

Volunteer Petition Circulator Guidelines

The State of Arizona has strict guidelines for petition circulation. Paid circulators are not the only ones who must comply with certain legal requirements before and during petition circulation. Volunteer petition circulators must also comply with the law. Therefore, it is critical to the success of Invest in Ed that each and every volunteer circulator comply with the requirements set forth below.

Requirements Before Obtaining Signatures on Petition Sheets:

- Review the Petition Circulation Training Guide published by the Arizona Secretary of State (<https://azsos.gov/sites/default/files/Petition%20Circulator%20Training%20Guide%20INT.pdf>)
- To be qualified to circulate petitions for this initiative:
 - You must be a citizen of the United States.
 - You must be at least 18 years old.
 - You must be able to write your name or make your mark on the signature line on the circulator affidavit, unless prevented from so doing by physical disability.
 - You must not be a convicted felon, unless you can prove that all of your civil rights have been restored by Court order or a pardon.
 - You must not be adjudicated an incapacitated person as defined by law.
 - You must not be a justice of the peace or county recorder.
- You do not have to be an Arizona resident to circulate petitions for this initiative. However, if you reside outside the State of Arizona, you must register with the Arizona Secretary of State's Office prior to circulating any petitions. If you are an out-of-state circulator, registration is completed online at <https://apps.azsos.gov/apps/election/circulatorportal/>. You will have to fill in your information electronically (the measure number is I-31-2020), and the system will also prompt you to fill out and return a signed affidavit. Do not circulate any petitions until you have completed the entire registration process.
- Before circulating petitions, ensure that every petition sheet has the official serial number listed on the bottom right of the petition sheet.
- Before circulating petitions, indicate on the top right of every petition sheet that you are a volunteer circulator by checking the appropriate line.
- Before circulating petitions, be sure that every petition sheet has attached to it a complete copy of the title and text of the proposed initiative.
- Before circulating petitions, write in the County in which you are circulating the petition (two times on the front of the petition).

Requirements For Obtaining Signatures on Petition Sheets:

- At all times during circulation, be sure that every petition sheet has attached to it a complete copy of the title and text of the proposed initiative.
- Make sure that potential signers are registered to vote in the county that is referenced on the petition (e.g., Tucson residents must sign a petition that says “Pima” in the county line).
- When soliciting signatures, you must personally receive sufficient information from each signer, at the time the signature is obtained, to ensure that you can, as to all signers on the page, avow that each signature is genuine, and that each signer is a resident and qualified elector of the State of Arizona.
- You must personally witness each signer signing his or her name, and completing all of the entries on the petition sheets. Do not leave petition sheets unaccompanied at any time. Do not fill out any entries, even the date and even if the signer asks you to complete the entry on his or her behalf.
- Remind the signer to use their full legal name and the address where they are registered to vote. Complete all fields: signature, printed first and last name, address where they are registered to vote and a complete date (month, day, year).
- When obtaining signatures, inform signers that an actual address or physical description must be listed for the address. Signers may not list a P.O. Box for the address.
- Do not allow a signer to use “ditto marks” – all information must be completed by the signer.
- If a signer makes an error, ask them to cross the entire signature line with a single line strikethrough, and have them start over on a new line.

Requirements After Obtaining Signatures on Petition Sheets:

- Before you see the notary, neatly print the following on the back of the petition: (1) your full legal name in the first box, (2) your county in the second box and (3) your address including city, state, and ZIP code – again, PO Boxes are not allowed – in the third and fourth boxes.
- The other fields are for the notary—do not write in these sections.
- In front of the notary public you will show them your ID and sign your name—most banks have a free notary service. Don’t sign until you are in front of the notary.