

# Candidate Petition Guidance 2/9/2023

The following information is intended to provide general information for your candidacy. For questions or more detailed information, contact the Lehigh County Voter Registration Office\*

1. Signatures of REGISTERED DEMOCRATS must be obtained February 14th through March 7th. DO NOT collect signatures before February 14th!
2. A circulator must be a REGISTERED DEMOCRAT qualified to vote in Pennsylvania.
3. For those planning to cross-file, a REGISTERED REPUBLICAN must circulate your REPUBLICAN PARTY petition, and minimum signature requirements apply to BOTH parties' petitions. (*Only the candidates for School Board, District Justice, and Judge of the Court of Common Pleas may cross file.*)
4. If you plan to make copies of the petition prior to circulating, it MUST be copied exactly like the original: same size and 2 sided, copied HEAD to HEAD, straight on the page, not crooked.
5. DEMOCRATIC registered voters who are signing the petition must reside in the district named in the Petition and must PERSONALLY sign AND print their name on the petition as it appears on their registration records, along with the other required address information and the date of signing.
6. **VERY IMPORTANT:** NOTE that the ADDRESS IS THE MUNICIPALITY where the signer resides, which may be different than the signer's mailing address.
7. HINT: MAKE A LIST OF THE ONLY VALID MUNICIPALITIES FOR YOUR OFFICE AND KEEP IT WITH THE PETITIONS AS A REMINDER.
8. NO blank spaces and NO ditto marks are permitted. And the person signing must fill out all areas themselves.
9. AFTER you have finished collecting Democratic signatures, CIRCULATORS must COMPLETE the information under STATEMENT OF CIRCULATOR:
  1. COUNTY of PETITION-SIGNERS' Residence
  2. PRINTED NAME of CIRCULATOR
  3. SIGNATURE of CIRCULATOR
  4. Number and Street Address of CIRCULATOR
  5. MUNICIPALITY and Zip Code of CIRCULATOR(Note that ACT 77 removed the requirement of a Notarized Statement for *Circulators*; Candidates are still required to complete and submit a notarized affidavit.)

\*The above information should not be construed as legal advice. Contact the Lehigh County Voter Registration Office for detailed information or answers to any questions, **610-782-3194**.