

Office of the Kansas Secretary of State

Candidate Petition Circulation Guidelines

Petition Forms

1. Obtain nomination petition forms in either the Elections Division of the Secretary of State's Office or in the county election office.
2. The top section of the petition, stating the candidate's name (as it is to appear on the ballot), address, office sought, etc., must be completed before the petition can be circulated and signed. [KSA 25-205(b)]

Circulators

3. The candidate may circulate the petition throughout the district. Other circulators must be registered voters and may only carry the petition in the county where they're registered to vote or, if for a district office contained within a county, the circulator must reside within the district. [KSA 25-205(d), -303(e)]
4. The circulator of each page of the petition must witness every signature placed on the page and must include a signed, notarized affidavit of that fact with the petition. One affidavit may apply to all pages submitted by a particular circulator. [KSA 25-3602(b)(4), -205(d), -303(e)]

Petition Signers

5. Only persons of the same party affiliation who are registered voters may sign a petition for a candidate nominated by a party. [KSA 25-205(b)]
Independent nomination petitions may be signed by any registered voter. [KSA 25-303(c), (d)]
No one may sign more than one petition for any office. [KSA 25-205(c), -303(g)]
6. Petition signers must include their printed name, signature, address, city, zip code and date signed. [KSA 25-205(c), -303(e)] All address information should be the same as that by which the person is registered to vote.

Filing Petitions

7. The petition filing deadline for candidates representing political parties is noon on June 10, or if that date falls on a weekend or holiday, at noon on the next business day. [KSA 25-205(a)(1)]
The filing deadline for independent candidates is noon the day before the state primary election on the first Tuesday in August. [KSA 25-305(b)]
8. If more than one circulator is carrying petitions for the same candidate, all must be submitted as a group to the appropriate filing office at one time. [KSA 25-3602(a)] The petition must be filed within 180 days after the date the first signature was collected. [KSA 25-3602(d)]