

Rules for Signatures -- Brian Kelly for Congress Page 1

1. Get a clipboard, & Black Pen. -- I should have enough here. Put your stuff in the clipboard
 2. Get at least one sheet for each county (Luzerne, Lackawanna, Monroe, Columbia, Carbon) in which you may choose to get signatures -- If your streets are in Luzerne County but Mom and Dad's are in Lackawanna County, you need two sheets. Take as many sheets as you think you need (50 signatures max per sheet)
 3. Look at the sheet. Note that Item 6 is the County. Luzerne is filled in on some sheets. If you go to counties outside of Luzerne, before getting any signatures fill in the County Name. Do not mix people from different counties on the same form.
 4. Look at the sheet. Each sheet holds 50 signatures. You are to observe the person filling out the signature line. Use just one line each to sign and complete their line on the petition.
 5. Look at the sheet. The top of the sheet page 1 is already filled out other than county in some cases. [I did this when I copied the forms for Luzerne County where most of my circulators were] The note to the Secretary of the Commonwealth is next. This describes what the signature / line is all about. It is not a vote. It's your agreement that a fellow citizen in the 17th district may run for Congress.
 6. Look at the sheet. Lines 1 to 29 and heading. Space for 29 signatures on Page 1.
 7. Look at the sheet. In the signature space this is how the signature and information is to be printed / signed. Ditto marks are not permitted anywhere.
- A. SIGNATURE OF ELECTOR** -- Each signer of the nominating petition is an elector -- i.e. one who has a right to vote D (Democrat) in the primary and is in District 17. (If your case is Republican, make sure the signer is Republican -- do not mix Ds and Rs on same sheet) Observe the signatory sign in that space. The signature itself must be in cursive form - not printed.
- B. PRINTED NAME of ELECTOR** -- Caution the signatory that the name in the signature and the name printed are the same name - initials or no initials etc. Observe the signatory print their name the same as on their official records -- such as driver's license. Use middle initial if on license.
- C. PLACE OF RESIDENCE - HOUSE #-** Observe just house # printed in this space.
- D. PLACE OF RESIDENCE - Street or Rd.** Caution the signatory to place the street or rd with the designator st. rd. or ave. followed by apartment # (apt 1) if there is such a #. Observe the signatory type this information. Street, road, or avenue may be abbreviated but not the street name.
- E. PLACE OF RESIDENCE - City, Boro, or Twp.** Caution the signatory to use no abbreviations for the municipality. For example WB, W.B., W-B, W-Barre are all invalid and will cause the signature to be thrown out.
- F. Date of SIGNING.** Observe the signatory print the date while cautioning that it must be correct and within the period of February 16 to March 9, 2010 (check the dates). For example, 02/16/2010 is valid and 02/16/2009 is not. Any date such as 02/15/2010 or before this date is not valid. Any date such as 03/10/2010 or after this date is not valid. Any mistakes on date will cause the signature to be thrown out. Circulators should make sure that the dates on the form are oldest to newest sequence. March 8 should not be before March 1 on the form.
- AA.** Note on the signature line --- >> If the signatory makes a number of mistakes and it does not look good. It will not be accepted. Draw a straight line through the whole line and ask them to start over on the next line. Do not waste lines.
- BB.** Lines 30 to 50 are valid spaces for signatures -- thus each sheet can hold a maximum of 50 signatures (29 on front and 21 on back). Get as many forms as you need!
- CC.** Each Saturday beginning February 20, please call D. Greemez with the # of signatures that you obtained that week. The sooner we get all the forms to Harrisburg the better. 655-5555. Or email <greemez@comcast.net>
- DD.** On February 27 or March 6, depending on how we are doing, all forms need to be brought to BK's house (candidate) and we will have them notarized. We will have a notary onsite to do this. He or she will do them all at once and charge BK, not the circulator. Circulator's must be present to sign in front of Notary
- EE.** On March 2 or March 9 BK will take the notarized forms to Harrisburg. If you cannot come to get the forms notarized, please have them notarized in your area and BK will reimburse you the expense. BK will come to your house to pick up the notarized form, hopefully before March 2.
- FF.** Look at the form on the back in the affidavit of circulator. You are the circulator. Do not fill this out the left side at all and do not fill in the right side until all the signatures are on the sheet and the Notary Public is standing in front of you.
- GG.** Make sure Brian gets as many forms as possible filled with signatures and that they are notarized either at the meeting on Feb 27 or March 6 or by you and your own Notary.
- HH.** Some have asked for data sheets. Get your data sheets now! Tell Brian what streets / towns you want if your sheets are not ready. Verify that the person signing actually signs their name as it is listed in the data sheet or their Drivers License (should be the same)
- II.** Can you get anybody's signature? Yes, they know if they have previously signed for Brian so don't worry about it. Get the signature - Democrat -- District 17. Make sure County is correct on the form -- If you get signatures from 5 counties, you need 5 forms.

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**Review ---- Many signatures are thrown out because of small mistakes.
Let's Look at the areas of mistakes that might be made for the meeting**

- 1. Make sure that every detail of everybody's signature is perfect**
- 2. Do not use WB or ditto marks.**
- 3. Make sure you use the Luzerne County form only for Luzerne County Signatories**
- 4. If the signatory makes a mistake, draw a line through it and let them write it again.**
- 5. It helps to check the data sheets vs. the signatures line for errors.**

Why would a signature be contested? Here's why:

- ✓ **Signature Line Challenges -- the incumbent or other challenger wants to get all signatures thrown out claiming inaccuracies**
- ✓ **Date on line not between Feb 16 and March 9**
- ✓ **Signer is not a registered voter**
- ✓ **Signer resides in wrong district (16 or 18)**
- ✓ **Signature or data not completely legible -- ask them to do-over.**
- ✓ **Multiple counties on same form – entire form gets thrown out.**
- ✓ **Address is wrong / incomplete / missing address**
- ✓ **Incomplete / missing dates / dates out of order**
- ✓ **Ditto marks**
- ✓ **Nickname or initials in place of full name**
- ✓ **No cursive signature**
- ✓ **Wrong / fraudulent signature***

***** We will have a meeting at my house on Feb. 27 or March 6, depending on how the signatures are coming in. I will bring a Notary public to notarize the signature petitions for the carriers. BK will pay for it. Do not get them notarized before then.**

**Don't forget ask your relatives, close friends and those who you see all the time. We are looking for D, D17
Send Greemez an email so he can communicate with you <greemez@comcast.net>**