

RULES FOR COLLECTING SIGNATURES

1. No stray marks, writing, or highlighting on the petition!
2. Be truthful about the petition at all times.
3. Signatures must be collected from only one town per sheet. (Thus, registered voters from different towns cannot sign the same sheet.)
4. Write in the three places on the form that need to have the town filled in, one on the bottom front, and two on the back. Fill in at least the front one before asking for signatures.
5. If someone from a wrong town signs, then do not cross off the name. That signature is no good, but it does not disqualify the sheet.
6. Signatures must be in blue or black ink. No flair pens. And no ink that will leak through to the other side.
7. Any Massachusetts registered voter can sign. But only once. If the voter does sign twice, then do not cross out.
8. There is no need to write in precinct or ward.
9. There is no need to fill the entire sheet. It is best to collect 6 to 8 signatures per sheet and then, to safeguard it, start a new sheet.
10. All sheets must be exact 2-sided duplicates of those produced by the Secretary of State's Office. Thus, a one-sided sheet is invalid; a sheet where the reverse side is upside down is invalid; two one-sided sheets stapled together is invalid; and shrunken sheets are invalid. A sheet that is copied slightly askew is also invalid.
11. The best place to collect signatures is outside supermarkets, especially Market Baskets. Other good places are outside churches. (Ask for the pastor's permission first.) Additional good places are post offices (busiest between 10:00 and 2:00), and at town fairs. Go wherever there are crowds of people.
12. After collecting the signatures, bring sheets to town or city clerk for certification of the signatures. (Must be done by November 17, 2021, but the earlier the better.) If you are unable to bring to clerks' offices, then mail sheets ASAP to:

Massachusetts Newborn Protection Coalition
c/o Bernadette Lyons
P.O. Box 116
North Andover, MA 01845
13. If you have signatures on sheets from distant towns, then you can deliver them to your captain who will arrange for their certification.