

# PETITION FOR BALLOT STATUS

(name of party)

I, the undersigned, a qualified elector of the \_\_\_\_\_ Congressional District of Wisconsin, request that a separate party ballot be given to the above-named party so that  
(district number)

voters will have the opportunity to vote for candidates of the party at the partisan primary election to be held on \_\_\_\_\_.  
(date of primary)

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Signatures of Electors	Printed Name of Electors	Street & Number or Rural Route <small>rural address must also include box or fire no.</small>	Municipality of Residence <small>provide name of municipality</small>	Date of Signing
1.			<input type="checkbox"/> Town <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> City	
2.			<input type="checkbox"/> Town <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> City	
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9.			<input type="checkbox"/> Town <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> City	
10.			<input type="checkbox"/> Town <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> City	

### Certification of Circulator

I, \_\_\_\_\_, certify: I reside at \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of circulator) (Circulator's residence - **Include number, street, and municipality**)

I further certify I am either a qualified elector of Wisconsin, or a U.S. citizen, age 18 or older who, if I were a resident of this state, would not be disqualified from voting under Wis. Stat. § 6.03. I personally circulated this petition for ballot status and personally obtained each of the signatures on this petition. I know that the signers are electors of the Wisconsin congressional district listed above. I know that each person signed the paper with full knowledge of its content on the date indicated opposite his or her name. I know their respective residences given. I intend to support this petition. I am aware that falsifying this certification is punishable under Wis. Stat. § 12.13(3)(a).

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Circulator)

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## INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARING PETITION FOR BALLOT STATUS

This is a sample ballot status petition form. It conforms to statutory requirements. All information in the heading of this document (name of party, congressional district number and date of primary) must be completed in full before circulating this form to obtain signatures of electors. All information concerning the signing electors and the circulator must be completed in full before filing with the Wisconsin Elections Commission. This form may be reproduced in any way. The Wisconsin Elections Commission has determined that no disclaimer or other attribution statement is required on the petition form.

**Page Numbers** – Number each page consecutively, beginning with “1,” before submitting to the filing officer. A space for page numbers has been provided in the lower right-hand corner of the form.

**Party Name** - Insert the name of the party as you wish it to appear on the ballot.

**Congressional District Number** – Insert the number of the congressional district for which the petition page is being circulated. The petition must contain valid signatures of at least 10,000 Wisconsin electors, including at least 1,000 signatures of electors residing in each of at least 3 different congressional districts. Wis. Stat. § 5.62(2). All signers on a page must be from the same congressional district.

**Date of Primary** - Insert the date of the primary. The date of the partisan primary is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in August of even-numbered years.

**Signatures and Printed Names of Electors** - Only qualified electors of the State of Wisconsin may sign the petition. The petition must contain 1,000 signatures of electors residing in each of at least 3 different congressional districts. § 5.62(2), Wis. Stats. All signers on a page must be from the same congressional district. Each signer must also legibly print their name. Each elector's municipality of residence must be listed on the nomination paper along with the mailing address, including any street, fire or rural route number, box number (if rural route) and street or road name. The Street & Number or Rural Route section for each elector's address is split into two lines. The first line is for the street address. The second line is for the municipality for mailing purposes. The Municipality of Residence listed for each signing elector must clearly identify the town, village or city where the elector's voting residence is located. A post office box number alone does not show where the elector actually resides. The date the elector signed the petition, including month, day and year, must be indicated. Ditto marks that follow correct and complete address or date information are acceptable. The circulator may add any missing or illegible address or date information before the papers are filed with the filing officer.

**Signature of Circulator** - The circulator should carefully read the language of the *Certification of Circulator*. **THE CIRCULATOR MUST PERSONALLY PRESENT THE PETITION TO EACH SIGNER. THE PETITION MAY NOT BE LEFT UNATTENDED ON COUNTERS OR POSTED ON BULLETIN BOARDS.** The circulator's complete address (**including municipality of residence**) must be listed in the certification. **After** obtaining signatures of electors, the circulator must sign and date the certification.

**Other Instructions** - Circulators should review Wisconsin Elections Commission. 2.05, 2.07, Wis. Adm. Code.

- No signatures may be obtained before January 1<sup>st</sup> in the year of the partisan primary.
- The petition must be in the physical custody of the Wisconsin Elections Commission by the filing deadline. A postmark on the filing deadline is **NOT** sufficient. The petition **CANNOT** be faxed/mailed to the Wisconsin Elections Commission.
- The petition with the required number of signatures must be filed with the Wisconsin Elections Commission **no later than 5:00 p.m.** on April 1<sup>st</sup> (or the next business day if April 1<sup>st</sup> is a Saturday or Sunday) in the year of the partisan primary.
- If a circulator has any questions, he or she should contact the Wisconsin Elections Commission.

### **Other Information**

- In order for the names of presidential and vice-presidential candidates of a party that has attained ballot status by petition to be placed on the ballot, the party's nominating committee must certify their names to the Wisconsin Elections Commission no later than 5:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday in September preceding the presidential election.
- Other candidates of a party that has attained ballot status by petition must file a *Campaign Registration Statement* (CF-1), a *Declaration of Candidacy* (EL-162), and *Nomination Paper for Partisan Office* (EL-168) containing the appropriate number of signatures for the office sought no later than the filing deadline, which is June 1 in the year of the partisan primary. Wis. Stat. § 8.15(6). Nomination papers may not be circulated before April 15 in the year of the partisan primary.
- Candidates for state office must also file a statement of economic interests with the Wisconsin Ethics Commission by the third business day after the nomination paper filing deadline. Wis. Stat. § 19.43. If any one of these required forms is not filed by the deadline, the candidate's name will not be placed on the ballot. Wis. Stat. § 8.30.