

FIRST REGULAR SESSION
HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 228
95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal sections 116.080 and 116.090, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to petition circulators, with penalty provisions.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 116.080 and 116.090, RSMo, are repealed and two new sections
2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 116.080 and 116.090, to read as follows:

2 116.080. 1. Each petition circulator shall be at least eighteen years of age, **a citizen of**
3 **the United States, a Missouri resident**, and registered with the secretary of state. **No person**
4 **shall qualify as a petition circulator who has been convicted of, or found guilty of, or pled**
5 **guilty to an offense involving forgery under the laws of this state, or an offense under the**
6 **laws of any other jurisdiction if that offense would be considered forgery under the laws**
7 **of this state.** Signatures collected by any circulator who has not registered with the secretary of
8 state pursuant to this chapter [on or before 5:00 p.m. on the final day for filing petitions with the
9 secretary of state] **before the collection of such signatures** shall not be counted.

9 2. [Each petition circulator] **In order to become registered as a petition circulator,**
10 **before the collection of any signatures, each person seeking to circulate a petition** shall
11 supply the following information to the secretary of state's office:

12 (1) Name of petition;

13 (2) Name of circulator;

14 (3) Residential address, including street number, city, state and zip code, **and proof of**
15 **Missouri resident status;**

16 (4) Mailing address, if different;

17 (5) [Have you been or] Do you expect to be paid for soliciting signatures for this
18 petition?

19 YES

NO

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

20 (6) If the answer to subdivision (5) is yes, then identify the payor;

21 (7) Signature of circulator.

22 3. The circulator information required in subsection 2 of this section shall be submitted
23 to the secretary of state's office with the following oath and affirmation:

24 I HEREBY SWEAR OR AFFIRM UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT ALL
25 STATEMENTS MADE BY ME ARE TRUE AND CORRECT, **THAT I HAVE NEVER**
26 **BEEN CONVICTED OF, FOUND GUILTY OF, OR PLED GUILTY TO ANY OFFENSE**
27 **INVOLVING FORGERY. I HEREBY SWEAR OR AFFIRM UNDER PENALTY OF**
28 **LAW THAT I AM LEGALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR MY SIGNATURE GATHERING**
29 **ACTIVITIES AND MAY BE HELD LEGALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR FRAUDULENT**
30 **OR DECEPTIVE SIGNATURE GATHERING PRACTICES.**

31 4. Each petition circulator shall subscribe and swear to the proper affidavit on each
32 petition page such circulator submits before a notary public commissioned in Missouri. When
33 notarizing a circulator's signature, a notary public shall sign his or her official signature and affix
34 his or her official seal to the affidavit only if the circulator personally appears before the notary
35 and subscribes and swears to the affidavit in his or her presence.

36 5. Any circulator who falsely swears to a circulator's affidavit knowing it to be false is
37 guilty of a class A misdemeanor punishable, notwithstanding the provisions of section 560.021,
38 RSMo, to the contrary, for a term of imprisonment not to exceed one year in the county jail or
39 a fine not to exceed ten thousand dollars or both.

40 **6. This section shall become effective January 1, 2011.**

116.090. 1. Any person who **knowingly** signs any name other than his **or her** own to
2 any petition[, or] **shall, upon conviction thereof be guilty of a class one election offense, as**
3 **defined in section 115.631, RSMo.**

4 **2. Any person** who knowingly signs his or her name more than once for the same
5 measure for the same election, or who knows he or she is not at the time of signing or circulating
6 the same a Missouri registered voter and a resident of this state, shall, upon conviction thereof,
7 be guilty of a class A misdemeanor punishable, notwithstanding the provisions of section
8 [560.021] **560.016**, to the contrary, for a term of imprisonment not to exceed one year in the
9 county jail or a fine not to exceed ten thousand dollars or both.

10 [2.] **3.** Any person who knowingly accepts or offers money or anything of value to
11 another person in exchange for a signature on a petition is guilty of a class A misdemeanor
12 punishable, notwithstanding the provisions of section [560.021] **560.016**, RSMo, to the contrary,
13 for a term of imprisonment not to exceed one year in the county jail or a fine not to exceed ten
14 thousand dollars or both.

15 **4. This section shall become effective January 1, 2011.**

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