Collecting Signatures for Petition Initiatives

A petition initiative is a signature drive of only voters to put a law on the ballot for voters to decide. Our petitions current in 2023 are:

Rad[iation]Limits at Last Tree Laws | Fair Legislature at LastTreeLaws.com

Returning Petitions

We would like to collect all *certified* petitions in Holyoke at latest by 5 December 2023 and then send them ourselves to Boston, because we need to count & prove we have enough before sending them to Boston.

Here's how you can help:

- **1.** Check our current list of towns for drop off to see if there is a coordinator, or a coordinator who needs help that can collect petitions: https://lasttreelaws.com/2023/11/towns-with-coordinator/
- 2. If not, you can help! Volunteer to coordinate collection from a certain town using:
 - → our online form: https://share.mayfirst.org/apps/forms/s/M6izDLo8jT667iY7ZzWqqmq5
 - → email: elm@lastreclaws.com

Code: 483409

- **3.** Join a conference call to ask calls are listed at <u>lasttreelaws.com/calendar</u>. We use freeconferencecalling.com, which has a desktop app, too The current number, which may change, is: 1 (302)202 1104
- 4. If you can't coordinate, and there isn't anyone else, you can send the petitions on your own. Here are the very last minute due dates and mailing addresses for petitions that have voter signatures verified by 3 voter registrars, as required, for arrival by 5 December 2023 Tues. or preferably EARLIER:

BEST

Arrival by 5 Dec. Tues.

Petition c/o Kirstin Beatty 149 Central Pk Dr Holyoke, MA 01040

SECOND BEST

Arrival by 5 p.m. 6 Dec. Wed.

Elections Division
Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth
1 Ashburton Place, Room 1705
Boston, MA 02108

- $\,{}_{^{\circ}}$ Drive and drop off or coordinate to meet and drop off
- Mail 30 November regular mail (USPS regular mail can take 5 days)
- Mail 2 December priority mail (USPS) calculate a price online
- Mail 3 December with 2-day shipping:
 - with FedEx calculate price online
 - with Priority Mail Express (USPS) calculate price online

Support Our Petition Initiatives:

RadLimits at Last Tree Laws; Fair Legislature at LastTreeLaws.com

We need your help as petition initiatives are tough. We have to make sure petitions follow the rules, we get enough signatures, and that we deliver them on time. After signing, petitions go to town clerks, we count them, we pick up and deliver to the state.

PETITION INSTRUCTIONS

ONLY REGISTERED VOTER SIGNATURES COUNT – Check your status at https://www.sec.state.ma.us/ovr/ (linked at lasttreelaws.com/COUNT)

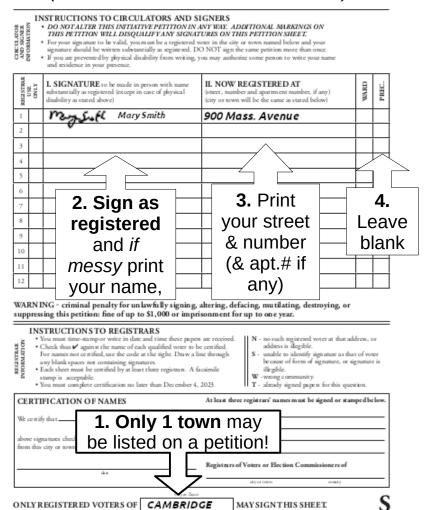
DO NOT make ANY other marks. If you make a mistake, just use another line. DO NOT STRIKE OR LINE MISTAKES. *Extra marks, even coffee* stains, invalidate petitions.

- 1. Only 1 town may be listed on a petition! Fill in on both sides.
- **2.** Sign as registered and, if messy, print your name, too.
- **3.** Print your street and number (and apt.# if any).
- **4.** Leave blank the ward and precinct (prec.).

MARRIED – sign your own name (e.g. Mary Smith, not Mrs. John Smith)

PHYSICALLY DISABLED <u>only</u> – may authorize another person to sign for you

FOLDING is fine. ½ full is good.



TURN IN SIGNATURES ASAP & TELL US

GIVE TO TOWN OR CITY CLERKS FOR CERTIFICATION by Wed. Nov. 15 or at latest a week later 5 PM Nov. 22, Wed., but a time-stamp is needed & some offices require appointments. FIND TOWN CLERKS at https://lasttreelaws.com/COUNT

HELP US COUNT SIGNATURES! Fill out a form to share town & signature count (we must prove we have enough) at https://lasttreelaws.com/COUNT

HELP RETURN PETITIONS FROM CLERKS! By 5 p.m. Wednesday, December 6, certified petitions (with 3 voter registrars' stamps) must be at Elections Division, Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, 1 Ashburton Place, Room 1705, Boston, MA 02108. You can: coordinate with us (action@lasttreelaws.com) & FedEx to Elections Division; volunteer to collect from a town, donate to cover costs, &/ OR return certified petitions BEFORE Dec. 6 to: K Beatty, Petition, 149 Central Pk Dr, Holyoke, MA 01040 and we will drive them to Boston. 1st-class USPS mail can take 5 days.