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## State Petitions

### State Initiative Petitions

The initiative process gives direct legislative power to the voters to enact new laws, change existing laws or amend the Oregon Constitution.

Any person, acting individually or on behalf of an organization, may become a chief petitioner of an initiative petition. The chief petitioners are the individuals who sponsor the initiative. An initiative may have up to three chief petitioners.

To qualify an initiative for the next regularly scheduled General Election, chief petitioners must first receive written approval from the Secretary of State to circulate cover and signature sheets in order to collect the signatures of active registered voters.

Next, the chief petitioners must obtain the necessary number of valid signatures and submit them to the Secretary of State not later than four months prior to the date of the next regularly scheduled General Election.

**For a full explanation of the initiative petition procedure, consult the State Initiative and Referendum Manual. Failure to follow the instructions in the manual will invalidate the petition or delay receiving written approval to circulate**

### State Referendum Petitions

Oregon's referendum process allows voters to approve or reject legislation adopted by the Oregon Legislature. The only Acts exempt from a referendum are emergency laws.

Any person, acting individually or on behalf of an organization, may become the chief petitioner, the sponsor of the referendum. A referendum may have up to three chief petitioners.

To place a referendum petition on the ballot, the chief petitioners must receive written approval from the Secretary of State to circulate the petition.

The chief petitioners must also submit the required number of valid signatures no later than 90 days after the legislature adjourns.

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### Forms

[SEL 222: Statement of Organization for Petition Committee](#)

[SEL 223: Campaign Account Information](#)

[SEL 301: Statement One or More/No Petition Circulators Will Be Paid](#)

[SEL 307: Agent Authorization Form](#)

[SEL 310: Prospective Petition for State Measure](#)

[SEL 375: Withdrawal of Initiative or Referendum Petition](#)