

8. Please give town petitions to the town election officials <u>before 1st deadline</u>, leave there for coordinated pickup & delivery, **donate/volunteer** to help with it, and report at <u>lasttreelaws.com/count</u>

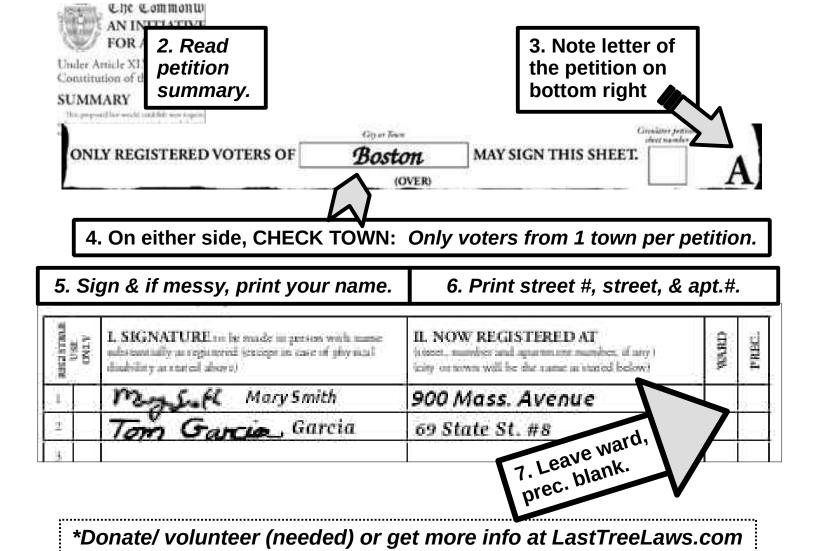
Please do not use US Postal Service to deliver since 2024 delivery is very slow.

<u>3 signatures only a petition is recommended</u> <u>to prevent losing a petition from mistakes.</u>

SIGNING STEPS:

Leave mistakes. Do not X or line out mistakes!

Marks, stains, scribbles, wrong size & color paper, etc. VOID whole petition.



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.

Ballot Committee: Rad[iation]Limits at Last Tree Laws [lasttreelaws.com]

Where and how can signatures be collected?

All signature collection must be polite, without harassment or disruption. Unless a table is permitted by relevant authorities, signature collection means standing or walking with a clipboard. Documents on legality are helpful as proof of the right to petition, if asked, and can be printed online here: https://lasttreelaws.com/signature-spots/

Public sidewalks

 The city or town may not ban signature collection on public sidewalks or require a permit.

Parks and similar open public spaces

 You can petition in any public area of the park and you do not need a permit when it is open – restrictions are allowed only in areas set aside for private functions.

Public buildings, town meetings

 Signatures can be solicited in areas open to everyone like hallways, but not office and must not interfere with business. Petitions cannot be left unattended in public buildings – this is illegal use of public resources for political advocacy.

During festivals

• You may seek petition signatures from people coming or leaving by standing on public sidewalks, on streets closed to traffic and in public parks outside the area for the public festival. If other petitioners are allowed inside, then you can as well.

Libraries

• In libraries, signature solicitation is permitted *provided* there is no interference with patrons, staff, or normal library operations. Petitions may not be left in a library, as this is illegal use of public resources for campaigning.

Door-to-door in most cases

 Allowed as long as money is not being solicited & the area does not have a 'no soliciting' sign or is a private gated community.

Your home and yard

 Throw a signing party! Mention the petition to your friends, so that they can sign your petition or get a petition of their own. Use your yard if on the route of a parade or near a polling location for voters.

Public common areas of shopping centers with more than 1 business

- These may require advance scheduling, identification of parties, and a specific area for solicitation of signatures.
- A shopping center refers to a business with more than one business inside, such as a mall or a grocery store with another business inside like a bank.
- Stop & Shop and many grocery stores which are not shopping centers usually allow gathering signatures with advance scheduling, and may have table and chairs or allow you to bring your own.