



Best Practices for Petitioners

1. Know who the eligible voters are.
 - a. If you are not collecting signatures for a statewide initiative, you should know the boundaries for the eligible area. Use a map to ensure you are not collecting signatures from voters who are not eligible to sign the petition.
 - b. You can request a list of eligible voters who are currently registered in the eligible area from our office.
 - c. Remember that not all voters' registrations are up to date. If a voter is not currently registered at a residence within the eligible area, they can still sign the petition as long as they are a registered voter in the state of Arkansas at the time they sign the petition and the address they currently reside at is within the eligible area.
 - d. You can utilize the Arkansas Secretary of State's website to search for voters to ensure they are registered at the time they signed the petition. Go to sos.arkansas.gov, click "Elections," and click "Voterview."
2. Avoid collecting duplicate signatures.
 - a. Keep a list of the people you have collected signatures from already.
 - b. Make sure your canvassers are targeting voters who have not yet signed the petition.
 - c. Keep track of which canvasser collected which voter's signatures. This is to ensure that the same canvasser is not repeatedly making contact with the same voters.
3. Make sure the voters properly fill out the petition.
 - a. Ask the voter to neatly write their name. If we cannot read their name, we cannot verify their signature.
 - b. Make sure the voter completes the form and includes their printed name, full date of birth, address, and signature. It is also important that they note the date that they signed the petition. This is so that we can ensure they were registered to vote at the time they signed the petition.

If you have any questions about gathering signatures for a petition, please contact our Voter Registration Department at 501-340-8336.