



RULES FOR COLLECTING SIGNATURES

1. No stray marks, writing, or highlighting anywhere on the petition sheet!
2. Signatures must be collected from only one town per sheet. (Thus, registered voters from different towns cannot sign the same sheet.)
3. Write in the three places on the form that need to have the town filled in, one on the bottom front, and two on the back. Fill in at least the front one before asking for signatures.
4. If someone from a wrong town signs, then do not cross off the name. That signature is no good, but it does not disqualify the sheet.
5. Signatures must be in blue or black ink that will not leak through to the other side.
6. Any Massachusetts registered voter can sign. But only once. If the voter does sign twice, then do not cross out.
7. There is no need to write in precinct or ward.
8. There is no need to fill the entire sheet. It is best to collect 6 to 8 signatures per sheet and then, to safeguard it, start a new sheet.
9. All sheets must be exact 2-sided duplicates of those produced by the Secretary of State's Office. Thus, the following are all invalid: a one-sided sheet; a sheet where the reverse side is upside down; two one-sided sheets stapled together; slightly shrunk sheets; and sheets that are copied slightly askew. For these reasons, the best practice is to obtain petition sheets from Compassionate Care distribution points.
10. The best place to collect signatures is outside supermarkets, especially Market Baskets. Other good places are at churches. (Get the pastor's permission first and ask him to promote it from the pulpit!) Additional good places are post offices, and at town fairs. Go wherever there are crowds of people.
11. After collecting the signatures, bring sheets to town or city clerk for certification. (Must be done by Friday, October 23, 2026, but the earlier the better.) Once they are certified (usually within a few days after you drop them off), retrieve them and deliver them to your regional captain.
12. If you have signatures on sheets from distant towns, then you can deliver them to your regional captain who will arrange for their certification.