

INSTRUCTION PAGE FOR PRIMARY PETITION FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICE(S) AT-LARGE

NOTE TO REGISTRARS: (1) Complete on this Instruction Page, in the space provided, the total number of signatures needed for a candidacy for the nomination to the particular municipal office(s); (2) Provide at least one instruction page for each circulator; (3) Provide one or more primary petition signature pages suitable for duplication as you deem necessary (however, if the candidate or candidates are indigent, provide at least two times the number of signature pages needed to contain the required number of signatures); and (4) Complete all blanks in Part A of each primary petition signature page provided.

Request for Petition Forms: Any person who requests a petition form must give to the Registrar of Voters before he may obtain such form (1) his own name and address, and the name, address, and office sought of each candidate for whom the petition is being obtained; and (2) a statement signed by each such candidate that he consents to be a candidate for said office. In the case of the municipal office of State Representative, each such candidate shall include on the statement of consent his name as he authorizes it to appear on the ballot. After a person has completed the foregoing requirements, the Registrar of Voters, before giving him the petition form, must fill in on each Petition Signatures Page the name and address of each candidate to be named therein, the office sought by each such candidate, the name of the political party holding the primary, and the date of the primary, and must also fill in the blanks on this Instruction Page.

Number of Petition Signatures Pages to be provided: Upon completion of the above requirements, the Registrar of Voters shall give to the person requesting the petition form one or more signature pages suitable for duplication as he deems necessary. If the candidate or candidates are indigent, the Registrar shall provide a number of pages determined by such Registrar as at least two times the number sufficient to contain the required number of signatures. The number of signatures required is _____ (being at least 5% of the electors whose names appear on the active last-completed enrollment list of the party in the municipality or such lesser number as the party rules prescribe).

Time of Filing: This petition must be filed with the Registrar of Voters of the party whose nomination is sought not later than 4:00 p.m. on June 10, 2014.

General Information: A candidacy may be filed by or on behalf of any person (except a party-endorsed candidate) whose name appears on the last-completed enrollment list of the party within the municipality by filing with the Registrar of the party the required petition. A petition may propose as many candidates for different offices as there are candidates to be nominated by the party at-large, but no more.

Note: Under Section 9-422, no primary shall be held for nomination by a party to the office of Justice of the Peace unless candidacies for such nomination, numbering at least a bare majority of the number of Justices of the Peace to be nominated by such party, are filed in conformity with the provisions of the primary law by persons other than party-endorsed candidates.

Misrepresentation Prohibited: It is a Class D felony for any person to intentionally misrepresent the contents of a primary petition. Conviction of a Class D felony shall be punished by imprisonment for a term of not less than one year nor more than five years, or a fine not exceeding \$5,000.00, or both.

Signatures: Each signature on a Petition Signatures Page must be the personal signature of the signer; and one individual may not, under any circumstances or degree of relationship, sign for another. ANY PERSON WHO SIGNS A NAME OTHER THAN HIS OWN TO A PRIMARY PETITION OR WHO SIGNS A NAME OTHER THAN HIS OWN AS CIRCULATOR OF SUCH A PETITION SHALL BE FINED NOT MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS OR IMPRISONED NOT MORE THAN ONE YEAR OR BOTH. Signatures shall be obtained only on the official Petition Signatures Page distributed by the Registrar or on duplicates of the pages issued by the Registrar. No person shall sign as a petition signer more than once for the same candidate or candidates. Petition signatures may not be withdrawn. Only the signatures of electors whose names appear upon the last-completed enrollment list of the party holding the primary in the municipality will be counted. If the Registrar determines that an enrolled elector on the inactive registry list signed a petition giving the same address as on the inactive registry list, such name shall forthwith

be placed on the active registry list and counted. Signers who have moved within town should be encouraged to give their birth dates, because the Registrar is prohibited from rejecting any name for which the street address on the petition is different from the street address on the enrollment list if (1) the signer is eligible to vote for the candidates on the petition and (2) the signer's birth date shown on the petition is the same as the birth date on the signer's registration record.

Assistance to Blind Persons in the Signing of Petitions: Any person who is blind may cause his name to be placed on a petition if an authorized agent (not the circulator) reads aloud the full text of the petition in the presence of the circulator, and the blind person consents to having his name appear on it. If a blind person is unable to write, his authorized agent may write the name of the blind person followed by the word "by" and his own signature.

Circulator: Each circulator must be an enrolled member of the party holding the primary, in any town in this state. No candidate, whether an endorsed or petitioning candidate, may circulate a petition for another candidate (or another group of candidates contained in one petition) for the nomination of the party for the same office. No person may circulate petitions for more than the maximum number of candidates to be nominated by a party for the same office. A candidate may circulate a primary petition in which he is proposed as a candidate. Any petition page circulated in violation of these provisions of the law must be rejected by the registrar. The circulator must be certain to have signers sign in his presence, and that his own signed statements are true, or he shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor, and the whole page may be rejected. A sentence of imprisonment for a Class A misdemeanor is not more than one year and a fine for the conviction of a Class A misdemeanor shall not exceed two thousand dollars.

Statement by Registrar of Voters as to Circulator's Status as Enrolled Party Member: Each petition page must contain a statement signed by the Registrar of Voters of the appropriate party in the municipality in which the circulator is enrolled, attesting that the circulator is an enrolled member of such party in the municipality in this state. This statement may be completed at any time but must be completed before the petition page is submitted for filing to the party's Registrar in the municipality of voting residence of the signers. Unless such a statement by the Registrar appears on each page so submitted, the page shall be rejected by the Registrar.

Circulator's Statement of Authenticity of Signatures: The Circulator's Statement of Authenticity of Signatures, including address and number of signatures obtained, must be completed and signed by the Circulator after obtaining all the signatures and before filing the page with the appropriate Registrar of Voters. The page must be rejected by the registrar if the Statement is not completed and signed.

Certification of Acknowledging Officer: After signing the Circulator's Statement of Authenticity of Signatures, the Circulator must appear before one of the following officers to acknowledge the statement: a judge of a court of record, clerk or deputy clerk of a court having a seal, family support magistrate, commissioner of deeds or town clerk, notary public, justice of the peace or attorney admitted to the Connecticut Bar. The acknowledgment must be completed and signed by the officer taking the same, and the petition page must be rejected by the registrar if this is not done.

"Registrar" Defined: "Registrar" means the registrar of voters enrolled with the political party holding a primary and, in each municipality where there are different registrars for different voting districts, means the registrar so enrolled in the voting district in which, at the last-preceding regular election, the presiding officer for the purpose of declaring the result of the vote of the whole municipality was moderator.

OFFICES:

This primary petition form is to be used in connection with the following municipal offices when applicable:

- A town, city or borough office for which only and all electors of such town, city or borough may vote.
- State Representative in an Assembly District composed of a single town.
- Judge of Probate in a Probate District composed of a single town.
- Registrars of Voters, except where elected from voting districts.
- Justices of the Peace.

