

Rules for Volunteer Circulators—updated 2026.04.29

SOUTH DAKOTANS FOR FAIR TAXES

Let us know if you are carrying a petition! Please fill out the volunteer form on our website.

www.sd4fairtaxes.org



1. To circulate a petition, you must:

1. Be at least 18 years old,
2. Be a South Dakota resident, and
3. Not be a registered sex offender.

2. Ask every potential signer, "Are you registered to vote in South Dakota?"

1. If "Yes!", get signature!
2. If "No," can't sign!

3. Witness every signature.

1. Do not leave any petition sheet out on a table at work or at an event booth and walk away, letting people sign when you are not there to ask and witness.
2. Do not hand your petition sheet to someone else to get a few signatures from people elsewhere.
3. Do not hand your petition sheet to a buddy to collect signatures while you take a break.

4. Never leave any signed petition sheet unattended.

1. Voters are trusting you with their signatures, their personal information, and their expressed will to put a measure on the ballot.
2. Honor that trust: Always keep signed sheets in your hand, in your briefcase, in your file box, under your control.

5. Signers must write six pieces of information on the petition, in this order:

1. Signature
2. Printed name (below signature)
3. Street address **where they are registered to vote**
4. City **where they are registered to vote** (below address)
5. Date of signing
6. County **where they are registered to vote** (below date)
 - *If a signer leaves any box blank, that signature won't count!*

6. Offer every signer a circulator handout.

1. Use the handout your sponsor provides or exact photocopies thereof.
2. Circulator handout must include this information:
 1. Title of the referred law;
 2. Name, phone number, and email address of each petition sponsor;
 3. Statement: is the circulator volunteering or paid?
 4. If paid, how much.
3. Statute says you must "provide" this handout to everyone who signs the petition. At the very least, "provide" means have the handout available and ask the signer if he/she wants one.
4. Signer does not have to take the handout.

7. When you are done collecting signatures on a sheet (whether it's full or not), take it to an officer who can administer oaths (usually notary public, but also county auditor, city finance officer...).

8. Print your name, **residence address, city, and state on the petition sheet, in the "Verification" section.**

1. You can fill out this information before you get to the notary public.
2. Leave the line for "Circulator ID Number" blank. There is no such number.

9. Sign your Verification Oath in front of the notary public.

10. Watch to make sure the notary does all of the following (notaries sometimes forget, and omission of any of these items will invalidate the whole sheet!):

1. Signs,
2. Writes date of signing,
3. Writes his/her title ("Notary Public", "County Auditor"...), and
4. Writes expiration date of his/her commission.

11. Collect no more signatures on a notarized sheet.

12. Return notarized sheets to petition sponsor well before the final deadline.

1. Email info@sd4fairtaxes.org to coordinate collection.