

# INSTRUCTIONS FOR NOMINATING PETITION CIRCULATION

## Petition CIRCULATOR Instructions

1. You **MUST** be at least 18\* years old and a United States Citizen. *Circulators* do not need to be registered to vote or even live in Illinois. Circulators should provide a copy of a picture ID that contains your current residence address.
2. You should always ask a potential petition signer if they are registered to vote.
3. Use **dark blue** or black pen, if possible. Do not use pencil.
4. You **MUST** personally witness all signatures made on the petition sheet. The circulator has a *sworn* duty to ensure only valid, witnessed signatures are on the petition sheets.
5. You may **NOT** circulate for more than one political party. You **may** circulate for more than one **Democratic** Candidate.
6. Circulators **may** sign a petition sheet they circulate (but only once and only if they qualify).
7. Petition sheets with fewer than 10 signatures are still valid and all partial petition sheets should be submitted.
8. Do **NOT** number the petition sheet.
9. If you learn or think that a signature is not valid, do not worry. Please bring this to the attention of the campaign but do **NOT** strike, change, or otherwise mark the petition sheet unless otherwise instructed to do so. Make notes on a separate page.
10. If a petition signer uses ditto marks, abbreviations, or otherwise incomplete information, you **can** fill in anything except the actual signature. If you're uncertain what to do with a given signature, please bring it to the campaign's attention when you turn petitions in. If a person signs in the printed name column and vice-versa, ask the person to skip to the next line and sign in the correct column and make sure the campaign is made aware.
11. **CRITICAL:** You **MUST** sign the oath at the bottom of each petition sheet that you circulate as the circulator *in front of an Illinois Notary Public*. The notary **MUST** witness you sign the circulator's affidavit at the bottom of the petition sheet and must sign and stamp/seal where indicated.

## Petition SIGNER Instructions

1. Signers **must** reside in and be registered to vote in the **District**.
2. Signers may sign for more than one **Democratic** candidate. Signers **MAY NOT** sign for candidates of more than one political party in the same election. Signers may only sign a candidate's petition **ONCE**.
3. Signers **MUST** sign their names as they appear on their voter's registration card. If the Signer is unsure, advise that they should sign in the same way that they usually sign important and/or government documents. Signers may use a shortened first name (i.e. "Rich" for "Richard" or "Bill" for "William").
4. Signers should **NOT** use ditto (" ") marks for any part of their address.
5. Signers **MUST** use the address where they are registered to vote.
6. Signers **MUST** sign in the circulator's presence.
7. Signers **MUST** only sign for themselves and **NOT** for other people (like their spouse, family members, or others). If the signer signs any other names, then he or she is committing a **crime**.

\* Pursuant to Public Act 99-0722, if someone is 17 years old and is eligible to vote in the upcoming election, that individual is also eligible to circulate nominating petitions).