

Instructions for Circulating the Preserve Health Freedom Amendment Petition



BEFORE circulating the petition please be sure to **read all instructions carefully**. If you have questions please contact the Ohio Liberty Council or your local Ohio Project coordinator found on the web at **theOhioProject.com**. Please be sure you understand and comply with all rules to prevent petition rejections. Thank you for your help!

General Instructions

- Each petition is 8 pages and all pages must be STAPLED TOGETHER when gathering signatures. Do not unstaple packets.
- DO NOT change the order of pages or remove pages from the petition packet.
- You, as a petition solicitor/circulator, do not have to be a registered Ohio voter but you **MUST** be an Ohio resident.
- **Do NOT sign a petition that you circulate.** You cannot verify your own signature.
- **Only signatures of registered Ohio voters** can be counted, so please be sure to ask people if they are registered to vote.
- Each petition must be **signed by voters of a single county only**.
- Be sure to have enough blank copies of the petition to cover all counties if you are working at a public event, such as a state fair or large community festival.
- All information on the petition must be written in ink - no erasures are permitted. Blue ink is preferred but not required.
- If a person makes a significant mistake in entering information, draw a line through the **entire entry**, then start fresh on the next signature block. Have the voter initial the line that he/she crossed out.

First Page of Petition

- Fill out your name in the “Issued To” line
- Remember the signatures of all people on a single petition (packet) must be registered voters of the SAME county. Fill in the SPECIFIC COUNTY in which this petition will circulate before you offer the petition for signatures.
- The “Petition Number” field is for office use only and should remain blank. It will be filled in as we tally signatures.

Signature Gathering

- Signature Lines: **You must personally witness each person sign the petition.** The voter should not abbreviate county, township or city. Do not fill out any information yourself for the voter.
- Ask individuals if they have already signed the Preserve Health Care Freedom petition.
- Ask individuals if they are registered voters and to verify their county in which they are registered.
- Collect signatures only from registered voters of the county you have designated at the top of the page. Use a different petition for each county.
- Ask the voter to write information legibly. Ask the voter to sign their name exactly as it appears on their voter registration.
- **Make certain that the VOTER completes all blanks and signs his/her own name.** Ward/precinct field does **NOT** need be completed.
- If a person lives in a township (outside an incorporated municipality), the township name **should be entered** in the “City/Village or Township” field.
- **Make certain that the voter enters the correct date in the last column - the date the petition was signed, not a birth date.**
- **Make sure that each voter signs the next available line to ensure that dates are in sequential order.**
- No Post Office Box addresses are permitted - residential addresses only.
- It is not necessary that all 30 signature blocks be filled before turning in the petition packet, but please try to complete the packet with as many collected voter signatures as is possible.

Last Page of Petition, “Statement of Solicitor”

- Complete this only when finished with a petition packet.
- If a person from a different county has signed the petition, cross the name out and do not include that signature in the total count. Initial any changes you make on the petition.
- Print your name in the first blank.
- **Enter the exact number of valid petition signatures in the petition packet, DO NOT forget to do this.**
- You are not a paid solicitor, DO NOT fill in the “employed to circulate...” section.
- Fill out the “signature”, “permanent residence address”, and “city or village and zip code” fields with the appropriate information.

When finished with a petition mail it in to the Ohio Liberty Council or hand in to your Ohio Project county or regional coordinator.

Common Mistakes for Petition Circulators to Avoid

- DO NOT change the order of pages in the petition packet
- DO NOT take pages out of the petition packet
- DO NOT un-staple your petition packet
- DO NOT fill out information for the voter
- DO NOT sign your own petition. As the petitions circulator you will only sign the “Statement of Circulator” on the last page. You can be a petition signer on someone else's petition.
- DO NOT combine counties on a single petition packet.

- DO fill out all required information on the last page
- DO instruct the voter to write information legibly
- DO make sure the signer is a registered voter in the county for your petition
- DO make sure the voter fills out all required information
- DO make sure the voter fills out accurate information to the best of your ability