



SIGNATURE COLLECTION DO'S & DON'TS

Please read to be sure the signatures you gather will be counted

BEFORE COLLECTING SIGNATURES, Check your supplies:

- Multiple petition books & Separate clipboards for each county
- Supply of pens (blue or black ink only!)
- Voter registration forms
- Copies of the amendment & talking points
- Small Post-It notes to keep county booklets clearly identified

WHEN COLLECTING SIGNATURES

- **Do talk to strangers!** "Help defend democracy!" or "Fair districts for Ohio, sign here!" or "Would YOU like to be the next defender of democracy?"
- Once they stop to sign, your first question is, "**What county** are you registered to vote in?"
- THANK anyone who says they've already signed
- **Don't engage in debates.** If someone isn't interested in signing, thank them & move on.
- **Only Ohio registered voters may sign the petition!** If someone is not registered or is unsure, they can fill out a voter registration form, then sign the petition.
- **Turn in all completed voter registration forms right away as per instructions from your organizer.**
- Signers must provide their:
 - Printed name, Street address (no PO box), city, county & ZIP code where they are registered to vote
 - Legal signature, Date of signature
 - **Note:** The ward/precinct box should be left blank.
- Signatures must be in **blue or black pen only**.
- **Signers may not sign for other people**, including a spouse.
- **You cannot sign for anyone else.** (You may fill in the printed name, address of the signer, and the date, if needed, but the voter must actually sign the petition.)
- **Do not leave petitions unattended.** You must witness each signature that you collect.
- If there is a mistake, draw a line through that entire entry and start on a new line. **Do not use white out, scribble out parts of the petition, or make any marks on the petition!**
- **Allow people to sign again if they aren't sure.** Let them know their signature will only count once, but there's no penalty for signing twice by mistake.
- Encourage those who signed the first batch of 1,000 signatures to sign again.
- **You cannot sign your own petition!** Doing so will invalidate all the signatures in the booklet.
- You cannot pay anyone or offer anything of value in return for a signature.
- If you are being harassed or made uncomfortable, move away from the person or situation. If necessary, call the police.

AFTER COLLECTING SIGNATURES

- **Complete the Statement of Circulator at the end of the petition**—enter the number of valid signatures you've collected on that petition. If you have crossed out any lines, do not include them in your count. (You can do this step with us when you return your booklets.)
- Accurate or slight over counts are ok. Undercounts are fatal to a booklet & it will be discarded. When in doubt, overcount.