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Volunteer Petition Circulator Guide

Thank you for your help in circulating a petition Fair Maps Illinois! Below are step by step instructions on how to circulate:

- 1. Before circulating, remember that your petition pages must:**
 - be on one of the attached forms from the Illinois State Board of Elections, and you cannot alter it in any way.
 - **must be printed on a two-sided page with the signatures on one side and the amendment language on the back side.** You can make as many copies as you need. Please print on letter size paper. (8.5 x 11).
 - contain the voter's signature, voter's printed full name, street address or rural route number, the city, town, or village, and the county.
- 2. The petition circulator:**
 - must be a citizen of the United States.
 - must be at least 18 years of age or will be 18 by the date of the upcoming General Election.
 - may sign their own petition that they are circulating as a signer.
- 3. Important points to remember when circulating:**
 - A signer must be a registered voter in Illinois—you can circulate this petition anywhere in the state of Illinois where there are registered voters.
 - A petition signer must sign their own signature on the petition if they are a registered voter in Illinois
 - Circulators must personally witness every signature made on the petition sheet they notarize.
 - Ditto marks are not allowed for addresses or counties.
 - A signer must sign their full legal name as registered. For example, use "William E. Jones," not "Bill Jones."
 - A signer must use the address where they are registered to vote. Post Office boxes are not acceptable.
 - Signers can be affiliated with any political party.
- 4. When finished circulating:**
 - A petition circulator must complete the circulator's statement at the bottom of each petition sheet certifying their address, age, citizenship information, and that the signatures on that sheet were signed in their presence.

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4. When finished circulating (continued):

- **VERY IMPORTANT – Each individual completed page must be sworn to and notarized.**

- i. The notary cannot be a signer of the petition they notarize.
- ii. The notary must witness you (the circulator) signing the circulator affidavit. Do not pre-sign the sheet before meeting with the notary.
- iii. Most banks, credit unions, UPS stores, libraries, or village halls offer free or low-cost notary services.
- iv. Do NOT number the petition at the bottom of the sheet. The campaign will number the petitions at the end of the entire process.

5. You can begin collecting signatures as soon as TODAY!

- In order to get on the ballot in Illinois we must get at least 350,000 signatures.
- Our goal is 600,000 statewide. We ask that you have all signatures completed and mailed by no later than Friday, May 1, 2026 so our team can review and submit in a timely manner.

6. Suggested strategies for signature collection:

- House parties with local friends and family.
- Circulation or tables at county fairs, picnics, events where a large number of voters are gathered together.
- Attendance at largely populated events like school board meetings and high sports games.
- Circulation or tables at local farm shows, school board meetings, concerts, or other venues where a large amount of voters are gathered.
- Door to door circulation in your neighborhood (so long as your neighborhood is safe to walk)

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2026 Redistricting Amendment

SECTION 1. Legislature – Power and Structure

The legislative power is vested in a General Assembly consisting of a Senate and a House of Representatives, members of which shall be elected by the electors from Legislative Districts and Representative Districts. In the year following each Federal decennial census, the number of Legislative Districts in the State shall be determined by dividing the population of the State by 215,000 and reducing that resulting quotient to the nearest odd whole number.

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SECTION 3. Legislative Redistricting

(a) Legislative Districts shall be compact, contiguous and substantially equal in population. Representative Districts shall be compact, contiguous, and substantially equal in population.

Legislative and Representative Districts shall comply with the United States Constitution and federal law concerning voting rights. Political party registration and voting history data of the population or specific people shall not be considered in developing or approving a redistricting plan and may only be used if necessary to confirm that a plan complies with federal law.

Subject to the preceding criteria, Legislative Districts and Representative Districts shall be drawn to preserve a county within a single Legislative District and a single Representative District or within as few Legislative Districts and as few Representative Districts as possible and to minimize to the greatest extent possible the number of counties included in a Legislative District or Representative District.

Subject to the preceding criteria, Legislative Districts and Representative Districts shall be drawn to maximize the compactness of Legislative Districts and Representative Districts to the greatest extent possible.

Subject to the preceding criteria, Legislative Districts and Representative Districts shall be drawn to follow county, municipal and township boundaries, and to include undivided census tracts to the extent possible.

(b) In the year following each Federal decennial census year, the General Assembly shall constitute a Legislative Redistricting Commission that shall redistrict the Legislative Districts and the Representative Districts pursuant to the procedures set forth in this Section 3.

The Legislative Redistricting Commission shall be constituted not later than February 1 of that year. The Commission shall consist of twelve members, no more than six of whom shall be members of the same political party.

The Speaker and Minority Leader of the House of Representatives shall each appoint to the Commission one Representative and two persons who are not members of the General Assembly. The President and Minority Leader of the Senate shall each appoint to the Commission one Senator and two persons who are not members of the General Assembly.

The members shall be certified to the Secretary of State by the appointing authorities. A vacancy on the Commission shall be filled within five days by the authority that made the original appointment. A Chairman and Vice Chairman shall be chosen by a majority of all members of the Commission.

Not later than July 10, the Commission shall file with the Secretary of State a redistricting plan approved by at least seven members. The Commission shall concurrently file with the Secretary of State a report detailing the process by which it completed the redistricting plan.

If the Commission fails to file an approved redistricting plan by July 10, the Supreme Court shall submit the names of two persons, not of the same political party, to the Secretary of State not later than August 1.

Not later than August 5, the Secretary of State publicly shall draw by random selection the name of one of the two persons to serve as the thirteenth member of the Commission.

Not later than September 5, the Commission shall file with the Secretary of State a redistricting plan approved by at least seven members, and shall concurrently file with the Secretary of State a report detailing the process by which it completed the redistricting plan.

An approved redistricting plan filed with the Secretary of State shall be presumed valid, shall have the force and effect of law and shall be published promptly by the Secretary of State.

The Supreme Court shall have original and exclusive jurisdiction over actions concerning redistricting the House and Senate, which shall be initiated in the name of the People of the State by the Attorney General.