

Nebraska: Citizen Initiated Constitutional Amendment

Basic Elements		NE Constitution (NC) & Statutes (NS)
Signatures	Ten percent (10%) of the registered voters on the date of submission. "The whole number of votes cast for Governor at the general election next preceding the filing of an initiative shall be the basis on which the number of signatures to such petition shall be initiated."* 10% (Total Votes Cast for Gov 2010) = 48,799. 70% target = 69,713	NC: Article III §CIII-2; Article III §CIII-4;
Geographical Distribution	Residents must be represented in at least two-fifths (2/5) of the registered voters in each county. The number of signatures in each of the two-fifths (2/5) should be no less than 5% of the registered voters in that county: 5% in 38 of 93 counties.	NC: Article III §CIII-2;
Circ. Period	Two (2) years. Circulation can begin in early July of an election year (not more than four (4) months before the election) and turned in four (4) months prior to the next general election.	NC: Article III §CIII-2; NS: §32-1407 (1, 2)
Submission Deadline	The deadline for the 2014 election is four months prior to that election: July 3, 2014.	NC: Article III §CIII-2; NS: §32-1407 (1)
Circulator Requirements/ Notary Requirements		
Circulation	All signatures must be gathered in person.	NS: §32-630 (2)
Circulator Requirements	Circulators must acknowledge, on the petition in red ink, whether he or she is a paid circulator before circulating a petition. Circulators in Nebraska may NOT be paid on a per-signature basis.	NS: §32-628 (4); §32-629; §32-630 (3C)
Notary Requirements	A notary public is required for each petition.	NS: §32-628 (3)
Processing Procedures		
Initials	Not Accepted unless the signor registered to vote using his or her initials.	NS: §32-630 (1); §32-1405 (1)
Ditto Marks	Not Accepted.	NS: §32-630 (1); §32-1405 (1)
Printed Name	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Printed names must be complete with the first and last in full and placed on the petition by the signor. Either the surname or married name of a married signor is acceptable. 	NS: §32-630 (1); §32-1405 (1)
Voter ID or Birthday/ Address	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Birthdays are required and placed on the petition by the signor. Addresses must be complete (Street and number or a designation of a rural route or voting precinct and the city or village or a post office address) and placed on the petition by the signor. Addresses of registered voters are presumed to be correct by the election commissioner or county clerk if the name of that person is listed in the voting files. 	NS: §32-630 (1); §32-631 (2); §32-1405 (1)
City, County, State, & Zip	The city of the signor is required.	NS: §32-630 (1); §32-1405 (1)
PO Box	Acceptable	NS: §32-630 (1); §32-1405 (1)
Black-marking	There is no regulation prohibiting crossing off invalid signatures.	N/A

Nebraska: Citizen Statute		
Basic Elements		NE Constitution (NC) & Statutes (NS)
Signatures	Seven percent (7%) of the registered voters on the date of submission. "The whole number of votes cast for Governor at the general election next preceding the filing of an initiative shall be the basis on which the number of signatures to such petition shall be initiated."* 7% = 34,159 70% target = 48,799	NC: Article III §CIII-2; Article III §CIII-4;
Geographical Distribution	Residents must be represented in at least two-fifths (2/5) of the registered voters in each county. The number of signatures in each of the two-fifths (2/5) should be no less than 5% of the registered voters in that county: 5% in 38 of 93 counties.	NC: Article III §CIII-2;
Circ. Period	Two (2) years from the time that the <i>state issued petitions</i> is ready for circulation. Circulation can begin in early July of an election year (not more than four (4) months before the election) and turned in four (4) months prior to the next general election.	NC: Article III §CIII-2; NS: §32-1407 (1, 2)
Submission Deadline	The deadline for the 2014 election is four months prior to that election: July 3, 2014.	NC: Article III §CIII-2; NS: §32-1407 (1)
Circulator Requirements/ Notary Requirements		
Circulation	All signatures must be gathered in person.	NS: §32-630 (2)
Circulator Requirements	Circulators must acknowledge, on the petition in red ink, whether he or she is a paid circulator before circulating a petition. Circulators in Nebraska may NOT be paid on a per-signature basis.	NS: §32-628 (4); §32-629; §32-630 (3C)
Notary Requirements	A notary public is required for each petition.	NS: §32-628 (3)
Processing Procedures		
Initials	Not Accepted unless the signor registered to vote using his or her initials.	NS: §32-630 (1); §32-1405 (1)
Ditto Marks	Not Accepted	NS: §32-630 (1); §32-1405 (1)
Printed Name	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Printed names must be complete with the first and last in full and placed on the petition by the signor. Either the surname or married name of a married signor is acceptable. 	NS: §32-630 (1); §32-1405 (1)
Voter ID or Birthday/ Address	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Birthdays are required and placed on the petition by the signor. Addresses must be complete (Street and number or a designation of a rural route or voting precinct and the city or village or a post office address) and placed on the petition by the signor. Addresses of registered voters are presumed to be correct by the election commissioner or county clerk if the name of that person is listed in the voting files. 	NS: §32-630 (1); §32-631 (2); §32-1405 (1)
City, County, State, & Zip	The city of the signor is required.	NS: §32-630 (1); §32-1405 (1)
PO Box	Acceptable	NS: §32-630 (1); §32-1405 (1)
Black-marking	There is no regulation prohibiting crossing off invalid signatures.	N/A

Nebraska: Citizen Referendum

Basic Elements		NE Constitution (AC) & Statutes (AS)
Signatures	Five percent (5%) of the registered voters on the date of submission. "The whole number of votes cast for Governor at the general election next preceding the filing of an initiative shall be the basis on which the number of signatures to such petition shall be initiated. 5% = 24,399 70% Target = 34,856	NC: Article III §CIII-3; Article III §CIII-4;
Geographical Distribution	Residents must be represented in at least two-fifths (2/5) of the registered voters in each county. The number of signatures in each of the two-fifths (2/5) should be no less than 5% of the registered voters in that county: 5% in 38 of 93 counties.	NC: Article III §CIII-2; Article III §CIII-3
Circ. Period	Circulation can occur for the length of the legislative session in which the legislation was passed, but cannot exceed ninety (90) days past the adjournment of that session.	NC: Article III §CIII-3
Submission Deadline	The deadline is ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the legislative session in which the legislation was passed. Initiatives will be placed on the next available ballot general election ballot occurring at least thirty (30) days after the adjournment of that session.	NC: Article III §CIII-3; NS: §32-1407 (3)
Circulator Requirements/ Notary Requirements		
Circulation	All signatures must be gathered in person.	NS: §32-630 (2)
Circulator Requirements	Circulators must acknowledge, on the petition in red ink, whether he or she is a paid circulator before circulating a petition. Circulators in Nebraska may NOT be paid on a per-signature basis.	NS: §32-628 (4); §32-629; §32-630 (3C)
Notary Requirements	A notary public is required for each petition.	NS: §32-628 (3)
Processing Procedures		
Initials	Not Accepted unless the signor registered to vote using his or her initials.	NS: §32-630 (1); §32-1405 (1)
Ditto Marks	Not Accepted	NS: §32-630 (1); §32-1405 (1)
Printed Name	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Printed names must be complete with the first and last in full and placed on the petition by the signor. Either the surname or married name of a married signor is acceptable. 	NS: §32-630 (1); §32-1405 (1)
Voter ID or Birthday/ Address	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Birthdays are required and placed on the petition by the signor. Addresses must be complete (Street and number or a designation of a rural route or voting precinct and the city or village or a post office address) and placed on the petition by the signor. Addresses of registered voters are presumed to be correct by the election commissioner or county clerk if the name of that person is listed in the voting files. 	NS: §32-630 (1); §32-631 (2); §32-1405 (1)
City, County, State, & Zip	The city of the signor is required.	NS: §32-630 (1); §32-1405 (1)
PO Box	Acceptable	NS: §32-630 (1); §32-1405 (1)
Black-marking	There is no regulation prohibiting crossing off invalid signatures.	N/A