

Preparing to Run for Office in 2024: Petition Circulation



Circulating a Petition

Established party, new party, and independent candidates are required to circulate petitions.

90 Days

Petitions can ONLY be circulated within 90 days from the last day to file nomination papers.

For the 2024 General Primary, the circulation period begins **September 5, 2023**.

Candidates may file their nomination papers during the period of **November 27 – December 4, 2023**.

Note: this does not include candidates for president or delegate, there is a later circulation and filing period.

PETITION CIRCULATORS

- A petition circulator must be 18 years of age and a United States Citizen. (If they will be 18 on the day of the General Election, 17 year olds are allowed to circulate.)
- The circulator must personally witness all signatures given and sign the required certificate stating that all signatures were given in their presence.
- A petition circulator may not circulate for more than one political party.
- A petition circulator may not circulate for independent candidates in addition to candidates for an established political party or new political parties.
- A petition circulator must complete the circulator's statement at the bottom of each petition sheet.

PETITION SIGNERS

- A signer MAY NOT sign petitions for a candidate of more than one political party for the same primary election.
- A signer must sign their own signature on the petition. The signer cannot sign for someone else, such as another member of their family.
- Petition signers must be registered voters in the political subdivision in which the candidate is seeking nomination or election.
- A petition signer may change party affiliation from one election to another.
- A petition signer must be a registered voter from the address shown opposite their signature on the petition.

PREPARING PETITIONS

The following original documents are to be attached (preferably on top) to the nominating petition signature sheets:

- 1) Statement of Candidacy;
 - 2) Loyalty Oath (optional)
 - 3) Receipt for filing the Statement of Economic Interests (not required for federal or party office). The receipt may be filed at any time during the filing period and will not change the initial date and time of filing.
- The above documents are NOT page numbered.
- The petition signature sheets must be original and of uniform size.
 - The petition signature sheets must be neatly fastened together in book form by fastening them together at one edge in a secure and suitable manner.
 - The petition signature sheets must be numbered consecutively, beginning with the top sheet as number "1."
 - Any certifications related to the striking of signatures shall be attached immediately following the last petition page and numbered consecutively beginning with the number "1."
 - For all new political party petitions, the petition must have attached thereto a Certificate of Officers (SBE For P-8C).



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