

Massachusetts: Statutory Initiative & Constitutional Amendment Petitions

Basic Elements		
Signatures	Three percent (3%) of votes cast for Governor in last state election are needed. 3%=68,911 (70% target = 99,444). Next vote in 2014	Mass. SOS Division of Elections Website.
Geographical Distribution	No more than ¼ of required signatures can come from any one county.	Mass. AG Website
Circulation Period	The initiative measure is signed by ten voters and submitted to the Attorney General by the first Wednesday in August (August 7, 2013). The Attorney General has until September 4, 2013 to certify the measure for circulation.	Mass. AG Website
Submission Deadline	Certified petitions must be submitted to the Secretary of State by the 1 st Wednesday of December. (12/4/2013)	Mass. AG Website
Processing Procedures		
Initials	As Registered	Mass. SOS Division of Elections Website. "In order for signatures to be certified, the signature must be legible and substantially as registered."
Address	Full residential Address – as registered	
Printed Name	Legible – as registered	
Voter ID/ Birthday	Not required	
City, State, County & Zip	City & Zip required	
Black Marking	No extraneous markings on the petition will be allowed – any found will render the sheet invalid.	