

HB 228 -- Circulation of Petitions

Sponsor: Parson

This bill changes the laws regarding the circulation of petitions. In its main provisions, the bill:

- (1) Requires a petition circulator to be a United States citizen and a Missouri resident;
- (2) Specifies that petition circulators cannot have been convicted of, found guilty of, or pled guilty to any offense involving forgery;
- (3) Prohibits the payment of petition circulators on a per-signature basis;
- (4) Prohibits petition circulators from soliciting or receiving signatures for two or more petitions simultaneously;
- (5) Requires petition circulators to supply information to the Office of the Secretary of State verifying their eligibility and to swear by affidavit that they will comply with the conditions of the bill;
- (6) Specifies that anyone violating the provisions of the bill will be guilty of a class A misdemeanor;
- (7) Specifies that signatures collected by unregistered circulators will not be counted; and
- (8) Specifies that anyone who knowingly signs any name other than his or her own to any petition will be guilty of a class one election offense.