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# PETITION SIGNATURE REQUIREMENT CHART

## -- 2014 Election Cycle --

The following "population based" signature requirements apply to all state offices, judicial offices, county offices (including county commissioner), township offices (including offices elected in charter townships), city offices (unless otherwise set by charter) and village offices (unless otherwise set by charter). See notes following chart for information on petition signature requirements established for candidates who seek school board positions; intermediate school board positions; community college trustee positions; district library board positions; and city, township and village library board positions.

| | Partisan Petition | | Non Partisan Petition | | Qualifying Petition | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Population** | **Min** | **Max** | **Min** | **Max** | **Min** | **Max** |
| 0 - 9,999 | 3 | 10 | 6 | 20 | 9 | 30 |
| 10,000 - 24,999 | 20 | 50 | 40 | 100 | 60 | 150 |
| 25,000 - 49,999 | 50 | 100 | 100 | 200 | 150 | 300 |
| 50,000 - 74,999 | 100 | 200 | 200 | 400 | 300 | 600 |
| 75,000 - 99,999 | 200 | 400 | 400 | 800 | 600 | 1,200 |
| 100,000 - 199,999 | 300 | 500 | 600 | 1,000 | 900 | 1,500 |
| 200,000 - 499,999 | 500 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 2,000 | 1,500 | 3,000 |
| 500,000 - 999,999 | 1,000 | 2,000 | 2,000 | 4,000 | 3,000 | 6,000 |
| 1,000,000 - 1,999,999 | 2,000 | 4,000 | 4,000 | 8,000 | 6,000 | 12,000 |
| 2,000,000 - 4,999,999 | 4,000 | 8,000 | 6,200 | 12,000 | 12,000 | 24,000 |
| Over 5 million (statewide) | 15,000 | 30,000 | 30,000 | 60,000 | 30,000 | 60,000 |

**1)** ***State Senate, State House and county level positions:*** Republican and Democratic candidates who seek the office of State Senator, the office of State Representative or a county office may file a $100.00 fee in lieu of a nominating petition. The filing fee is refunded if the candidate receives nomination to the office or places second in the race.

**2)** ***Judicial positions:*** A judicial officer who is running for reelection to the office he or she holds may file an Affidavit of Candidacy in lieu of a nominating petition.

**3)** ***Statewide positions:*** Nominating petitions filed for the office of Governor or U.S. Senator must be signed by at least 100 registered voters in each of at least ½ of the congressional districts in the state. Similarly, a qualifying petition filed by a candidate without political party affiliation for the office of President, Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, U.S. Senator, State Board of Education, University of Michigan Regent, Michigan State University Trustee, Wayne State University Governor or Supreme Court Justice must be signed by at least 100 registered electors in each of at least ½ of the congressional districts in the state.

**4)** ***County commissioner positions:*** The "population based" signature requirements listed in the above chart apply to candidates who seek the office of county commissioner. Candidates seeking the office of county commissioner may file a $100.00 fee in lieu of a petition. The filing fee is refunded if the candidate receives nomination to the office or places second in the race.

**5)** ***School board/intermediate school board positions:*** Local school board and intermediate school board candidates are required to meet the filing requirements list below (MCL 168.303 as added under PA 302 of 2003):

- ***District with less than 10,000 in population according to the most recent federal census:*** minimum of 6 signatures; maximum of 20 signatures. A $100.00 nonrefundable fee may be filed in lieu of a petition.

- ***District with 10,000 or more in population according to the most recent federal census:*** minimum of 40 signatures; maximum of 100 signatures. A $100.00 nonrefundable fee may be filed in lieu of a petition.

**6)** ***Community college trustee positions:*** In a community college district organized by an intermediate school district of over 1.5 million, the minimum number of valid signatures required is 250. A candidate may not file more than 500 signatures to cover the requirement. (MCL 389.83)

In all other community college districts, the following signature requirements apply (MCL 389.152 as amended under PA 62 of 2005):

- Community college district with less than 10,000 in population according to the most recent federal census: ***minimum of 6 signatures; maximum of 20 signatures. A $100.00 nonrefundable fee may be filed in lieu of a petition.***

- Community college district with 10,000 or more in population according to the most recent federal census: ***minimum of 40 signatures; maximum of 100 signatures. A $100.00 nonrefundable fee may be filed in lieu of a petition.***

**7)** ***District library board positions:*** The following signature requirements apply to district library board candidates (MCL 397.181 as amended under PA 159 of 2002):

- ***District with less than 10,000 in population according to the most recent federal census:*** minimum of 6 signatures; maximum of 20 signatures. A $100.00 nonrefundable fee may be filed in lieu of a petition.

- ***District with 10,000 or more in population according to the most recent federal census:*** minimum of 40 signatures; maximum of 100 signatures. A $100.00 nonrefundable fee may be filed in lieu of a petition.

**8)** ***City library board positions, township library board positions and village library board positions:*** The following signature requirements apply to city, township and village library board candidates (MCL 397.211 as amended under PA 160 of 2002):

- ***Jurisdiction with less than 10,000 in population:*** minimum of 6 signatures; maximum of 20 signatures. A $100.00 nonrefundable fee may be filed in lieu of a petition.

- ***Jurisdiction with 10,000 or more in population:*** minimum of 40 signatures; maximum of 100 signatures. A $100.00 nonrefundable fee may be filed in lieu of a petition.

**9)** ***Qualifying petitions:*** All signatures submitted on a qualifying petition must have been collected within the preceding 180-day period; signatures which are dated more than 180 days prior to the date of the petition is filed are invalid.