

Helpful instructions for collecting ballot signatures.

These instructions are being provided by Dads and Moms PAC to help ensure maximum success, and minimum invalid signatures. These instructions are a quick synopsis of the essential requirements of Michigan laws related to the collection of signatures for ballot initiatives.

General Ballot:

- (1) The Petition must be printed on legal size (18.5 x 14) paper, just as presented in the PDF file, with the full text on the back side, and the signatures on the front. **Do not** try to reproduce on letter size paper, as this will invalidate the signatures.
- (2) You may find it helpful, if you will be in a busy location, to have copies of the ballot language on one side, so that potential signers can preread while others are signing. If you do this, since these are just a courtesy, they can be done on letter size paper.
- (3) Aside from reading the full text of the proposed bill, there is no further need for the back page, it can generally be ignored.

Front of Page:

- (4) The front of the page is the critical portion of the petition, several items need to be noted here, both when collecting signatures, as well as when preparing to collect, and when finishing up pages for delivery to the sponsors of this initiative (Dads and Moms PAC or others assisting in the collections.)
- (5) In advance of beginning your collections, be sure to fill in the county of residence above the signature area. This need not be the county where you reside, but all signatories on that page must be registered voters of that county. If you expect potential signatories from several counties, you might wish to have clipboard and petition ready for each county, and readily marked.
- (6) **Do NOT** sign or date the bottom of the petition sheet until you are finished collecting signatures for that sheet. You need not fill all 10 lines to finish a sheet, and all 10 signatures need not be collected at a common location, or a common time, but once you sign and date the petition, set it aside for transmittal to the sponsor or assistant.
- (7) As each person signs the petition, ensure that they check either “city” or “Township” as is appropriate for their residence (where they are registered to vote).
- (8) Verify that the signature is in cursive, and that the printed name is legible.
- (9) Verify that the correct date has been written down.
- (10) When all 10 signature lines have been filled in, or when you have determined that you are finished with a sheet, set them aside in a secure location, for future completion prior to sending to the petition sponsor.
- (11) Prior to sending the petitions to the sponsor, be sure to sign and date each petition, as well as filling in the remaining address, printed name, location where you are registered to vote.
- (12) Finished ballots should be sent to Dads & Moms PAC, P.O. Box 27271, Lansing MI, 48909-7271, or to alternate sponsors as noted elsewhere.
- (13) If you have any questions, you can contact Robert Kerr at kerr.ingham@yahoo.com, or by phone at 517-882-3365

Finally, Dads and Moms PAC and the remaining parties involved wish to thank each and every volunteer for their time and effort in collecting signatures.