

CANDIDATES-PLEASE PROVIDE TO CIRCULATORS

Instructions for Circulators

Please Read Carefully

1. You must be 18 years old, or 17 years of age on the date of the general election, and a U.S. citizen to legally circulate a petition.
2. You may not circulate Petitions for more than one political party.
3. You may sign one of the Petition pages you pass.
4. You must witness all the signatures on the Petitions, so don't drop off a Petition at a restaurant, beauty/barber shop, or other business.
5. Do not share sheets with anyone.
6. Do not number the sheets. The candidate will number all sheets before filing. You will have to execute a sworn statement at the bottom of each Petition sheet you pass. The oath states that you, as the Circulator, witnessed every signature personally. Executing a false oath may lead to criminal charges.
7. Your signature must be notarized. Do NOT sign the petition sheet(s) until you are in front of the notary public.
8. The Petition page does not have to be full of signatures to be valid.

Tips for Passing Petitions

1. Any registered voter who resides within Livingston County may sign a Petition. Make certain that the person is registered to vote at the address at which they are currently living. If they were registered at a different address but moved, then their signature is not valid until they re-register at their new address.
2. More than one person at the same address can sign a Petition, but each person must sign on a separate line on the Petition.
3. A person cannot sign their spouse's or friend's name on a Petition. Each signature on the Petition must be an original signature and signed in front of the Circulator.
4. Remind the voter to sign their name as it appears on their voter ID card. A name cannot be printed unless printing is their normal method of signing their name.
5. You may fill in their address for them, but may not sign for them.
6. Signers cannot use ditto marks.
7. It is highly recommended that signatures be in ink although pencil is acceptable.
8. A person may sign a Petition for only one political party for the same Election. If they were to sign Petitions for both political parties their signature would be considered invalid by both parties.
9. Signing a Petition does not obligate a person to vote for the candidate, it is just to get the candidate's name on the ballot.