

Leinbach for Commissioner

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PETITIONS

First day to circulate and file nomination petitions..... February 19, 2019

Last day to circulate and file nomination petitions March 12, 2019

1. Each signer may sign petitions for as many candidates for each office as he/she is permitted to vote for, and no more. Make certain that each signer of a petition is a registered voter and an enrolled member of the party referred to in the petition. Each signer must personally insert their information concerning signature, printed name, residence and date of signing. Each signer should list his/her name and address exactly as it appears on his/her registration affidavit. The date of signing may be expressed in words or number; e.g., March 10, 2019 or 3/10/19. **Do not use ditto marks anywhere on any petition, the use of ditto (“”) marks is grounds for rejecting the petition.**
2. In the “PLACE OF RESIDENCE” section: “City, Borough, or Township” must be completed properly. For example, the signer’s mailing address is 123 Main Street, Reading, PA 19610 and he/she resides within the boundaries of Wyomissing. The petition MUST read Wyomissing, not Reading.
3. **Circulator’s Affidavit** – Must be signed and notarized on each petition. Do not sign until the petition is completed, all petition circulators must *personally witness* each signature for the signatures to be valid if challenged. **ONLY SIGN IN THE PRESENCE OF A NOTARY!**
4. We ask that you try to get 30 signatures before the March 10 deadline.
5. Please contact Josh Fidler (484-256-9673) if you have any questions as to where go or what to do with your petition once you have either filled it or have completed your goal.

THE MOST COMMON REASONS PETITIONS ARE REJECTED:

- THE WRONG PETITION FORM WAS USED
- THERE WERE NOT ENOUGH SIGNATURES
- IT WAS CIRCULATED PRIOR TO FEBRUARY 19, 2019
- IT WAS SUBMITTED TO THE COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICE AFTER MARCH 12, 2019.
- THE DATES ON THE SIGNATURE LINES ARE BEFORE FEBRUARY 19, 2019 OR AFTER MARCH 12, 2019
- THE PETITION IS NOT PROPERLY NOTARIZED
- ANY PART OF THE PETITION DOCUMENT IS NOT FILLED IN
- THE NOTARY DATE IS BEFORE THE LAST REQUIRED SIGNATURE

YOUR PETITION MAY BE CHALLENGED IN COURT FOR VARIOUS REASONS INCLUDING:

- THE SIGNER IS NOT AN ENROLLED VOTER IN THE REPUBLICAN PARTY
- THE SIGNER DOES NOT RESIDE IN BERKS COUNTY
- THE DATES ON THE SIGNATURE LINES ARE OUT OF ORDER