

**INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE SIDE**

# NOMINATING PETITION

(CITY/TOWNSHIP NONPARTISAN)

We, the undersigned, registered and qualified voters of the <sup>City</sup> ~~STRIKE ONE~~ Township of \_\_\_\_\_, in the County of \_\_\_\_\_, and State of Michigan,

nominate \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Candidate) (Street Address or Rural Route) (City or Township)

as a candidate for the office of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Title of Office/Term Expiration Date) (District, if any) to be voted for at the Primary Election to be held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

**WARNING - A PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY SIGNS MORE PETITIONS FOR THE SAME OFFICE THAN THERE ARE PERSONS TO BE ELECTED TO THE OFFICE, SIGNS A PETITION MORE THAN ONCE, OR SIGNS A NAME OTHER THAN HIS OR HER OWN IS VIOLATING THE PROVISIONS OF THE MICHIGAN ELECTION LAW.**

|     | Signature | Printed Name | Street Address or Rural Route | Zip Code | DATE OF SIGNING |     |      |
|-----|-----------|--------------|-------------------------------|----------|-----------------|-----|------|
|     |           |              |                               |          | Month           | Day | Year |
| 1.  |           |              |                               |          |                 |     |      |
| 2.  |           |              |                               |          |                 |     |      |
| 3.  |           |              |                               |          |                 |     |      |
| 4.  |           |              |                               |          |                 |     |      |
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| 8.  |           |              |                               |          |                 |     |      |
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| 11. |           |              |                               |          |                 |     |      |
| 12. |           |              |                               |          |                 |     |      |

**CERTIFICATE OF CIRCULATOR**

The undersigned circulator of the above petition asserts that he or she is 18 years of age or older and a United States citizen; that each signature on the petition was signed in his or her presence; that he or she has neither caused nor permitted a person to sign the petition more than once and has no knowledge of a person signing the petition more than once; and that, to his or her best knowledge and belief, each signature is the genuine signature of the person purporting to sign the petition, the person signing the petition was at the time of signing a registered elector of the City or Township listed in the heading of the petition, and the elector was qualified to sign the petition.

If the circulator is not a resident of Michigan, the circulator shall make a cross [X] or check mark [✓] in the box provided, otherwise each signature on this petition sheet is invalid and the signatures will not be counted by a filing official. By making a cross or check mark in the box provided, the undersigned circulator asserts that he or she is not a resident of Michigan and agrees to accept the jurisdiction of this state for the purpose of any legal proceeding or hearing that concerns a petition sheet executed by the circulator and agrees that legal process served on the Secretary of State or a designated agent of the Secretary of State has the same effect as if personally served on the circulator.

**WARNING - A CIRCULATOR KNOWINGLY MAKING A FALSE STATEMENT IN THE ABOVE CERTIFICATE, A PERSON NOT A CIRCULATOR WHO SIGNS AS A CIRCULATOR, OR A PERSON WHO SIGNS A NAME OTHER THAN HIS OR HER OWN AS CIRCULATOR IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR.**

**CIRCULATOR — DO NOT SIGN OR DATE CERTIFICATE UNTIL AFTER CIRCULATING PETITION.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Circulator)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Printed Name of Circulator)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Complete Residence Address [Street and Number or Rural Route]) - [Do not enter a post office box]

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City or Township, State, Zip Code)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(County of Registration, if Registered to Vote, of a Circulator who is not a Resident of Michigan)

## READ BEFORE CIRCULATING PETITION

The validity of signatures placed on this petition may be affected if the following is not observed. Complete the heading of the petition before circulating it.

- Enter the city or township and county where the petition will be circulated. Indicate whether the jurisdiction listed is a "city" or a "township." Do not list more than one city or township.
- Enter the candidate's complete name and address and the office the candidate seeks and the term expiration date. Include the district number of the office if there is one. (Additional office information is needed if the candidate seeks a judicial position. See "Important Information for Judicial Candidates" below.)
- Enter the date of the primary election.

**Make sure that all signers properly complete the petition.**

- Each signer must be registered to vote in the city or township listed in the heading.
- Each signer must sign and print his or her first and last name.<sup>1</sup>
- Each signer must enter his or her full address. A rural route number is acceptable. A post office box is not acceptable.
- Each signer must enter his or her Zip Code.<sup>2</sup>
- Each signer must date his or her signature with the month, day and year.

**Complete the circulator's certificate after circulating the petition.**

- Sign and print your full name and enter the month, day and year.<sup>1</sup> Signatures on the petition which are dated after the date on the circulator's certificate are invalid.
- Enter your complete residence address (street and number or rural route – do not enter a P.O. Box), city or township, state, and zip code.<sup>2</sup>
- If you do not reside in Michigan, enter your county of registration if you are registered to vote in your home state, and make a cross or a check mark in the box that precedes the final paragraph of the circulator certificate statement on the left side of the form.

**Circulate the petition properly.**

- Do not fail to question signers on their city or township of registration.
- Do not complete the heading of the petition after signatures have been affixed on the petition.
- Do not leave the petition unattended.

<sup>1</sup>The failure of the circulator or an elector who signs the petition to print his or her name or to print his or her name in the proper location does not affect the validity of the circulator's or signer's signature. However, a printed name located in the space designated for printed names does not constitute the signature of the circulator or elector.

<sup>2</sup>The failure of the circulator or an elector who signs the petition to enter a Zip Code or to enter his or her correct Zip Code does not affect the validity of the circulator's or signer's signature.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR JUDICIAL CANDIDATES

Petitions circulated for a judicial office must bear the appropriate designation listed below to indicate the office sought by the candidate.

- Regular Term - Incumbent Position
- Regular Term - Non-Incumbent Position
- Partial Term - Incumbent Position\*
- Partial Term - Non-Incumbent Position\*
- New Judgeship

\*Add expiration date of term if more than one partial term will be filled in judicial district. The terms "vacancy," "partial term" and "unexpired term" are interchangeably used to reference a judicial position which will be filled at an election for less than the full term.

### OBTAINING INFORMATION ON APPROPRIATE OFFICE DESIGNATIONS:

Michigan election law stipulates that in instances where a candidate for Court of Appeals Judge, Circuit Court Judge, District Court Judge, Probate Court Judge or Probate District Court Judge seeks election in a district where there is a combination of "new" positions, "incumbent" positions and/or "nonincumbent" positions to fill, the candidate must apply to the Department of State's Bureau of Elections for a "written statement of office designation to correspond to the judgeship sought by the candidate."

Michigan election law further directs the Bureau of Elections to designate a judicial position as an "incumbent" position in any instance where 1.) there is an incumbent judge eligible to seek reelection to the position and 2.) the deadline for filing the Affidavit of Candidacy has not yet elapsed. If the incumbent judge does not file for reelection by the deadline for submitting an Affidavit of Candidacy, Michigan election law directs the Bureau of Elections to 1.) redesignate the position as a "nonincumbent" position and 2.) notify all candidates seeking election in the judicial district that a "nonincumbent" position exists. Michigan election law further stipulates that in such instances, 1.) nominating petition sheets circulated for the "nonincumbent" position subsequent to the Affidavit of Candidacy filing deadline "shall bear an office designation of nonincumbent position" and 2.) signatures collected prior to the Affidavit of Candidacy filing deadline "may be filed with the nonincumbent nominating petitions." The Affidavit of Candidacy filing deadline elapses 134 days prior to the date of the August primary election.

For further information, contact the Michigan Department of State, Bureau of Elections, P.O. Box 20126, Lansing, Michigan 48901-0726. Phone: (517) 373-2540 Email: [elections@michigan.gov](mailto:elections@michigan.gov) Web: [www.michigan.gov/elections](http://www.michigan.gov/elections)

