

## **Quick Guide to Petitioning**

To sign the petition you must be a registered voter in the State of Ohio.

Do not sign your own petition. This will make the entire petition invalid.

All signatures must be in blue or black ink - no pencil.

Do not separate the petition pages - it must be presented to the signer as a complete document.

Do not write on or mark the petition – it may only be signed in the designated spaces.

Signatures do not have to be in chronological order. If a line is skipped fill it in with the next signature collected.

Sign the way you vote and use your legal name – no nicknames!

You must witness all signatures on the petition - no sharing or trading of petition sheets with other petitioners.

Circulators/solicitors cannot make any promise to any potential signer, give them anything, or do anything for them in exchange for their signature on the petition.

Do not knowingly make a false statement to obtain signatures. Be informed before you circulating petitions or information.

Before using a new petition, write your name and address in the spaces provided on the last page and sign it. This is legal documentation that you witnessed each signature.

DO NOT fill in the number of completed signatures. EVER. Not even when you finally turn in the petition. Doing so can invalidate every signature on the petition.

Keep your petitions clean and dry. Very dirty petitions can be declared invalid. HOWEVER, never throw them out. Turn them in anyway, because they may be accepted.

Every petition must be assigned to a single county. Only people from the designated county may sign the same petition.