

CHAPTER 8 – ELECTIONS

Sec. 8-16. Elections; initiative and referendum petitions; circulation.

(a) At the time of circulation, each signature sheet of an initiative or referendum petition must have affixed to it a full and correct copy of the proposed initiative measure or ordinance to be referred, including all attachments incorporated into the ordinance. In the case of a zoning ordinance a map identifying the location of the subject property shall be attached in addition to all other attachments. There shall be a rebuttable presumption that such items were not attached during circulation, if they are not attached when signature sheets are presented to the City Clerk for verification.

(b) No county recorder, justice of the peace, county or municipal elections official and no person other than a person qualified to register to vote in the State of Arizona shall circulate an initiative or referendum petition and all signatures verified by any such person shall be void and shall not be counted in determining the legal sufficiency of the petition.

(c) At all times during the circulation of any initiative petition page, the circulator of that page shall be a person qualified to register to vote in the State of Arizona.

(d) Each circulator of any petition page shall personally receive sufficient information from each signer of the page, at the time the signature is obtained, to ensure that the circulator can, as to all signers of that page, depose and state in the affidavit required by the charter that each signature is genuine, and that each signer is a resident and qualified elector of the City of Peoria, Arizona.

(e) The circulator of any petition page shall retain direct custody and control of the page at all times during circulation, except when a signer is signing; personally give the page to, and take it from, each signer; and personally observe each signer of the petition page actually sign the petition. For purposes of this subsection, the term "at all times during circulation" means the entire period from the time the circulator receives any blank initiative or referendum petition page for circulation until the time the circulator's signature on the affidavit for that page is notarized.

(f) Each circulator of any petition page shall cross out and initial any blank signature lines on the page prior to, or at the time, the circulator's signature on the affidavit for that page is notarized. Any signature on a line containing blanks shall not be counted in determining the legal sufficiency of the petition and any petition containing blank signature lines on the page after signed by the circulator in violation of this section shall not be counted in determining the legal sufficiency of the petition.

(h) The provisions of this section shall also apply to the circulation of any recall petition.
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