

PETITION INSTRUCTIONS – Follow Precisely

Circulators Note: DO NOT Mix County or (8) Special City Election Jurisdictions on Petition Sheets

1. Circulators and signers MUST be U.S. Citizens, aged 18 years or older and registered voters of ILLINOIS only.
2. Signer information MUST EXACTLY match the voter registration at the Election Commission Office where the signer is a registered voter.
3. Verify PRIOR to signing that ALL signers are REGISTERED VOTERS. If they are unsure, DO NOT have them sign. INSTRUCT anyone unsure or not a registered voter to verify registration or register to vote before signing at a later date.
4. Ask if the signer has previously signed the petition elsewhere. ONLY one signature is allowed per registered voter.
5. **WARNING:** Ask each signer to identify WHERE he or she is a registered voter PRIOR to signing. ILLINOIS has (102) county jurisdictions and (8) city jurisdictions as listed below. **RULE:** Signatures from each county and from these (8) cities MUST ALWAYS be on separate sheets. A signer registered in one of the (8) CITIES listed below MUST sign ONLY the petition for that city EXCLUSIVELY. Any signer from these (8) cities CANNOT sign their county petition, nor be mixed on any sheet with signers from other jurisdictions. **EXAMPLE #1:** Cook County residents sign ONLY the Cook County petition, unless they reside within Chicago. Chicago residents sign ONLY the Chicago petition, even though Chicago is part of Cook County. **EXAMPLE #2:** Kane County signatures CANNOT appear on the same sheet with those from DuPage County.
ELECTION JURISDICTION is the municipality in which a voter is registered. ILLINOIS has (102) County Jurisdictions plus the following (8) City jurisdictions:

Aurora	Chicago	East St. Louis	Peoria
Bloomington	Danville	Galesburg	Rockford
6. As a circulator, ONLY sign the petition for the election jurisdiction in which you are a registered voter.
7. Circulators MUST personally witness each petition signature. DO NOT “pass the petition around” for people to sign without you personally witnessing each & every signature.
8. Spouses cannot sign for each other, and no person can sign for another person.
9. VERIFY that each signer CLEARLY PRINTS name and address. PO Boxes are NOT allowed.
10. CIRCLE correct designation for municipality, CITY or VILLAGE if not pre-filled in.
11. PRINT CLEARLY name of City or Village, and County if not pre-filled in.
12. NO “DITTO” MARKS are permitted.
13. If signer makes a mistake, cross out the entire entry, have the signer initial the crossed out entry, and re-enter all information on the next line.
14. Circulators must carefully complete the Affidavit section of the petition. PRINT your name and current address; PRINT the word “CITY” or “VILLAGE,” whichever applies; PRINT the NAME of your city or village; PRINT the name of your county. **DO NOT SIGN AFFIDAVIT UNTIL** you are present before a Notary Public who will notarize and stamp each page of the petition AFTER you sign.
15. Note: a Notary Public CANNOT sign as a petitioner on the same petition they are notarizing.
16. DO NOT USE WHITE OUT.
17. Only share BLANK petitions with friends, and ALWAYS provide copies of these instructions.
18. Petition sheets must be 8 1/2” x 11” white paper ONLY.
19. Petitions with less than (10) signatures are acceptable.
20. No staples or extra marks are allowed on petition margins.
21. DO NOT fill in the blanks for “Sheet No.” or “Election Jurisdiction.”
22. DO NOT check the “Yes” or “No” boxes next to the referendum question.
23. CRITICALLY IMPORTANT: Verify that each original sheet is notarized before mailing them to address below. Mail in your ORIGINAL sheets (NOT copies) as you complete them so that we have time to process them. DO NOT wait to send them all at once. Include your return address.

DEADLINE FOR RECEIVING PETITIONS:
April 23, 2012

QUESTIONS OR PROBLEMS CALL: 630-462-7882
DefendMarriageIL@gmail.com

RETURN ORIGINAL NOTARIZED PETITIONS TO:
Illinois Defense of Marriage Initiative
PO Box 407
Westmont, IL 60559

Instructions for Gathering Signatures

Signature-gatherers (circulators) must be U.S. citizens, not less than 18 years old, and registered voters of ILLINOIS.

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Election Jurisdiction
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PETITION ADVISORY QUESTION

Section 28-1 *et seq.* of the Illinois Election Code, do hereby PETITION to the voters of the State of Illinois at large, for their approval or disapproval,

by referendum at the General Election to be held on the 6th day of November, 2012, to wit:

“Shall the Illinois General Assembly submit to the voters of the State of Illinois at large at the next General Election an amendment to the Illinois State Constitution stating as follows:

“To secure and preserve the benefits of marriage for our society and for future generations of children, the union of one man and one woman in marriage shall be the only agreement recognized as a marriage or similar union for any purpose.” Yes No

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Signature of Registered Voter	Printed Name	Residence Address (House # and name of street or RR)	City or Village	Zip Code	County	State
1. Registered Illinois Voters Only. Do not allow anyone to sign another person's name.	2. Print name and address legibly. Have signer line through any mistakes and initial. Do not use white out.	3. No P.O. Boxes No Abbreviations	4. Do not use ditto marks.	<p>ONLY one election jurisdiction per page. Use separate pages for each county jurisdiction and for the (8) city jurisdictions of AURORA, BLOOMINGTON, CHICAGO, DANVILLE, EAST ST. LOUIS, GALESBURG, PEORIA, and ROCKFORD. These CITIES are separate election jurisdictions. DO NOT MIX COUNTY OR (8) SPECIAL CITY ELECTION JURISDICTIONS ON PETITION SHEETS.</p> <p>REFER to item #5 on the printed instructions.</p>		
5.	6.	7.	8.			
9.	10.	11.	12.			
<p>1. Have each person sign the petition, following directions above. Make extra 8 1/2 x 11 copies of blank petitions as needed. Do not use any other size paper.</p> <p>2. Have each page notarized. Fill out and sign the Affidavit of Circulator below in front of a notary public. You can usually find one at a bank, real estate office, currency exchange, or title company. Many churches have notaries.</p> <p>3. Mail in petitions each week. Do not send copies; originals must be sent. Petitions having fewer than (10) signatures are acceptable, but such petitions must still be notarized.</p> <p>Mail to: Illinois Defense of Marriage Initiative, PO Box 407, Westmont, IL 60559</p> <p>DEADLINE FOR RECEIVING PETITIONS: April 23, 2012</p> <p>CIRCULATORS: Include your name, e-mail and phone number on a separate sheet so we can contact you if we have any questions.</p> <p>Download additional forms at www.DefendMarriageIL.org or call 630-462-7882.</p>						
<p>Fill this section out in front of a notary public.</p>						

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
 I, _____, being first duly sworn, do hereby certify that _____ is _____ years of age or older and a citizen of the United States, and that _____, in the _____ of _____, County of _____, State of Illinois, and that the signatures on this sheet were signed in my presence, are genuine and not signed before November 6, 2010, and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the persons so signing were at the time of signing the petition duly qualified and registered voters of the State of Illinois, and that their respective residences are correctly stated, as set forth above.

Signed and sworn to or affirmed by _____ before me, this _____ day of _____

(Name of Circulator, Printed) (Day) (Month) (Year)

 (Notary Public's Signature)

 (Signature of Circulator Making this Affidavit)

(SEAL) _____ SHEET NO. _____
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AFFIDAVIT OF CIRCULATOR

Sign in front of Notary.

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