



VOTE LIBERTARIAN ILLINOIS

Petition Coordinator Information

Petition Coordinators perform a vital service to the petition drive. They 1) collect petitions from circulators in their area, 2) review them for problems, 3) report names and numbers, and 4) forward the petitions to our Petition Manager in Springfield.

Our Petition Manager will spot check the petitions for validity and assemble them into a single filing to bring to the State Board of Elections. The deadline for the ~3,000 petitions and associated documents to be filed with the state is June 23.

If there is no Petition Coordinator in a circulator's area or a mutually agreeable time and place for a circulator and Coordinator to meet, circulators may mail notarized petitions directly to the Petition Manager.

1) Collect Petitions

Petition Coordinators decide when and where they will accept petitions. You may set up a weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly day/time. Many coordinators will accept petitions in conjunction with Libertarian chapter meetings or local petitioning events. Location options include coffee shops and public buildings.

It is extremely helpful, although not required, to be a notary. If you would like more information about becoming a notary, call the LP Illinois at 800-735-1776. When you share information about when and where you will collect petitions, be sure to mention whether there will be someone present to notarize petitions or if circulators should bring them already notarized.

The last date for signature collection is **Sunday, June 15**, so you may wish to plan a last call in your area either that evening or the next day. All petitions must get to the Petition Manager by June 18, so we can be sure to make the deadline.

2) Review Petition Forms

Petition coordinators should be familiar with the [petition form](#), the [completed sample petition](#), the [Five Steps to Petitioning Success](#), the [Petitioning FAQs](#), and the [Independent Contractor Information](#) so they can review petitions as they come in and answer questions.

In reviewing petitions, look for missing information or anything obviously incorrect. Missing information, except signatures, can be added. Lines can be drawn through incorrect rows.

No one can sign a petition for anyone else, so signatures should look different from person to person. Also watch out for signatures that look the same every fourth, fifth, or sixth row. Fraudulent people sometimes pass petitions among themselves to sign.

It's very helpful to bring extra petition forms with you, so when people turn in completed forms, you can hand them new ones. Thank them and encourage them to collect more. Every signature brings us closer to our goal.

If you would like petition forms or other documents mailed to you, email the VLI Chair listed below.



3) Report Names and Numbers

Email circulator names and the number of signatures gathered by each to PetitionReport@LPillinois.org. Multiple circulators can be reported in the same email. This email will go to the LP Political Director, LP Illinois Chair, VLI Chair, and the Petition Manager so everyone can track how we are doing. It's vital for us to show our progress, so please send the email as soon as possible. For volunteers, this information will be used for the prize contest; for contractors, payment amounts, so accuracy is important.

4) Forward Petitions to Springfield

The **SOC meeting in Bloomington on April 20th** is an excellent opportunity to turn in the petition forms you have collected. Please bring them with you to the meeting. If you cannot attend the meeting, contact the Petition Manager to make other arrangements.

If you have a significant number of petitions on hand in mid-May, contact the Petition Manager to discuss how best to get them to Springfield.

Our Illinois Petition Manager is:

Chris Bennett, 2616 Kent Drive, Springfield, IL 62703
(217) 529-6753, petitionmgr@LPillinois.org

All petitions must get to the Petition Manager by June 18, either in person or by mail, so we can make the filing deadline.

Independent Contractors

People interested in contracting should be directed to the [Independent Contractor Information](#) on the Petition Drive page of LPillinois.org and Sean Haugh, LP Political Director, at (202) 288-9853 for more information.

The national Libertarian Party negotiates with, hires, and pays all contractors. Under no circumstances should you collect petitions from a contractor unknown to you or discuss payments with contractors. Do not accept expense receipts from contractors.

If Sean identifies a potential contractor in your area, he will call you in advance to discuss how often and where you would like to collect petitions. He can also answer any questions you may have.

It is important for contractors to be paid in a timely manner. If the email reporting the name and number of signatures a contractor has collected cannot go out the same day you collect them, **call Sean at (202) 288-9853** and report the name and number of signatures, so he can get the payment process moving. You can report contractors and volunteers in the same email, the information you report is exactly the same, names and number of signatures for each.

Any feedback you have regarding contractors, good or bad, and any concerns about fraud or any other issue should be sent to PetitionReport@LPillinois.org.

More Information

If you have any questions about being a Petition Coordinator or would like to volunteer or change your contact information, contact the VLI Chair.