

# MARRIAGE AMENDMENT PETITION – INSTRUCTIONS

## #1. Complete Petition

- Using black or blue ink, write the **name of the County** where you are registered to vote (2 shaded areas).
- In Space #1, clearly print your **name, sign** as you are registered to vote, and complete your **residence address**. Post office boxes and other mailing addresses are not allowed.
- Ask others who are registered to vote **in the same county** to sign the petition. Collect as many signatures as you can today. The petition is still valid even if all 10 spaces are not filled.
- Only persons who are **registered to vote** are entitled to sign the petition.
- Use a separate petition for persons registered to vote in another county. All signers on one page must be registered to vote in the same county. **Each voter may sign an initiative petition only once.**
- You must also complete the **Declaration of Circulator** at the bottom of the petition in your own hand. **The petition is invalid if you fail to sign as Circulator.** The range of dates during which the petition was actually circulated is required. Preprinted dates or generalized dates are not allowed.
- **Do not photocopy blank petitions.** The margins and font sizes are set to exact legal standards. Photocopying can make the petition invalid. Instead, please request additional petitions.
- **Do not write in the margins or on the back of the petitions.** This is a legal document.
- Please also review the important information on the reverse of this page.
- Please return all petitions **immediately** for processing, but no later than **April 1, 2008.**

## #2. Request Additional Petitions

Each petition has space for 10 signatures. To request additional petitions, please complete the following:

Number of petitions requested:		
First Name:	Last Name:	
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Daytime phone:	Evening phone:	
Email address:		
Fax:		

## #3. Return by Mail Today

Mail both your signed petition and this page to:

**Petition Processing**  
**ProtectMarriage.com**  
**P.O. Box 162657**  
**Sacramento CA 95816-2657**

## LEGAL NOTICE

The Official Proponents of this initiative are required by law to ensure that any person, company, or other organization soliciting signatures for the petition (whether paid or volunteer) receives instruction on the requirements and prohibitions imposed by state law with respect to the circulation of petitions and the gathering of signatures. In addition to the general instructions on the reverse, all petition circulators are also asked to carefully read the following:

1. State Law imposes **criminal penalties** for abuses related to the circulation of initiative petitions. For example, a circulator is legally prohibited from:
  - a. Using the petition or list of signatures for any purpose other than the qualification of the initiative measure. **Use of the names and addresses from the petition for a mailing list, fundraising, or any other purpose is punishable as a crime.**
  - b. Misrepresenting the purpose or contents of the petition to potential petition signers.
  - c. Intentionally making a false statement in response to a voter's inquiry as to whether the circulator is a paid signature gatherer or a volunteer.
  - d. Refusing to allow prospective signers to read the initiative measure or petition or Attorney General's summary.
2. Also, a circulator, volunteer, or any other person is legally prohibited from:
  - a. Offering or giving payment or anything of value to another in exchange for signing an initiative petition.
  - b. Signing or soliciting to sign false, forged, fictitious, or ineligible signatures and names.
  - c. Making false affidavits (for example, the Circulator's Declaration is an affidavit), returns, or certifications concerning any initiative measure.
  - d. Circulating petitions within 100 feet of a polling place or an elections official's office on Election Day.
  - e. Soliciting or obtaining money or anything of value to aid in unlawfully stopping circulation or the filing of an initiative measure.
  - f. Stealing petitions or threatening petition circulators, or circulators' relatives, with the intent to dissuade them from circulating the petition.
3. Prior to allowing a volunteer to circulate an initiative petition, the person who is in charge of signature gathering for any organization must execute and submit to the Official Proponents an affidavit that meets certain legal requirements. Please contact the campaign office for details.
4. A *paid* circulator, prior to soliciting signatures, must execute and submit to the person in charge of signature gathering an affidavit that meets certain legal requirements. Please contact the campaign office for details.

If you have any questions regarding the requirements and prohibitions imposed by state law with respect to the circulation of petitions and the gathering of signatures, please contact the campaign office at (916) 446-5031.