The First Amendment

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press, or of the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

The ABC's of Petitions

Your rights and responsibilities • The rules you must follow

Petitions are political speech

- The right to petition the government for correction of public grievances derives from the English Magna Charta of 1215.
- The First Amendment guarantees to the people the right to petition the government for the redress of grievances.
- We also petition our government to get on the ballot or put an issue before the electorate by...you guessed it...collecting signatures on a petition!

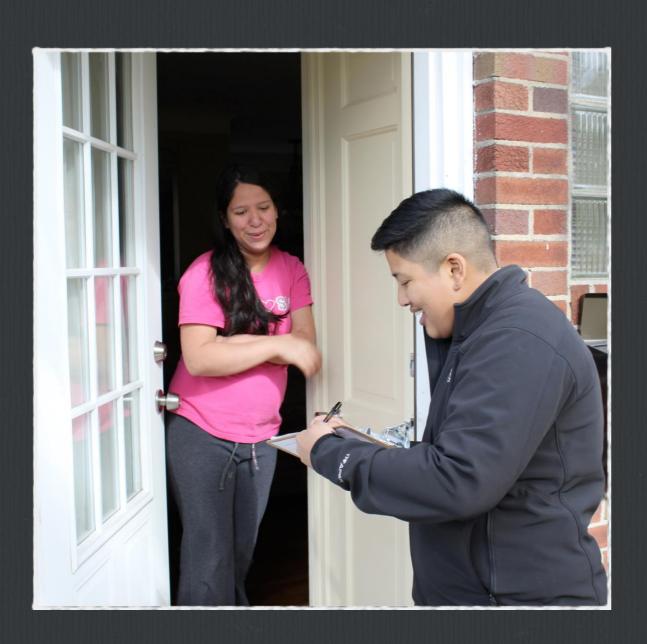
Petitions are legal documents

- □ Petition = Affidavit
 - A written statement of facts voluntarily made by an affiant under an oath or affirmation administered by a person authorized to do so by law (notary, etc.)
 - An affiant is responsible for the truth and accuracy of the contents of the affidavit

Who can circulate petitions?

- 18 years old...or will be 18 by the date of the General Election
- Citizen of the United States
- You may not circulate petitions for more than one political party in any election cycle

Circulating petitions



- Door-to-door is most effective, but slowest
- Circulator must witness every signature personally
- Only one person can circulate a sheet of petitions

Who can sign a petition?

- Registered voters
- Presidential and state-wide: any Illinois voter
- Congressional, state legislature, etc.: signer must live in the district and be registered to vote there
- There is no such thing as a "registered Democrat" in Illinois. Any voter who has not already signed a Republican petition for the 2022 Primary can sign.

Other restrictions

- Cannot sign petitions of more than one political party in any single election cycle
- Proxy signatures not allowed

Petition elements

Petition language and syntax

10 ILCS 5/7-10, 7-10.2

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Suggested Revised July, 2019 SBE No. P-27

PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON PRIMARY PETITION							
We, the undersigned, members of ar	nd affiliated with theDem	ocratic Party and	qualified primary	electors of the			
	Algonquin 50	(township name and pr	recinct number) in	the County of			
McHenry ,State of Illinois	s, do hereby petition that	Ruth Scifo	wh	no resides at			
4212 Meandering Way							
municipality that provides postal service) Zip Code 60014 , County of McHenry and State of Illinois, shall be a candidate of the Democratic Party for election to the office of PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON , for Algonquin 50 (township							
name and precinct number), to be voted for at the primary election to be held on March 17, 2020 (date of election).							
If required pursuant to 10 ILCS 5/7-10.2, complete the following (this information will appear on the ballot)							
FORMERLY KNOWN AS (List all names during last 3 years) UNTIL NAME CHANGED ON (List date of each name change)							
NAME	VOTER'S PRINTED	STREET ADDRESS OR	CITY, TOWN OR				
(VOTER'S SIGNATURE)	NAME (optional)	RR NUMBER	VILLAGE	COUNTY			
1.			Crystal Lake ^{,IL}	McHenry			
2.			Crystal Lake ,IL	McHenry			
3.			Crystal Lake ,IL	McHenry			
4.			Crystal Lake ,IL	McHenry			
5.			Crystal Lake 'IL	McHenry			
6.			Crystal Lake ,IL	McHenry			
7.			Crystal Lake ,IL	McHenry			
8.			Crystal Lake ^{,IL}	McHenry			
9.			Crystal Lake ,IL	McHenry			
10.			Crystal Lake ,IL	McHenry			
State ofIllinois)) SS.						
County of McHenry)						
I,Ruth Scifo(Circulator's Name) do hereby certify that I reside at4212 Meandering Way, in the							
City/Village/Unincorporated Area of Crystal Lake (if unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service)(Zip Code) 60014,							
County of McHenry , State of Illinois 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 90 days preceding the last day for							
filing of the petitions and are genuine and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the persons so signing were at the time of signing the petition							
qualified voters of the Democratic Party in the political division in which the candidates is seeking nomination/elective office, 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 Pu	blic's Signature)				
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Suggested December 2021 SBE No. P-27-2022

PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON PRIMARY PETITION

NAME	VOTER'S PRINTED	STREET ADD	RESS OR	CITY, TOWN OR	
FORMERLY KNOWN AS(List	all names during last 3 years)	TIL NAME CHANGED		ach name change)	
If required pursuant to 10 ILCS 5/7-10.2, complete the following (this information will appear on the ballot)					
name and precinct number), to be voted for	or at the primary election to be	held onJune 2	8, 2022 (date	of election).	
Democratic Party for election to the office of PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON, for(township					
municipality that provides postal service) Z	ip Code, County of	fMcHenry	and State of	i Illinois, shall be a ca	andidate of the
•	_ in the City, Village, Unincor				•
McHenry,State of Illinois	s, do hereby petition that	<u> </u>		who	resides at
Democratic Party, in		(township	name and preci	inct number) in th	ne County of
We, the undersigned, members of an	d affiliated with the	Democratic	Party and q	qualified primary el	ectors of the

Preamble

Identifies who is signing, and for what cause

NAME (VOTER'S SIGNATURE)	VOTER'S PRINTED NAME (optional)	STREET ADDRESS OR RR NUMBER	CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE	COUNTY
1.			Crystal Lake ,IL	McHenry
2.			Crystal Lake ,IL	McHenry
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Signature lines

Voters signatures and addresses

State of Illinois) County of McHenry)	
City/Village/Unincorporated Area of Crystal Lake (if unincorpo	ge or older (or 17 years of age and qualified to vote in Illinois), that I am ned in my presence, not more than 90 days preceding the last day for nd belief the persons so signing were at the time of signing the petition
Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by	(Circulator's Signature) before me, on
(Name of Circulator)	(Insert month, day, year) (Notary Public's Signature)
SHEET NO	

Circulator's oath

Must be signed in presence of a notary

t the signatures on this sheet were signed in my presence, no and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the persons so Party in the political division in which the candid rrectly stated, as above set forth.

Don't fudge on this

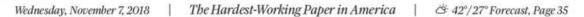
We don't want you to get in trouble!

Rules you must follow

- All petition sheets must be the same size (usually letter, but sometimes legal size is used)
- No abbreviations or "ditto marks" in the "City, Town or Village" space on the petitions are allowed.
- Do not number sheets. (The candidate or campaign staff will do this after the sheets are bound)

Deadlines

- □ File between March 7th 14th
- Each candidate will set deadlines
- We will have at least one "notary party" for you



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