Initiative Petition Handbook (2024 Election Cycle)



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Chapter 1: Introduction

This handbook explains the process for collecting signatures to have a proposed amendment to the Florida Constitution placed on the general election ballot. The information contained herein only applies to the initiative petition process for amendments to the Florida Constitution. It does not apply to candidate petitions or petitions for local measures.

This handbook is a quick reference guide. It is not a legal substitute for the applicable laws and rules. This publication is not a substitute for the Florida Election Code or applicable constitutional and rule provisions, the text of which controls. See Appendix G: Legal References for applicable laws and rules.

For questions not addressed by this handbook or reference to the laws and rules, please direct questions to <u>Initiatives@dos.myflorida.com</u>; 850.245.6200.

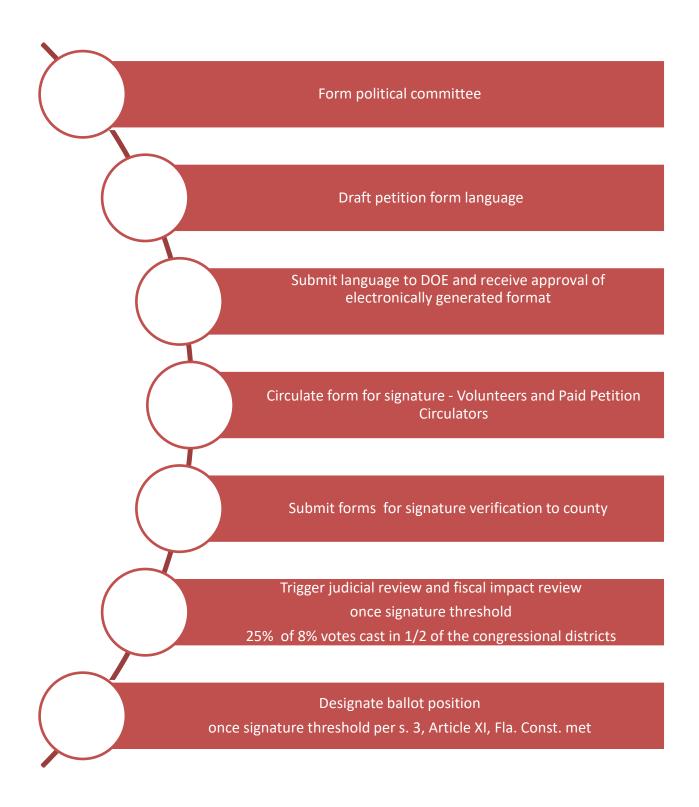
Overview

In Florida, the people have a right to propose amendments to the Florida Constitution through an initiative petition process. In addition to other requirements, this process requires petitions to be signed by registered Florida voters before the proposed amendment can appear on the ballot. In order to get a proposed amendment by initiative on the 2024 General Election ballot, a petition must be signed by **891,523** voters and the signatures must come from a number of electors in each of one half of the congressional districts of the state, and of the state as a whole, equal to eight percent of the votes cast in each of such districts respectively and in the state as a whole in the last preceding election in which presidential electors were chosen.

For a breakdown by congressional district, please see Appendix A: Congressional District Requirements and Appendix B: Congressional District Map.

Information on currently active and former initiatives can be found on the Division's <u>Initiatives/Amendments/Revisions Database</u>.

Petition Roadmap



Chapter 2: Forms

Who may circulate an initiative petition?

The sponsor of a proposed statewide initiative petition must first register as a political committee. For details on how to register as a political committee, refer to the <u>Political</u> <u>Committee Handbook</u>.

Does a petition form have to be approved to circulate for signatures?

A sponsoring political committee must first submit petition language for approval to the Division of Elections for approval by the Secretary of State. The sponsoring committee must first email a written request that includes the proposed language to Initiatives@dos.myflorida.com. At a minimum, the following information must be included (see subsection (2) of <u>Rule 1S-2.009</u>, Fla. Admin. Code):

- 1. The ballot title, which shall not exceed 15 words.
- 2. The ballot summary, which shall not exceed 75 words.

3. The article and section being created or amended in the Florida State Constitution. For each existing article and/or section being amended, the language shall be in the format "Amends Article [insert number], Section [insert number]." The article and section number provided must correspond to an existing section of the Constitution and must correspond with the full text of the proposed amendment. For each article and/or section being created, the language shall be in the format, "Creates Article [insert], New Section".

4. The full text of the amendment being proposed. If the proposed constitutional amendment amends an existing section or sections, the full text shall include the entire existing text of the section or sections being amended. Text that is being inserted into the Constitution shall be notated with an underline, and text that is being deleted shall be notated with a strike through.

The sponsoring political committee should use <u>DS-DE 156</u> Constitutional Amendment Full Text.

Who generates the petition form(s)?

The Division of Elections will generate the online petition form(s) using incorporating the submitted language.

- Form DS-DE 155A (<u>http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-13556</u>, effective 10/2021) entitled "Constitutional Amendment Initiative Petition Form – Volunteer",
- Form DS-DE 155B (<u>http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-13557</u>, effective 10/2021) entitled "Constitutional Amendment Initiative Petition Form – Circulator" supplemental
- Form DS-DE 156 (http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-13558,

effective 10/2021) entitled "Constitutional Amendment Full Text." For paid petition circulators, they can obtain their forms, directly online in PDF format once they are registered with the Division.

The Division will ask the sponsoring political committee to review the electronically generated forms to ensure that it has properly populated the forms before final approval.

How long is the review and approval process?

Review by the Division and approval by the Secretary of State occurs within 7 days from date of receipt. If clarification or correction is needed, the final approval may take longer depending on the sponsoring political committee's response. Note that the Division does not review the proposed amendment language for legal sufficiently, only the format of the form itself. Upon successful completion of a review, the Division will assign the petition form a serial number. The serial number must be printed in the lower right-hand corner of the approved petition form. The proposed amendment and form will be viewable on the Division's online Initiatives/Amendments/Revisions Database.

Is there a limit on the length of the ballot title or summary?

Ballot titles are limited to 15 words or less. Ballots summaries are limited to 75 words or less. For determining word count, see <u>Rule 1S-2.009</u>, F.A.C.

Is there a filing fee for submitting an initiative petition form for review?

No filing fee exists to submit an initiative for review. A fee is assessed for signature verification. See Chapter 5.

Who is responsible for reproducing the petition form?

The sponsoring political committee is responsible for reproducing the approved form, an electronic copy of which is provided to the committee.

Are there paper specifications for the petition form?

While the form is generated on 8.5 x 11 format, the rule does not provide other paper specifications such as weight, stock, brightness, etc. However, it is recommended that the sponsoring political committee consult with supervisors of elections regarding the use of specialty paper or size variation that may impede efficient or effective processing.

Can the petition form be altered?

Any changes to a previously approved petition must be submitted to the Division for review. Any material change constitutes a request for approval of a new petition form and the political committee must start over with the collection of signatures. A material change includes changes to the text, ballot title, ballot summary, punctuation, layout, or the name of the political committee.

Can the petition form be translated?

A sponsoring political committee is responsible for its own translation. A translation cannot add or subtract from the approved English language, the format of the petition, or its blank entries. A translation does not constitute a material change to an initiative petition form. Once a petition makes ballot position, the Division will officially submit the initiative for translation.

How long can an initiative petition remain active?

No time limit exists. However, see <u>chapter 3</u> for how long signed petitions are valid in order to make ballot position.

How many initiative petitions can one political committee sponsor and support?

No limit exists. However, when circulating the petitions, each petition must be separate. Petitions cannot be attached or bundled together.

Can a political committee change Florida's statutes with an initiative petition?

No. The initiative process is only for proposed amendments to the Florida Constitution. Only the Florida Legislature can make changes to Florida Statutes.

Can a political committee change the U.S. Constitution with an initiative petition?

No. For information on amending the U.S. Constitution, please refer to Article 5 of the U.S. Constitution.

Can a political committee change a county charter or municipal code with an initiative petition filed with the Division of Elections?

No. For information on how to change a county charter or municipal code, please contact the county or city attorney's office, respectively.

Chapter 3: Collecting Signatures

When can a sponsoring political committee start collecting signatures on petitions?

Once the Divisions assigns the serial number to an initiative petition, the sponsoring political committee can begin to circulate petitions for signature by registered Florida voters.

How long are signed petitions valid?

Each signature is valid from the date signed until the next February 1 occurring in an evennumbered year for the purpose of the amendment appearing on the ballot for the general election occurring in that same year, provided all other requirements of law are met. After that date, the signature expires and is no longer included in the current count of valid verified signatures unless the petition has already achieved ballot position.

Can a voter revoke their signature on a petition after receipt of the petition by the supervisor of elections?

No authority exists for a voter who has signed a petition to revoke their signature on the petition after it has been received by the supervisor of elections.

Must a signature be original?

The signature must be original. See Rule <u>15-2.0091(3)(b)4.</u>, Fla. Admin. Code. Emailed or faxed petitions or petitions with electronic signatures or signature stamp are not valid.

Must a signature be signed in blue or black ink?

The rule does not specify ink color to use. You may wish to consult with the supervisors of elections regarding any potential issues that may be an impediment to processing.

Where can a sponsoring political committee collect signatures on petitions?

Prior to collecting signatures at a particular property, the political committee should first check with the owner or administrator of the property in question. Please refer to Section <u>100.371(15)</u>, Florida Statutes, which states: "No provision of this code shall be deemed to prohibit a private person exercising lawful control over privately owned property, including property held open to the public for the purposes of a commercial enterprise, from excluding from such property persons seeking to engage in activity supporting or opposing initiative amendments."

Can a sponsoring political committee pay someone to collect petitions?

Yes. Nothing in the Election Code prohibits a political committee from paying any person to collect petitions. See Chapter 4: Petition Circulator. Also refer to Chapter 6 for information on the interaction between the use of paid petition circulators and the filing of an Affidavit of Undue Burden.

Chapter 4: Petition Circulator

How does someone register as Paid Petition Circulator?

Paid petition circulators must first register online with the Division of Elections before circulating petitions. For more information about paid versus volunteer petition circulators and how to register as a paid petition circulator, visit the Division of Elections' webpage at: <u>https://initiativepetitions.elections.myflorida.com/</u>. The Online User Guide for Paid and Volunteer Petition Circulators is available to guide a user.

Once registered, a paid petition circulator is able to manage their own account and assign themselves the initiative(s) for which they plan to collect. Information submitted to register as a paid petition circulator becomes public record, subject to any applicable exemptions under Florida law. See <u>Online User Guide for Paid and Volunteer Petition Circulators</u> On how to register online for each initiatives for which you have been hired to collect petitions.

Must a paid petition circulator provide both a service of process address and a permanent address?

A service of address is only required if the person has not provided a permanent Florida address.

What is a service of process address?

A Service address is a residential/physical address in the state of Florida at which a person may accept service of process.

Is a paid petition circulator's signatures compared or verified?

No. However, a paid petition circulator's signature may be subject to further review if fraud is suspected.

Who pays a paid petition circulator?

Each sponsoring political committee of an initiative is responsible for hiring and paying petition circulators. A sponsoring political committee may outsource the petition process including payment. It is not the Department of State or Supervisor of Elections' responsibility to pay circulators.

Is a paid petition circulator able to sign up for more than one petition to circulator?

Yes. However, it is the circulator's responsibility to ensure that they have coordinated with the sponsoring political committee or contracted entity on behalf of the sponsoring political committee to arrange for payment.

Is a petition circulator required to withdraw from the petition once he or she is no longer employed or actively collecting petitions?

No. However, if the petition circulator is no longer intending to collect petitions, he or she is encouraged to notify the Division of Elections so that no one else may use the circulator's assigned registration number.

Do I have to register as a volunteer petition circulator?

No, you do not have to register if you are a volunteer petition circulator. Forms and the full text of constitutional amendments can be viewed/downloaded <u>here</u>. No login is required.

What is the primary petition circulator information that is validated on a signed petition?

Rule <u>1S-2.0091(3)</u>, Fla. Admin. Code provides what must be completed to verify a signed petition. The primary petition circulator information that is validated is the circulator's number.

Can a circulator write in their name, address, and ID number on a blank template or will signatures only be accepted if they are on the pre-filled PDF you get upon registering?

Either is fine (with no alterations).

Chapter 5: Verifying Petitions/Signatures

Where are petitions submitted?

A sponsoring political committee must submit collected petition forms to the <u>supervisor of</u> <u>elections</u> of the county in which the voter is registered. It is the committee's responsibility to properly and timely file collected petitions with the supervisor of elections of the county in which the signee is a registered voter. In the case of a misfiled petition, the filing date of the petition is the date such petition is filed with the proper county. If the supervisor determines that the signer of the petition is not registered in their county, the supervisor shall notify the committee that the petition has been misfiled and shall return the petition to the committee so that it can be refiled.

When is the deadline for submitting petitions to the supervisor of elections?

A sponsoring political committee must ensure that any petition its collects or that is entrusted to any petition circulator its uses to collect petitions promptly delivers the forms no later than 30 days from the date of the signed petition. See also Chapter 6 for information on ballot placement.

When is the deadline for supervisors of elections to verify signatures?

Supervisors of Elections have 60 days from the date of receipt and advance payment to verify signatures. However, within 60 days of the February 1 deadline to make ballot position, a supervisor of elections has 30 days from the date of the signed petition form to verify the submission and submit signature counts to the Division. See also Chapter 6 for information on ballot placement. See <u>Rule 1S-2.0091</u>, Florida Administrative Code, for signature verification process.

Is this petition valid?

... if the petition is signed and dated before the petition is assigned a serial number?

No. A petition must be signed and dated AFTER the serial number is assigned.

... if the petition is not on the approved form?

The approved version of the petition form must be used. Signatures on unapproved changed versions are not valid.

... if the petition is signed by a person who is not registered to vote?

A petition is valid only if signed by a person who is registered to vote, at both the time of signing and at the time of verification of the petition.

... if the petition is signed by an inactive voter?

A petition would be considered valid if signed by a registered voter, active or inactive, provided all other requirements are met.

... if there is more than one petition per voter?

Only one petition per voter per initiative may be verified as valid.

Note: Under Section <u>104.185</u>, Florida Statutes, a person who knowingly signs a petition more than one time commits a misdemeanor of the first degree.

When a supervisor is confronted with a situation where the same voter signs two or more initiative petitions for the same initiative, only one petition may be validated. For example, if the first petition submitted by the voter is valid, it remains valid even if a second petition by the same voter is submitted contrary to the above statute; however, the second petition may not be validated. Conversely, if the first petition is incomplete and not validated, the second petition may be counted as valid. The supervisor must ensure that only one petition per voter per initiative is counted as valid. If the supervisor believes the voter or sponsoring committee violated the above statute by the submission of more than one petition per voter per initiative, the supervisor may file an elections fraud complaint with the Division of Elections or refer the matter to the local state attorney.

... if the petition form is incomplete?

The petition form must contain the following information:

- The voter's name,
- The voter's address (including city and county),
- The voter's date of birth or voter registration number,
- The voter's original signature,
- The date the voter signed the petition, as recorded by the voter, , and
- For forms circulated by a paid petition circulator, a signed Petition Circulator's Affidavit as required by Section 100.371(5), F.S. Additionally, the paid petition circulator must have been registered with the Division of Elections to collect petitions on the date of the voter's signature.

... if a voter with a public records exemption signs the petition?

No special process applies when a voter with a public records exemption on file signs a petition form. Like any other voter, if the voter with a public records exemption wants to sign a petition, the voter may elect to place a business address or some other address on the form. If the voter lists an address other than the legal residence where the voter is registered, the supervisor must treat the signature as if the voter had listed the address where the voter is registered.

If a supervisor of elections office receives a public records request to view or copy petition forms in their possession, the supervisor must redact confidential and exempt information from the records to prevent disclosure of the exempt information. Note that signatures on petition forms from all voters can only be viewed, not copied.

Chapter 6: Fees and Undue Burden Oath

What is the verification fee?

- Each supervisor shall set by February 2 of each even-numbered year the actual cost of signature verification on his or her website. The fee may decrease or increase, as necessary. The Division of Elections also publishes signature verification cost by county spreadsheet on its website https://www.dos.myflorida.com/elections/laws-rules/constitutional-amendmentsinitiatives/
- No petition may be verified until the sponsoring political committee pays the Supervisor of Elections in advance unless an Affidavit of Undue Burden has been filed with the county.

Who is responsible for the verification fee?

The sponsoring political committee is required to pay the Supervisor of Elections in advance to verify petition signatures. See section <u>99.097(4)</u>, Florida Statutes. Two ways exist to pay for the verification fees:

- The verification fee is paid with a check from the committee; or
- Someone else pays for the verification fees and is reimbursed by the committee.

The law specifically provides that the committee shall pay the verification fee. If someone else pays the verification fee, it is the committee's responsibility to ensure that the person is reimbursed by the committee.

What is an Affidavit of Undue Burden (oath)?

If a sponsoring political committee cannot pay the signature verification fee without imposing an undue burden on the committee's resources, the committee may file <u>DS-DE</u> <u>19D</u> an Affidavit of Undue Burden with the Supervisor of Elections or the Division which shall notify supervisors of elections when the oath is filed.

If any person is paid to solicit signatures on a petition, a committee may <u>not</u> subsequently file an Affidavit of Undue Burden in lieu of paying the fee to have signatures verified for that petition.

If an Affidavit of Undue Burden has been filed and payment is subsequently made to any person to solicit signatures on a petition, the affidavit is no longer valid and a fee for all signatures previously submitted to the supervisor of elections and any that are submitted thereafter shall be paid by the committee who submitted the oath.

If a committee receives monetary contributions, as defined in Section <u>106.011</u>, Florida Statutes, after the committee has filed an undue burden oath and subsequently paid a signature gatherer, the monetary contributions must first be used to reimburse the supervisor of elections for any signature verifications fees that were not paid because of the filing of the oath.

Chapter 7: Signature Certification/Ballot Placement

How many signatures are needed to trigger Supreme Court review and the creation of a fiscal impact statement?

Once a sponsoring political committee obtains verified signatures on petitions equal to 25% of the number of signatures required for ballot placement (which is 8% of the votes cast) and in one-half of Florida's congressional districts, the Secretary of State will send the petition to the Attorney General. The minimum signature threshold total for judicial and fiscal impact review is **222,881**. For signature threshold distribution by district, see Appendix A: Congressional Districts Requirements (page 18).

Within 30 days of receipt, the Attorney General will petition the Florida Supreme Court for an advisory opinion as to whether the text of the proposed amendment complies with <u>s. 3, Art. XI of the State Constitution</u> and whether the proposed ballot title and summary comply with <u>Section 101.161, Florida Statutes</u>.

Concurrently, the Secretary of State also sends a copy of the petition to the Financial Impact Estimating Conference (FIEC). The FIEC reviews the proposed amendment and completes an analysis and financial impact statement, which is also submitted to the Florida Supreme Court for review. If the proposed amendment obtains ballot position, the financial impact statement will appear on the ballot under the ballot summary.

How many signatures are needed for ballot placement?

To place a proposed amendment by initiative on the general election ballot, the requirement is to obtain signatures from eight percent of the number of voters voting in the last presidential election. Based upon official voter history data submitted by county Supervisors of Elections for the 2020 General Election, eight percent of the number of voters voting in the 2020 election was **891,537**. That number must also come from half of Florida's congressional districts which now totals 28 as of December 2020.(see Appendix B: Congressional District Requirements and Appendix C: Florida Congressional District Map).

How does the petition achieve ballot position?

The Secretary of State determines whether the constitutionally required number of signatures and distribution of signatures by congressional districts has been obtained no later than February 1 of the year of the general election. The Secretary issues a certificate of ballot position to the sponsoring political committee. The Division of Elections assigns and posts the designating number for the amendment in accordance with <u>Rule 1S-2.0011</u> – <u>Constitutional Amendment Ballot Position</u>.

How do I confirm the number of signatures for each petition certified to the Division of Elections?

To check the number of signatures certified to the Division of Elections, visit the Division's Initiatives/Amendment/Revisions database, located at:

<u>https://dos.elections.myflorida.com/initiatives/</u> Click on the name of the initiative for which you seek information.

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	2024 GEN	Active	04/16/2015	All tolls shall be approved by voters	15-07	Drivers Ready to Improve. Vote and Empower (D.R.I.V.E)
	2024 GEN	Active	05/16/2016	All traffic citations must be issued without use of red light cameras or speed cameras	16-04	Drivers Ready to Improve. Vote and Empower (D.R.I.V.E)
	2024 GEN	Active	11/22/2023	All Voters Vote in Primary Elections for State Legislature, Governor, and Cabinet	22-17	Let Florida Vote
	2024 GEN	Active	03/14/2019	All Voters Vote in Primary Elections for United States Senat and House of Representatives	<u>e</u> 19-06	All Voters Vote. Inc.
	2024 GEN	Active	09/16/2022	Applications for Executive Clemency	22-09	Floridians for Redeemable People
	2024 GEN	Active	07/15/2021	Authorizes a Limited Number of New Casinos.	21-15	Florida Voters in Charge
	2024 GEN	Active	06/23/2021	Authorizes sports and event betting: if betting revenues are taxed. taxes must supplement public education.	21-13	Florida Education Champions
	2024 GEN	Active	06/11/2021	Cabinet Reorganization Amendment. Commissioner of Education.	21-12	Let Florida Vote

The initiative webpage will display information regarding the initiative, including the number of currently valid verified signatures and the status of the signature verification process for obtaining ballot position.

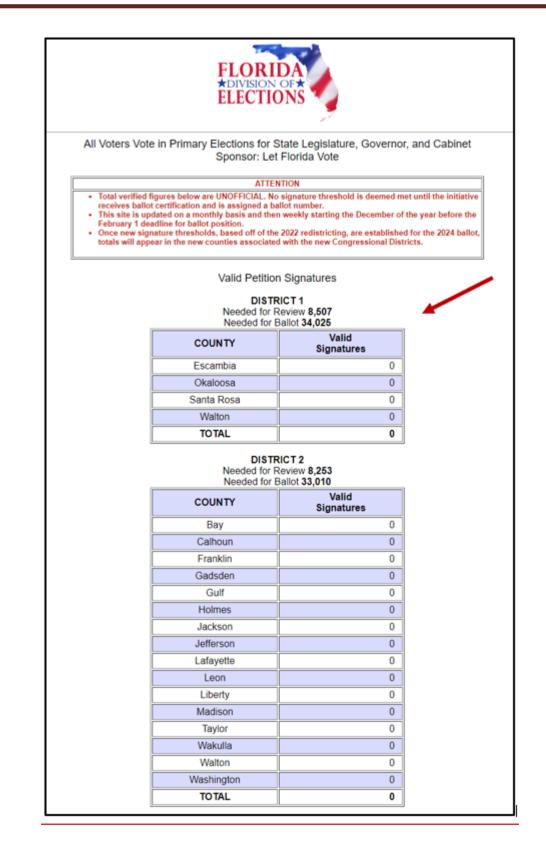
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Where can we view the signatures by district?

Click on "**View by District by County**" for a breakout of signatures by district and county. The page will display the total required signatures, total verified, and the last date petitions were verified from a county to the Division of Elections.

Screenshot of the View by District by County webpage below

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How often are the number of signatures verified updated?

Per law, the website must be updated by the end of the month. However, by December of the year before the February 1, deadline to make ballot position, the website must be updated weekly. Each supervisor shall post on his or her website the aggregate number of verified valid signatures and the distribution of such signatures by congressional district for each proposed amendment proposed by initiative, along with the following information specific to the reporting period: the total number of signed petition forms received, the total number of signatures verified, the distribution of verified valid signatures by congressional district, and the total number of verified petition forms forwarded to the Secretary of State.

What do I do if I believe the totals are incorrect?

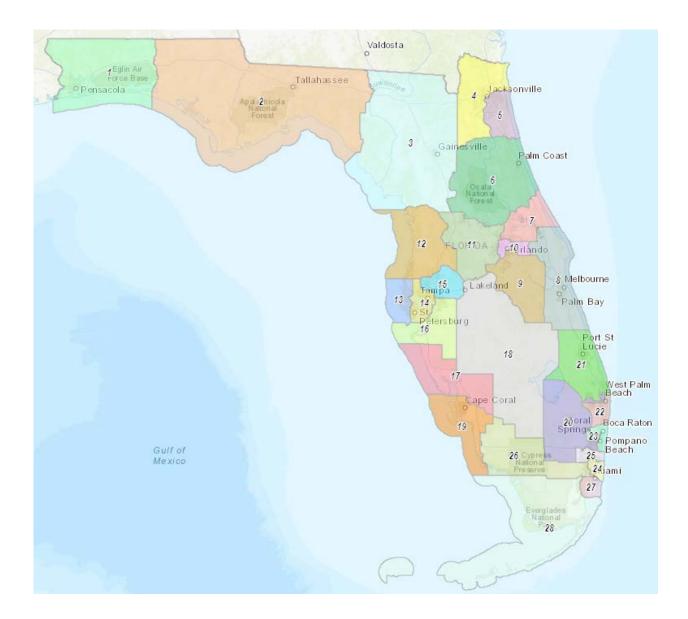
You will need to contact the supervisor of elections for the county in question.

Appendix A: Congressional District Signature Requirements

Congressional District	Votes Cast in 2020 General Election (last presidential election)	For Judicial / Fiscal Reviews (25% of 8% of Votes)	For Ballot Position (8% of Votes Cast)
1	425,309	8,507	34,025
2	412,618	8,253	33,010
3	395,894	7,918	31,672
4	402,287	8,046	32,183
5	428,313	8,567	34,266
6	429,855	8,598	34,389
7	435,728	8,715	34,859
8	461,782	9,236	36,943
9	343,247	6,865	27,460
10	340,944	6,819	27,276
11	427,352	8,548	34,189
12	426,688	8,534	34,136
13	454,849	9,097	36,388
14	395,813	7,917	31,666
15	374,818	7,497	29,986
16	411,680	8,234	32,935
17	453,286	9,066	36,263
18	352,565	7,052	28,206
19	436,664	8,734	34,934
20	339,559	6,792	27,165
21	445,876	8,918	35,671
22	395,672	7,914	31,654
23	410,856	8,218	32,869
24	331,931	6,639	26,555
25	387,170	7,744	30,974
26	319,572	6,392	25,566
27	360,319	7,207	28,826
28	343,381	6,868	27,471
Statewide	11,144,028	*222,881	*891,523

*Statewide Totals are calculated from the statewide turnout. Due to rounding these totals do **not match the** sum of the district calculations.

Appendix B: Congressional District Map



Appendix C: DS-DE 155A Constitutional Amendment Initiative Petition Form - Volunteer

CONSTITUTIONA	AL AMENDMENT INITIATIVE PETITION FO	ORM – VOLUNTEER	
Amendment Information			
Ballot Title:			
Ballot Summary:			
-	cument for the full text of the proposed constit		
Date Approved	Serial Number		
Snonsor's Infr	ormation (Return all completed petition forms to the a	address helow)	
Name:	Simaton (Return an completed petition forms to the	address below.	
Address:			
l am a registered voter of Florida a the Florida Constitution on the ball	Voter's Information and hereby petition the Secretary of State to place lot in the general election.	e the above proposed amendment to	
Name - Last	FirstMid	iddl e	
Address	ARPL		
City		ounty	
Update my voter registration reco	rd to this address. (check box)		
Registration No.	or Date of Birth		
Signature	Date Signed		
	Petition Circulator's Information		
This petition form is only to be col	llected by a volunteer or directly by the voter him o	or herself.	
A paid petition circulator must us obtained from the Division's Paid	e the DS-DE 155B version of the form. Forms for Petition Circulator website.	paid petition circulators can be	
Visit <u>https://dos.elections.myflorid</u>	da.com/InitiativePetitions/ for more information.		
	Attention		
	ord once filed with the Supervisor of Elections. to knowingly sign the same petition more than one vill not be validated.	ıce. [§104.185, F.S.]	
DS-DE 155A (10-2021)		R1S-2.009, Fla. Admin. Code	

Appendix D: DS-DE 155B Constitutional Amendment Initiative Petition -Paid Petition Circulator

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT INITIATIVE PETITION FORM - PAID PETITION CIRCULATOR		
Amendment Information		
Ballot Title:		
Ballot Summary:		
See separate document for the full text of the proposed constitutional amendment.		
Date Approved Serial Number		
Sponsor's Information (Return all completed petition forms to the address below.)		
Name:		
Address:		
Voter's Information		
I am a registered voter of Florida and hereby petition the Secretary of State to place the above proposed amendment to		
the Florida Constitution on the ballot in the general election.		
Name - LastFirstMiddle		
Address		
CityCounty		
Update my voter registration record to this address. (check box)		
Registration No.		
Signature Date Signed M M / D D / Y Y Y		
Petition Circulator's Information		
This petition form is only to be circulated and collected by a paid petition circulator. After the voter signs the form, the circulator must complete the affidavit below.		
Paid Petition Circulator's Affidavit		
Name Circulator's Number		
Address		
By my signature below, as petition circulator, I verify that the petition was signed in my presence. Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the forgoing Petition Circulator's Affidavit and the facts stated in it are true.		
Signature Date Signed M M / D Q / Y Y Y		
Attention		
 This form becomes a public record once filed with the Supervisor of Elections. It is a first degree misdemeanor to knowingly sign the same petition more than once. [§104.185, F.S.] An improperly completed form will not be validated. 		
DS-DE 155B (10-2021) R1S-2.009, Fla. Admin. Code		

Appendix E: DS-DE 156 Constitutional Amendment Full Text

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT FULL TEXT
Ballot Title:
Ballot Summary:
Article and Section Being Created or Amended:
Full Text of the Proposed Amendment: Words added are <u>underlined</u> . Words removed are struckthrough
Initiative Information
Date Approved Serial Number
Sponsor Name: [Name of the sponsoring political committee] Sponsor Address: [Address of the sponsoring political committee] DS-DE 156 (10-2021) R1S-2.009, Fla. Admin. Code

Appendix F: DS-DE 19D Affidavit of Undue Burden – Committee

AFFIDAVIT OF UNDUE BURDEN
FOR POLITICAL COMMITTEES
Important Notice: Paying signature gatherers will preclude or invalidate the filing of an undue burden oath.
Section 99.097(6), Florida Statutes, provides: (a) If any person is paid to solicit signatures on a petition, an undue burden oath may not subsequently be filed in lieu of paying the fee to have signatures verified for that petition. (b) If an undue burden oath has been filed and payment is subsequently made to any person to solicit signatures on a petition, the undue burden oath is no longer valid and a fee for all signatures previously submitted to the supervisor of elections and any submitted thereafter shall be paid by the candidate, person, or organization that submitted the undue burden oath.
If contributions as defined in s. 106.011 are received, any monetary contributions must <u>first</u> be used to reimburse the supervisor of elections for any signature verification fees that were not paid because of the filing of the undue burden oath. [Note: The second sentence in (b) applies only when payment is made to a signature gatherer after an undue burden oath had been filed.]
I certify under oath that
Is unable to pay the fee for verification of petition signature as at pursuant to section 99.075(6), Fla. Stat., or the fee as set for verification of signatures or statewide initiative petitions pursuant to section 100.371(11)(c), Fla. Stat., hicheve may be applicable, without imposing an undue burden on the committee' resources.
Treasurer's Signature Treasurer's Printed Name
Address City
State .ip Phone Number
STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF Signature of Notary Public Print, Type or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public below:
Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me
by means of online notarization OR
physical presence
this day of, 20
Personally Known D OR
Produced identification
Type of Identification Produced:

DS-DE 19D (08/16/2022)

Appendix G: Legal References (Laws, Rules, and Forms)

Florida Constitution

- Article IV, Section 10
- Article XI, Section 3
- <u>Article XI, Section 5</u>

Florida Statutes

- <u>Section 15.21</u>
- <u>Section 16.061</u>
- <u>Section 99.097</u>
- <u>Section 100.371</u>
- <u>Section 101.161</u>
- <u>Section 104.185</u>
- <u>Section 106.19(3)</u>
- <u>Section 106.191</u>

Florida Election Code

• <u>Chapters 97 – 106, Florida Statutes</u>

Florida Administrative Code

- <u>1S-2.0011 Constitutional Amendment Ballot Position</u>
- <u>1S-2.009 Constitutional Amendment by Initiative Petition</u>
- <u>1S-2.0091 Constitutional Amendment Initiative Petition; Submission Deadline;</u> <u>Signature Verification</u>

Link to Forms

- DS-DE 19D Affidavit of Undue Burden for Political Committees
- DS-DE 155A Constitutional Amendment Initiative Petition Form Volunteer
- DS-DE 155B Constitutional Amendment Initiative Petition Form Paid Petition Circulator
- DS-DE 156 Constitutional Amendment Full Text

Initiatives/Amendments/Revisions Database

- <u>https://dos.elections.myflorida.com/initiatives/</u>
- <u>https://initiativepetitions.elections.myflorida.com/</u> (includes questions and answers for petitioners and a link to an Online User Guide for

Paid and Volunteer Petition Circulators.