

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CIRCULATING NOMINATION PETITIONS REPUBLICAN COUNTY COMMITTEE PEOPLE

GENERAL PRIMARY – APRIL 28, 2020

FIRST DAY TO CIRCULATE AND FILE NOMINATION PETITIONS----- JANUARY 28

LAST DAY TO CIRCULATE AND FILE NOMINATION PETITIONS----- FEBRUARY 18

PRIOR TO CIRCULATION

- Top of the Petition must be completed before obtaining signatures.
- Electoral District must include municipality and ward and/or district and length of term (2 years for Republican)
- Candidate must be a qualified Elector (voter) of the district and a member of the correct Party.
- Candidate's name exactly as it is to appear on the ballot.
- No nickname unless it is a derivative of legal given name - no titles such as Dr., Mr., Mrs., etc.

SIGNERS

- Minimum of ten (10) signatures. More than the minimum is recommended.
- Each signer may sign petitions for as many candidates for each office as they are permitted to vote, and no more.
- Signer must be a qualified Elector registered and enrolled in your Party in the election district noted on petition.
- Each signer must personally insert all of their own information - Signature, Printed Name, House Number, Street or Road, City, Borough or Township, and Date of Signing. Given names must be used; no nicknames or titles.
- Ditto marks are not permitted.

AFFIDAVITS ON REVERSE SIDE OF PETITION

- Statement of Circulator: must be completed AFTER obtaining all required signatures. Circulators no longer need to be residents of the election district in which they are circulating petitions.
- Candidate's Affidavit - may be signed and notarized within the JANUARY 28 – FEBRUARY 18 petition filing period.
- All notarizations MUST include the Notary's signature and **official inked stamp** indicating municipality and expiration date of commission.

FILING

- Petitions must be filed in the Office of the Northampton County Board of Elections no later than 4:30 p.m. on FEBRUARY 18, 2020. It is to your advantage to file before this date so that petitions can be examined and corrections made, if necessary. No filing fee is required.

If you have any questions, please contact our office at:

**NORTHAMPTON COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICE
669 WASHINGTON ST
ROOM 1211
EASTON, PA. 18042
610-829-6260**

*See reverse side after you have finished circulating your petition
for a quick check-off list before submitting to the Board of
Elections:*

CHECK-OFF LIST BEFORE FILING YOUR PETITION

FRONT OF PETITION

- _____ Candidate's descriptive information all completed.
- _____ Minimum of ten (10) signatures obtained.
- _____ First date of signing not earlier than JANUARY 28, 2020.
- _____ Last date of signing no later than FEBRUARY 18, 2020.

BACK OF PETITION

- _____ Statement of Circulator all 5 sections completed **AFTER** obtaining the last signature. (No longer needs to be notarized)
- _____ Candidate's Affidavit signed (including address, municipality and election district where indicated) and notarized within the time frame of circulation period.

NOTARIZATIONS

- _____ The Candidate's affidavit **MUST** include the Notary's signature and the official inked stamp indicating the municipality and expiration date of commission.
please note: You must have your petitions notarized prior to submitting them. Notary service is not available at the election office.

SIDE OF PETITION

- _____ Party, Office, Municipality, Ward, District, Term filled in.
- _____ Name of Candidate EXACTLY as it will appear on ballot.
- _____ Election Year: 2020.

It is the candidate's responsibility to ensure that:

- Candidate is of the district and party named on petition.
- Circulator is of the same party of the candidate and a registered voter.
- All signers are of the district and party of the candidate.