

MISSOURI CIVIL RIGHTS INITIATIVE

VOLUNTEER PETITION CIRCULATOR GUIDE

Thank you for your willingness to circulate the Missouri Civil Rights Initiative (MoCRI) petition! Your participation facilitates the effort to get this proposed constitutional amendment on the November 2008 ballot. If the MoCRI is successfully certified, this initiative will be put before the people of this state for a vote that could end the practice of granting race and gender preferences in public employment, education and contracting.

Below are some important requirements to consider as a volunteer petition circulator.

1. You must be **at least 18 years old** to circulate a petition.
2. Each signature obtained on your petition **must be collected in your presence**.
3. Do not write on or fill in any spaces on the petition outside the signature information area.
4. You must complete an official circulator **Registration Form** to be filed with the Secretary of State.
5. Petitions must be signed in ink (black ink preferred).
6. You will be required to **subscribe and swear to the proper affidavit** on each petition page before a notary public commissioned in Missouri (Executive Director will instruct and assist).

Any circulator who falsely swears to a circulator's affidavit knowing it to be false is guilty of a **class A misdemeanor punishable**, notwithstanding the provisions of section 560.021, RSMo., to the contrary, for a term of imprisonment **not to exceed one year in the county jail or a fine not to exceed ten thousand dollars or both**.

To sign this petition you must:

1. Be a **registered Missouri voter**.
2. Be registered to vote in the **county identified on the petition**.
3. **Sign your legal name** (i.e. Mary K. Smith, not Mrs. John Smith).

You may be convicted of a class A misdemeanor punishable, notwithstanding the provisions of section 560.021, RSMo., to the contrary, for a term of imprisonment **not to exceed one year in the county jail or a fine not to exceed ten thousand dollars or both**, if you

1. Sign any name other than your own to any petition.
2. Knowingly sign your name more than once for the same measure.
3. Sign the petition and are not a Missouri registered voter or state resident.

The Missouri Civil Rights Initiative

would prohibit state agencies from discriminating against or granting preferential treatment to any individual or group on the basis of

Race, Sex, Color, Ethnicity, or National Origin

in the operation of public

Employment, Education, and Contracting.

Only those affirmative action programs that discriminate or grant preferences are affected by this measure.

This amendment does not affect private businesses.

This amendment does not restrict any federal funding coming to the state.

As a petition circulator, you are neither an advocate for or against this ballot measure.

You may provide information about what the initiative is and what it seeks to do, but do not attempt to persuade an individual to sign the petition if they are reluctant to do so.

Also, a signature on this ballot does not constitute a vote for or against this ballot measure. It merely serves to help put this initiative to a vote of the people on November 4, 2008.

Signatures on this petition are to be collected from _____ **County, ___ District only.**

Additional information about the Missouri Civil Rights Initiative can be obtained by visiting these websites: www.missouricri.org www.supertuesday2008.org

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