

# How to Fill Out a Petition

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
**AN INITIATIVE PETITION**  
**FOR A LAW**

Under Article XLVIII of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth

**SUMMARY**

**REGISTRAR USE ONLY:**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CIRCULATORS AND SIGNERS**

REGISTRAR USE ONLY	I. SIGNATURE	II. NOW REGISTERED AT	WARD	PREC.
1	<i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>	123 Main St, Somerville, MA 02129		
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4	<del>John Doe</del>	<del>123 Main St</del>		
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REGISTERED VOTERS OF Somerville MAY SIGN THIS SHEET.

Avoid putting anything in the petition summary - **DO NOT** underline, highlight, scribble, or circle words. Instead, hand out or refer to the fact sheet!

Helpful notes in the margin are actually NOT helpful - use the fact sheet.

Don't drink coffee while you're out there - avoid spills!

People have crazy signatures - make sure they have a legible signature or print their name on the same line. The clerk needs to be able to read the person's name to confirm that they're a registered voter.

People only need to write their street address - don't let them write their whole address! The box isn't that big. You also do NOT need ward and precinct.

Beware the crosser-outers and the pen warming zone!

Make sure to put the city name on the bottom of the front, top right corner and bottom of the back. Do NOT leave this blank!

TL;DR: The **ONLY** writing on a petition paper should be the voter's name, their street address, and the city on the bottom-front, top-back, and bottom-back of the paper.

ONE city per page - ask your regional leader if you need more copies!