

PETITION FOR STATEWIDE ADVISORY QUESTION

We, the undersigned, registered and duly qualified voters of the State of Illinois, pursuant to Section 28-1 *et.seq.* of the Illinois Election Code, do hereby PETITION that the following **ADVISORY** question of public policy be placed on the ballot and submitted to the voters of the State of Illinois at large, for their approval or disapproval, by referendum at the General Election to be held on the 7th day of November, 2006, to wit:

“Shall the Illinois General Assembly submit an amendment to Article IX of the Illinois State Constitution to the voters of the State of Illinois at large at the next General Election stating as follows:

‘To secure and preserve the benefits of marriage for our society and for future generations of children, a marriage between a man and a woman is the only legal union that shall be valid or recognized in this State?’” **Yes**
 No

Signature	Print Name	Residence Address (House # and name of street or RR)	City or Village	County	State
1.					IL
2.					IL
3.					IL
4.					IL
5.					IL
6.					IL
7.					IL

AFFIDAVIT OF CIRCULATOR

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF _____) ss

I, _____, being first duly sworn, do hereby certify that I am 18 years of age or older and a citizen of the United States, and that I reside at _____, Street, in the _____ of _____, County of _____, State of Illinois, and that the signatures on the sheet were signed in my presence and are genuine, and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the persons so signing were at the time of signing the petition duly qualified and registered voters of the State of Illinois, and that their respective residences are correctly stated, as set forth above.

Signed and sworn to or affirmed by _____ before me, this _____ day of _____, 200__.

(SEAL OR STAMP)

SHEET NO. _____
(leave blank)

Instructions for Circulators of Marriage Protection Petition

www.protectmarriageillinois.org

P. O. Box 419

Wheaton, IL 60189

Toll-free: (877)787-8011; or (630)790-9044

Who can be a Circulator?

Anyone who is 18 years or older and a United States citizen may circulate this petition.

How do I get copies of the petition?

You can make copies of any blank petition; or print the petition on 8½" x 11" paper from our website: www.protectmarriageillinois.org; or call us at 877-787-8011 for blank petitions.

Asking for Signatures on the Petition

First of all, you as the Circulator MUST SEE the person sign the petition; a petition cannot be passed around for signatures (signed without a witness) and then returned to the Circulator! Here's the procedure:

1. Are you a registered voter in Illinois? *If "No," they cannot sign the petition.*
2. Do you live in _____ City or County? *(Insert the name of the election jurisdiction in which you are circulating—see below "What is an Election Jurisdiction?") If "No", you can use a new petition sheet with the correct election jurisdiction. You CANNOT mix signatures for more than one election jurisdiction on a single page.*
3. Ask the person if they have already signed the petition? *If they have signed the petition, regardless of who circulated it, the person CANNOT sign twice.*
4. Have the person sign the petition, print their name, and print their address where they are registered to vote.

What is an Election Jurisdiction?

Each petition sheet can only contain signatures from one (1) election jurisdiction. Each county is an election jurisdiction. In addition, the following cities are a separate election jurisdiction: Aurora, Bloomington, Chicago, Danville, East St. Louis, Galesburg, Peoria, and Rockford. Signatures from these *city* jurisdictions cannot be on the same page with signatures from the *county* election jurisdiction. If a person is unsure of the election jurisdiction where they live, it is on their voter registration card. Leave the "Election

Jurisdiction" line blank at the top-right corner of your petition.

What are the Most Common Errors?

- ✓ An individual signs another person's name.
- ✓ The signer is not registered to vote.
- ✓ The Circulator does not see the person sign the petition.
- ✓ Voters from different election jurisdictions sign on the same page.
- ✓ The Circulator doesn't get the petition notarized before mailing it in.
- ✓ A person's name appears more than once on the petitions.
- ✓ The petition form is not an exact copy of the original (e.g., it is copied larger).

What do I do when I have filled a page or I am done circulating the petitions?

1. Go to a notary public (your bank or currency exchange likely offers this free service to customers; or you can find one at a local real estate office, attorney or title company).
2. Fill in the space at the bottom of the page called the "Affidavit of Circulator" with your name and address.
3. Sign your name on the line "Signature of Circulator/Person Making this Affidavit" in front of a notary public.
4. Have the notary public sign and stamp/seal the page.
5. Do NOT fill in the blanks for "Sheet No." or "Election Jurisdiction."
6. Follow steps 1-5 for **each** page you circulate.
7. Send the **ORIGINAL** completed page(s) to:

Protect Marriage Illinois
P.O. Box 419
Wheaton, IL 60189

Do NOT send copies of the petition pages. We can only use the originals. Include your name, address, e-mail, and phone number in case we have questions and need to contact you.

For further information or to help with this project, please go to our website at www.protectmarriageillinois.org or call (toll free) 877-787-8011 or 630-790-9044. Thank you for helping with this citizen initiative!