

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
- If a partisan election, 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
- ❑ School Board, Library Board, Village, City, etc.:
signer must live in the district and be registered to
vote there
- ❑ Proxy signatures not allowed

Petition elements

Petition language and syntax

10 ILCS 5/7-10, 7-10.2

X...BIND HERE...X

Suggested
Revised July, 2019
SBE No. P-27

PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON PRIMARY PETITION

We, the undersigned, members of and affiliated with the Democratic Party and qualified primary electors of the Democratic Party, in Algonquin 34 (township name and precinct number) in the County of McHenry, State of Illinois, do hereby petition that Ruth Scifo who resides at 4212 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 and State of Illinois, shall be a candidate of the Democratic Party for election to the office of **PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON**, for Algonquin 34 (township name and precinct number), to be voted for at the primary election to be held on MARCH 19, 2024 (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 _____ UNTIL NAME CHANGED ON _____
(List all names during last 3 years) (List date of each name change)

NAME (VOTER'S SIGNATURE)	VOTER'S PRINTED NAME (optional)	STREET ADDRESS OR RR NUMBER	CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE	COUNTY
1.			, IL	
2.			, IL	
3.			, IL	
4.			, IL	
5.			, IL	
6.			, IL	
7.			, IL	
8.			, IL	
9.			, IL	
10.			, IL	

State of Illinois)
County of McHenry) SS.

I, Ruth Scifo (Circulator's Name) do hereby certify that I reside at 4212 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 Public's Signature)

SHEET NO. _____

FORMERLY KNOWN AS _____ UNTIL NAME CHANGED ON _____
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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
3.			Crystal Lake ,IL	McHenry
4.			Crystal Lake ,IL	McHenry
5.			Crystal Lake ,IL	McHenry
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Signature lines

Voters signatures and addresses

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(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. _____

Circulator's oath

Must be signed in presence of a notary

of _____ that I am 18 years of age or older (or 17 years
at the signatures on this sheet were signed in my presence, no
and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the persons so
C _____ Party in the political division in which the candid
correctly 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. Standard address abbreviations are OK.
- Do **not** number sheets until it's time to put your entire packet together.

10 ILCS 5/7-10

____ATTACH TO PETITION____

Suggested
Revised March 2020
SBE No. P-1

STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY

NAME:	OFFICE: Precinct Committeeperson
ADDRESS – ZIP CODE:	A Full Term is sought, unless an unexpired term is stated here: _____ year unexpired term
	DISTRICT:
	PARTY: Democratic

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STATE OF ILLINOIS)
)
County of _____) SS.

I, _____ (Name of Candidate) being first duly sworn (or affirmed), say that I reside

Other Documents

Statement of Candidacy, Loyalty Oath, Statement of Economic Interests

Loyalty Oath

It's OPTIONAL

____ ATTACH TO PETITION ____

10 ILCS 5/7-10.1

Suggested
Revised July, 2004
SBE No. P-1C

LOYALTY OATH (OPTIONAL)

United States of America)
)
State of Illinois)

SS.

I, _____, do swear (or affirm) that I am a citizen of the United States and the State of Illinois, that I am not affiliated directly or indirectly with any communist organization or any communist front organization, or any foreign political agency, party, organization or government which advocates the overthrow of constitutional government by force or other means not permitted under the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of this State; that I do not directly or indirectly teach or advocate the overthrow of the government of the United States or of this State or any unlawful change in the form of the governments thereof by force or any unlawful means.

(Signature of Candidate)

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by _____ before me,
(Name of Candidate)

on _____
(insert month, day, year)

(Notary Public's Signature)

(SEAL)

Statement of Candidacy

Not Optional

10 ILCS 5/10-5, 10-5.1

____ ATTACH TO PETITION ____

Suggested
Revised March 2020
SBE No. P-1A

STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY

NONPARTISAN

NAME:	OFFICE:
	A Full Term is sought, unless an unexpired term is stated here: ____ year unexpired term
ADDRESS – ZIP CODE:	CITY, VILLAGE OR SPECIAL DISTRICT:

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STATE OF ILLINOIS)
County of _____) SS.

I, _____ being first duly sworn (or affirmed), say that I reside at _____, in the City, Village, Unincorporated Area of _____
(if unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service) Zip Code _____, in the County of _____, State of Illinois; that I am a qualified voter therein, that I am a candidate for Nomination/
Election to the office of _____ in the _____
(Name of City, Village or Special District)

to be voted upon at the election to be held on _____ (date of election) and that I am legally qualified to hold such office and that I have filed (or I will file before the close of the petition filing period) a Statement of Economic Interests as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act and I hereby request that my name be printed upon the official ballot for Nomination/Election to such office.

(Signature of Candidate)

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by _____ before me, on _____
(Name of Candidate) (insert month, day, year)

(SEAL)

(Notary Public's Signature)

Deadlines

- File between November 27th and December 4th.
- Where you file depends on what you are running for. In 2023 - County Clerk.
- “Notary Party” – DPMC will host at least 1 prior to the deadline. Your bank will also notarize documents for you.

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Putting it all together

Order of Documents

- Statement of Candidacy
- Loyalty Oath (Optional)
- Receipt for filing the Statement of Economic Interests
- Petition – numbered in order starting from 1
- Certificates regarding striking of signatures

Last but not least!

- Secure the sheets together where it says X...“BIND HERE...X”
- Stapling is fine. If there are many sheets, a binding clip is typically used. No tape, no paper clips.

Wednesday, November 7, 2018

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\$1 CITY/BURBS \$2 ELSEWHERE

LATE SPORTS FINAL



Lauren Underwood
greet supporters at
her election night party
Tuesday in St. Charles.
She'll become the first
woman and the first
African-American to
hold the 14th District
congressional seat.

MARK BLACK/
FOR THE SUN-TIMES



★ELECTION '18★

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