

Office of the Kansas Secretary of State

Candidate Petition Circulation Guidelines

Petition Forms

1. Obtain nomination petition forms in either the Elections Division of the Secretary of State's Office or in the county election office.
2. The top section of the petition, stating the candidate's name (as it is to appear on the ballot), address, office sought, etc., must be completed before the petition can be circulated and signed. [KSA 25-205(b)]

Circulators

3. The candidate and other petition circulators may circulate the petition throughout the district. Circulators must possess the constitutional qualifications of electors (18 years of age, U.S. citizenship, state residency). [Chap. 128 of 2001 Kansas Session Laws, KSA 25-303(e)]
4. The circulator of each page of the petition must witness every signature placed on the page and must include a signed, notarized affidavit of that fact with the petition. One affidavit may apply to all pages submitted by a particular circulator. [KSA 25-3602(b)(4), -205(d), -303(e)]

Petition Signers

5. Only persons of the same party affiliation who are registered voters may sign a petition for a candidate nominated by a party. [KSA 25-205(b)]
Independent nomination petitions may be signed by any registered voter. [KSA 25-303(c), (d)]
No one may sign more than one petition for any office. [KSA 25-205(c), -303(g)]
6. Petition signers must include their printed name, signature, address, city, zip code and date signed. [KSA 25-205(c), -303(e)] Signers must reside in the district. All signers of a particular page of a petition must reside in the same county. [KSA 25-205(d), -303(e)]

Filing Petitions

7. The petition filing deadline for candidates representing political parties is noon on June 10, or if that date falls on a weekend or holiday, at noon on the next business day. [KSA 25-205(a)(1)]
The filing deadline for independent candidates is noon the day before the state primary election on the first Tuesday in August. [KSA 25-305(b)]
8. If more than one circulator is carrying the petitions for the same candidate, all must be submitted as a group to the appropriate filing office at one time. [KSA 25-3602(a)] The petition must be filed within 180 days after the date the first signature was collected. [KSA 25-3602(d)]

Affidavit of petition circulator

STATE OF KANSAS

COUNTY OF _____

} ss.

I, _____ ,

Print Name

(check one):

_____ I am the circulator of this petition. I am qualified to circulate this petition and I personally witnessed the signing of the petition by each person whose name appears thereon.

_____ I am the candidate

Signature

Circulator's residence address

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____ , 20 _____ .

(SEAL)

Person authorized to administer oaths

My appointment expires _____ , 20 _____ .

Kansas law states that a petition circulator is a person who is a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years of age, and has not been convicted of a felony, or if convicted of a felony has been pardoned or restored to such person's civil rights.