



PETITION CIRCULATOR TRAINING

Thank you for joining the movement to Get Money Out of Politics! We need to collect 356,958 valid signatures to get this statutory amendment on the ballot in 2026. This guide will help you get started in gathering petition signatures for Michiganders for Money Out of Politics (MMOP).

Circulator Eligibility Requirements

In order to circulate petitions you must:

- Must be eligible to be registered to vote in Michigan OR a registered voter of another state.
- Must be at least 18 years old.
- Must be a U.S citizen

Expectations for Petition Circulators

- **Plan to collect at least 12-15 signatures per week. *The more signatures, the better.***
- **Maintain channels of communication.** It is *extremely important* that you keep in touch with your volunteer leaders by attending team meetings and reading their emails.
- **Represent Michiganders for Money Out of Politics in a nonpartisan fashion.** MMOP is a coalition of *nonpartisan* organizations so we ask that when you represent your organization and MMOP that you don't wear shirts or buttons from politicians, political parties or other organizations not in the coalition.

Circulation Supplies



- **Black or blue pen for signatures (no pencils, felt-tipped pens, Sharpies or erasable ink)**
- **Clipboard with the following taped to the front of it**

- Circulator Do's and Don'ts
- List of Michigan Counties (for proper spelling)
- QR code for email and/or volunteer sign-ups taped to the front. This will be visible when the petition is on the clipboard so voters can learn more and sign up to join the campaign.
- Binder clips to hold petitions securely in place
- Flyers to give to potential signers who want more information (from your team leader or field organizer)
- Post-It notes or sticky tabs to help collect signatures for multiple counties
- Water bottle, snack and sunscreen
- Fully charged cell phone
- Optional: Umbrella, rain jacket, and clipboard rain jacket for inclement weather

Where can I circulate petitions?

- Outside of public libraries
- Outside of the post office
- At your book club meeting
- At your place of worship (with permission)
- In line at music venues
- **ANYWHERE THAT PEOPLE GATHER**
- If you're having trouble finding events to gather signatures, your volunteer team leader will have collaborated with volunteers in your area to develop a strategy for collecting signatures in your city or county. Please be sure to read team emails and attend any team meetings so you will be apprised of circulating events and opportunities.
 - If you need help connecting with or starting a local volunteer team, reach out to ____ at ____ for more information.
- You have the right to collect signatures in public areas and on the sidewalk as long as you are not blocking or impeding traffic into or out of a place. Remember that in most cases, if you are circulating a petition in a public place, you have the right to ask people to sign the petition and politely stand your ground. [Click here to know your rights as a petition circulator in Michigan.](#)
- If you are asked to leave a public place where you are allowed to be, you should:
 - Ask for the exact statute or ordinance the person is referring to
 - Make note of the name of the person who is asking you to leave
 - Contact your team leader or field coordinator immediately





How to ask people to sign your petition

It's easier than you think! Smile, make eye contact and say, "Hi, come sign this petition to get money out of state politics. Your signature will help us get this statutory amendment on the ballot in 2026."

If a potential signer is unsure, you can give them a flyer and tell them to check out the Michiganders for Money Out of Politics campaign website for future signing opportunities.

Signers have the right to read the petition language if they ask. Consider carrying an extra petition for this purpose.

Not everyone will want to sign. If you encounter someone who doesn't agree with the petition's contents, simply thank them for their time, and turn to the next person.

How to properly complete the petition

- First, when you receive the petition, check off at the top that you are a volunteer signature gatherer.
- When you talk to voters, you will want to walk them through each box so they fill it out correctly. A common mistake is that in the date section, people often put their birth date when they're supposed to enter the date that they sign the petition, so start signers out by pointing to that space and reminding them of the date.
- If they make a mistake, they should draw a line through the entire entry and begin on the next line.
- Make sure that the voter's name is written neatly so that the signature can be verified.
- Make sure the signer uses the address that they are currently registered to vote, including St., Blvd, Dr., etc. and apartment number if applicable.
- People can only sign for themselves, not their spouse or children.
- If necessary, you may assist disabled signers with every field EXCEPT the signature. A disabled signer's companion may also help complete any field EXCEPT the signature.

Remember: Signer errors invalidate signatures but circulator errors invalidate entire sheets!



PETITION SHEET INSTRUCTIONS

Please follow these instructions carefully when filling out each petition sheet.

Check the volunteer box before you start circulating

IMPORTANT: Only use **BLUE** or **BLACK** non-bleeding ink on a petition.

The circulator of this petition is a (mark one): ☐ paid signature gatherer ☐ volunteer signature gatherer.
If the petition circulator does not comply with all of the requirements of the Michigan election law for petition circulators, any signature obtained by that petition circulator on that petition is invalid and will not be counted.

INITIATION OF LEGISLATION

Initiation of legislation to: Prohibit regulated electric and gas utilities, contractors with over \$250,000 annually in government contracts, and other entities from making direct or indirect campaign contributions to those who run for or hold offices that spend on political communications, including laws that require disclosing donor information, to apply to communications expressly advocate voting for/against them; expressly apply the law requiring disclosure of who paid for political communications.

For the full text of 1976 PA 388, entitled "Michigan campaign finance act," (MCL 169.201 to 169.282), as amended, see the reverse side of this petition.
We, the undersigned qualified and registered electors, residents in the county of Ingham, State of Michigan, respectively petition for initiation of legislation.

Everyone who signs this sheet must be registered to vote in the county listed.
If you have signers from additional counties, you will need to start a **NEW SHEET FOR EACH COUNTY**.

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WARNING – A person who knowingly signs this petition more than once, signs a name other than his or her own, signs when not a qualified and registered elector, or sets opposite his or her signature on a petition, a date other than the actual date the signature was affixed, is violating the provisions of the Michigan election law.

SIGNATURE	PRINTED NAME	STREET ADDRESS OR RURAL ROUTE	CITY OR TOWNSHIP	ZIP CODE	DATE OF SIGNING		
					MO	DAY	YEAR
1. <u>Mary Smith</u>	<u>Mary Smith</u>	<u>100 N. Capitol Ave.</u>	<u>Lansing</u>	<u>48933</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>25</u>
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Signatures are matched with voter registration cards, so make sure they sign like their driver's license. **You can sign your own petition!**

Make sure their name is written neatly. If we can't read it, we can't verify their signature.

Make sure signer uses the address where they are **CURRENTLY** registered to vote. Include St., Blvd., Dr., etc. and Apt. # and put the city or township in the next box.

A common signer error is to write their birth date here. Prompt signers to write the date of signing (**TODAY'S DATE**) when they complete this section.

CERTIFICATE OF CIRCULATOR
The undersigned circulator of the above petition asserts that he or she is 18 years of age or older and a United States citizen; that each signature on the petition was signed in his or her presence; that he or she has neither caused nor permitted a person to sign the petition more than once and has no knowledge of a person signing the petition more than once; and that, to his or her best knowledge and belief, each signature is the genuine signature of the person purporting to sign the petition, the person signing the petition was at the time of signing a registered elector of the city or township indicated preceding the signature, and the elector was qualified to sign the petition.
☐ If the circulator is not a resident of Michigan, the circulator shall make a cross or check mark in the box provided, otherwise each signature on this petition sheet is invalid and the signatures will not be counted by a filing official. By making a cross or check mark in the box provided, the undersigned circulator asserts that he or she is not a resident of Michigan and agrees to accept the jurisdiction of this state for the purpose of any legal proceeding or hearing that concerns a petition sheet executed by the circulator and agrees that legal process served on the Secretary of State or a designated agent of the Secretary of State has the same effect as if personally served on the circulator.

WARNING – A person not a circulator who signs as a circulator, or a person who signs a name other than his or her own as circulator is guilty of a misdemeanor.

The petition is only valid if the circulator certificate section is **COMPLETED** after everyone has signed the petition.

statement in the above certificate, a person who signs a name other than his or her own as circulator is guilty of a misdemeanor.

CIRCULATOR – Do not sign or date certificate until after circulating petition.

Jane Doe
(Signature of Circulator)
Jane Doe
(Printed Name of Circulator)
123 Main Street
(Complete Residence Address (Street and Number or Rural Route))
East Lansing, MI
(City or Township, State, Zip Code)
8/22/2025
(Date)

Write in the date that you **CLOSE** the petition sheet. Date must be **ON** or **AFTER** the last signature on the sheet.



PAID FOR WITH REGULATED FUNDS BY MICHIGANDERS FOR MONEY OUT OF POLITICS BALLOT COMMITTEE, 23133 WOODWARD AVE #196, FERNDAL, MI 48220

After you're done collecting signatures on a petition sheet, you must complete the circulator certificate at the bottom right of the petition. Even if the petition isn't full, this can only be signed after the last signature on the petition has been witnessed. This is to certify that you have witnessed each signature.

Return any petitions **with signatures** to your team leader or field coordinator weekly, even if there are only a few signatures on the sheet.

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Important Petition Reminders: *Treat petitions like cash*

- Don't leave them unattended in a public place. You **MUST** witness each signature.
- Make sure you use a different petition sheet for each county.
- Only registered Michigan voters may sign the petition, and each person can only sign once.
- **Petition signers must enter the address at which they are registered to vote. NO PO Boxes.** This is the same address that appears on the signer's Driver's License or State ID.
- Make sure that petition signers can see the entire 100 word summary. You must allow voters to view and read the language if they ask.
- It's recommended to have a separate copy of the petition language for voters to look at. You can also have voters use the QR code on the clipboard to view the petition language and learn more.
- Once the signer finishes, ask them if they'd like to keep in touch to be notified of the proposal number when it becomes available. Signers can scan the QR code on the front of the clipboard with their phone by opening their camera and holding it over the code.