

TO SIGN OR NOT TO SIGN?

BEFORE YOU SIGN ASK TO SEE ID.

Paid gatherers must carry photo ID issued by the Secretary of State. State law requires showing ID to certain officials, but not to voters. If they don't, voters can reasonably wonder why. Numerous instances of fraud could have been avoided by insisting on seeing ID. You can help prevent fraud.

IS IT AN "UNFUNDED MANDATE"?

Would the Legislature need to pull funds from other essential programs? Initiatives should generally not earmark, restrict, or obligate specific General Fund revenue percentages.

DOES IT BELONG IN THE CONSTITUTION?

Is it a fundamental law that should be protected? Changes or mistakes would require another (costly) election for a constitutional amendment. As a general principle, tax and funding provisions do not belong in the constitution.

IS IT CLEAR?

Some proposals aren't well-written. They may have conflicts requiring court interpretations or resolutions.

IS IT TOO COMPLEX?

Some decisions may be simple yes or no votes. Other decisions will affect many areas of government. Before signing, make sure you understand implications and consequences if this petition becomes law.

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The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

HISTORY:

Established in 1920, the League is one of the nation's most respected grassroots organizations. We study issues from multiple perspectives and advocate for the common good of our communities, states, and nation.

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THINK BEFORE YOU INK!



Read this before you
sign a petition!

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YOUR SIGNATURE IS VALUABLE



ONLY SIGN PETITIONS YOU SUPPORT!

Never sign a petition “just to get it on the ballot so people can vote on it.” Just as voting in primaries has more impact than voting in general elections, signing petitions has more impact than ballot measure voting.

HOW MANY SIGNATURES ARE NEEDED?

The threshold number for statewide petitions to become ballot measures is defined by the number of votes in the last Governor’s race for a full term. “Certification” is randomly sampling petitions, comparing signatures in the Oregon Certified Voter Registration (OCVR) database. Invalid or duplicate signatures are not counted.

TO PASS A BALLOT MEASURE:

50% + 1 (majority of votes cast)

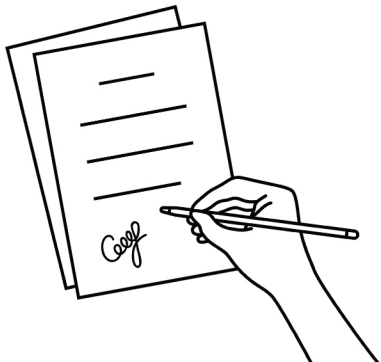
TO PUT MEASURES ON BALLOTS:

8% (for constitutional amendments)

6% (for initiatives)

4% (for referenda)

Note: Local petitions may have different requirements.



WHAT ARE PETITIONS?

Petitions can send decisions to ballots as ballot measures, if enough certified signatures are collected.

INITIATIVE

Registered voters can put issues on ballots to change laws, Oregon Revised Statutes, or to amend the Oregon State Constitution.

REFERRAL

The Legislature can refer an undecided issue or a bill they passed to voters for approval. Any bills that amend the Oregon Constitution must be referred to voters and do not require petition signatures.

REFERENDUM

Registered voters can try to reject (veto) bills passed by the Legislature by petitioning to put a referendum on the ballot. A referendum may only be filed once a bill has passed in both legislative chambers and has either been signed by the Governor or the Governor’s veto deadline has elapsed. Note: A referendum petition allows voters to adopt or reject any nonemergency Act or part of a nonemergency Act.

LOOK UP WHO IS BEHIND IT

Chief Petitioners are listed on the Oregon Secretary of State Initiative, Referendum, and Referral Search page: https://egov.sos.state.or.us/elec/web_irr_search.search_form

Chief petitioners and funders of ballot measures are not required to be Oregonians.

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Search ORESTAR for ballot measure, candidate, and PAC (political action committee) official filing and financial information:

<https://secure.sos.state.or.us/orestar/CommitteeSearchFirstPage.do?startup=2>

QUESTIONS?

Contact the Oregon Elections Division:

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