of the same political party as they desire.
7. Signer CANNOT sign another member of their family’s name on a petition.