

## Candidate Petition Circulation Guidelines

### **Petition Forms:**

- Candidates may obtain nomination petition forms from the county election office.
- The top section of the petition, stating the candidate's name(as it is to appear on the ballot), address, office sought, etc., must be completed before the petition can be circulated and signed. [KSA 25-205(b)] It includes a declaration that the signer intends to support the candidate named in the petition.

### **Circulators:**

- The candidate may circulate the petition throughout the district.
- The circulator of each page of the petition must witness every signature placed on the page and must include a signed, notarized affidavit of that fact with the petition. One affidavit may apply to all pages submitted by a particular circulator [KSA 25-3602(b)(4), 25-205(d); 25-303(e); AGO 77-303; AGO 78-40; AGO 81-230]

### **Petition Signers:**

- Petition signers must include their printed name, signature, address, city, and date signed. Candidate petitions are considered fundamental rights petitions, so signers' addresses are not required to match their addresses on the voter file. If they are currently registered voter in the election district of the candidate, their signatures count.
- A person may sign only one petition for each office. [KSA 25-205©]
- All signers of each petition sheet must resided in the same county and election district.
- A signer may withdraw his/her signature from a petition by giving written notice to the election officer no later than the third day after the petition was filed. [KSA 25-3602©]

### **Filing Petitions:**

- The petition filing deadline for candidates for Primary elections will be on June *1st* at noon
- If more than one circulator is carrying petitions for the same candidate, all must be submitted as a group to the appropriate filing office at one time [KSA 25-3602(a)]
- The petition must be filed within 180 days after the date the first signature was collected. [KSA 25-3602(d)]

### **Validity:**

- The CEO determines the validity of petitions for all filings.
- If a petition is found to be invalid, the election officer notifies the candidate of the invalid filing and the reason for the finding. The candidate may file an objection to such findings. [KSA 25-208a©]
- If a petition is found to be invalid, a candidate may not then submit additional signatures to create a valid filing. Partial filings are not permitted. Later or successive filings of documents are considered separate petitions. [KSA 25-3602(s)]
- In cases where a person has signed more than one candidate's petition, his/her signature will count only on the first petition filed.
- Ditto marks are allowed in the address column on candidate petitions as long as they are "continuous and clearly made." [KSA 25-205c]