

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## SIGNING PETITIONS

### Are abbreviations allowed on petitions?

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Standard abbreviations may be used in writing the resident's address, including the street number.

### How should the voter sign their name when they sign the petition?

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The voter should sign the petition with the same name that they are registered to vote with; however, signing with a nickname will not invalidate the signature, provided the voter can be identified and it can be shown that the voter is lawfully registered to vote and qualified to sign the petition.

### Are pencil signatures allowed?

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Yes, but it is advisable to use a pen with dark ink.

### Can ditto marks be used on the petitions?

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Though ditto marks are not specifically prohibited, it is suggested they be avoided. The use of ditto marks could be objected to and the outcome of an objection cannot be predicted. A circulator can, however, fill in any missing information, except a voter's signature.

### May a voter sign a petition for someone else?

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No. A registered voter must sign the petition in their own person. They may not sign for someone else, such as another member of their own family. (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-4)

### Can a voter sign more than one established party candidate's petition?

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Yes, a signer can sign petitions for as many candidates of the same established political party as they want, but they cannot sign petitions for different established parties in the same election.