

Candidate Petition Scenarios



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Scenario Background


- **Assumption:** You may assume that everything about the candidate petition and its entries are proper in the following scenarios, except the potential issue described in the scenario.
- **WHAT SHOULD YOU DO IN EACH SCENARIO – VERIFY AS VALID OR NOT?**

Scenario #1

- Signer was registered voter at time he signed the candidate petition. At the time the candidate presented the petition for verification, the signer was removed from FVRS due to his recent death.

➤ Valid or not?

Scenario #2

- The candidate has used a yellow highlighter to highlight one or more of the blank fields on the candidate petition form and has placed an  next to the signature box.

➤ Valid or not?

Scenario #3

- The in-county street address on the petition of the signer does not match the voter's street address within the same county on file within FVRS.

➤ Valid or not?

Scenario #4

- On a candidate petition for an at-large county seat, the signer is a registered voter in Florida, but the signer's address is not one within the county where the petition is presented.

➤ Valid or not?

Scenario #5

- On a candidate petition for school board, the candidate has pre-filled the “No party affiliation” box on all her candidate petitions.

➤ Valid or not?

Scenario #6

- A candidate has placed a barcode outside the solid lines of the candidate petition form but on the same page as the petition.

➤ Valid or not?

Scenario #7

- A voter had signed a candidate petition that was verified as invalid due to a format error on the petition. The candidate had the voter sign a second petition in the proper format and has submitted it for approval.

➤ Valid or not?

Scenario #8

- The voter who signed the candidate petition is listed as an inactive voter status on the voter rolls at a different address in the county from that listed on the voter registration rolls.

➤ Valid or not?

Scenario #9

- The candidate printed and submitted all her candidate petitions on pink paper.
- Valid or not?

Scenario #10

- A candidate has filed his pre-qualifying paperwork (DS-DE9) with his full, legal name. He has used his nickname in his political advertising. The nickname also appears on his candidate petitions.

➤ Valid or not?

Scenario #11

- A candidate petition is signed by a registered voter but it is obvious by the name and address on the petition that the signer has married and is using her new, married name.

➤ Valid or not?

Answers/References

- This PowerPoint with suggested solutions will be uploaded to the Division's SOE website soon.
- **References – the following are or will be on Division's SOE website:**
 - Supervisor's Handbook on Candidate Petitions
 - Candidate Petition Checklist
 - Chart entitled "Petition Verification: Actions to be taken by SOE" (May 7, 2014)