

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT INITIATIVE PETITION
SIGNATURE VERIFICATION CHECKLIST (Rev. 02/2014)
(Sections 99.097 and 100.371, Florida Statutes, and Rule 1S-2.0091, Fla. Admin. Code)

I. A constitutional amendment initiative petition may not be verified as valid unless all of the requirements for the petition are met, to include:

- The voter's name.

Note: Per s. 99.097(3)(a), Florida Statutes, a name on the petition that is not in substantially the same form as the name in the voter registration system shall be counted as a valid signature if, after comparing the signatures on the form and in the voter registration system, the supervisor of elections determines that the petition signer is the same as the registered voter.

- The voter's address, to include the city and county.

Note: While most addresses will likely be a street address, it is not required. A post office box with the city and county listed is an acceptable address. The address need not be the address on the voter's registration record. *See* s. 99.097(3)(c), Florida Statutes -- if a voter lists an address other than the registration address, the supervisor of elections shall treat the address as if the voter had listed the voter's registration address. The absence of a zip code on the form will not prevent an initiative petition from being verified.

- The voter's date of birth or voter registration number.
- The voter's original signature.
- The date the voter signed the petition, as recorded by the voter.

II. Also, before a petition may be verified as valid, the supervisor must ensure that the signer:

- Was a registered voter in the state at the time of signing and verification of the petition.

Note: If the signature is from a registered voter in another county at the time of verification, the supervisor must notify the sponsor of the misfiled petition.

- Signed the petition timely, meaning that:

If signed on or before May 19, 2011, the voter had not signed the petition form more than 4 years prior to the signature verification date.

If signed after May 19, 2011, the voter had not signed the petition form more than 2 years prior to the signature verification date.

- Had not previously signed a petition form containing the identical initiative which had been verified as valid.