Instructions for completing a petition signature packet

1. You must be at least 18 years old to gather signatures for a petition.

2. Please focus on non-public places for gathering signatures; such as events where you are a guest or house parties. Public places have restrictions for soliciting petition signatures. We will have special training for these spaces.

3. Only Nevadans who are registered to vote in Nevada can sign a petition. If a signer is not registered to vote in Nevada, you can register eligible signers at www.RegisterToVoteNV.gov

4. Registered Nevadans must sign the signature sheet labeled with their correct county and petition district.

5. Offer to allow the signer to read the whole Amendment and the whole Description of Effect.

6. When the person is ready to sign, you must witness the signature by watching the person sign.

7. Signers print their name, their whole address, the correct date, and their correct county.

8. Keep your petition signature packets in a secure place.
The People of the State of Nevada do enact as follows:

Section 1: Article 4, Section 5 of the Nevada Constitution is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 5. Number of Senators and members of Assembly—apportionment. Senators and members of the Assembly shall be duly qualified electors in the respective counties and districts which they represent, and the number of Senators shall not be less than one-third nor more than one-half of that of the members of the Assembly.

Each shall be the mandatory duty of the Legislature at its first session after the taking of the decennial census of the United States in the year 1950, and after each subsequent decennial census, to fix by law the number of Senators and Assemblymen and apportion them among the several counties of the State, or among legislative districts which may be established by law, according to the number of inhabitants therein, respectively.

Section 2: Article 4 of the Nevada Constitution is hereby amended by adding thereto new sections to be designated as Sections 5A, 5B and 5C, to read as follows:

Section 5A. Apportionment; Creation of Independent Redistricting Commission. 1. There is created within the legislative branch of state government the Independent Redistricting Commission. It shall be the duty of the Commission in the year 2023, and after each subsequent decennial census of the United States, to apportion the number of Senators and Assemblymen among legislative districts established by the Commission and to apportion the number of representatives in the United States House of Representatives among districts established by the Commission.

2. The Commission shall be composed of seven members who are registered and eligible to vote in Nevada, and who satisfy the qualification standards in subsection 3. The Senate Majority Leader, Senate Minority Leader, Speaker of the Assembly, and Assembly Minority Leader shall each appoint one Commissioner. The four Commissioners appointed in this manner shall appoint three additional Commissioners, each of whom, for at least four years immediately preceding their appointment, has not been registered or affiliated with the largest political party or the second largest political party, according to voter registration data published by the Secretary of State as of the earliest day in January of the redistricting year, and none of whom, if registered or affiliated with a political party, is affiliated or registered with the same political party as another Commissioner.

3. Within four years preceding appointment and during their term, no Commissioner may be a registered lobbyist; a candidate for a federal, state, or partisan local office; an elected official to a federal, state, or partisan local office; an officer or member of the governing body of a national, state, or local political party; a paid consultant or employee of a federal, state, or partisan local elected official or candidate, or of a political action committee, or of a committee sponsored by a political party, or of a committee that seeks to influence elections to federal, state, or partisan local offices; an employee of the Legislature; an employee of the State of Nevada, except for employees in the judicial branch, the armed forces, or a state institution of higher education; or related within the third degree of consanguinity or affinity to any individual disqualified under this subsection.

4. The term of office of each Commissioner shall expire once the Commission has completed its obligations for a census cycle but not before any judicial review of the redistricting plan is complete and shall expire no later than the release of the following decennial census of the United States.

Section 5B. Criteria for Determination of Districts; Approval of Final Plans.

1. In adopting a redistricting plan, the Independent Redistricting Commission shall use the following criteria, in the order listed, to draw districts: Ensure that districts comply with the United States Constitution and applicable federal law; Ensure that districts have an approximately equal number of inhabitants; Ensure that districts are geographically contiguous; Ensure that districts are not drawn with the intent or result of denying or abridging the equal opportunity of racial or language minorities to participate in the political process or elect representatives of their choice, whether by themselves or voting in concert with other persons; Ensure that districts, when considered on a statewide basis, do not unduly advantage or disadvantage a political party; Ensure that districts reflect, to the extent possible, county, city, and township boundaries; Minimize, to the extent practicable, the division of communities of interest, meaning an area with shared characteristic similarities of interests, including but not limited to racial, ethnic, socioeconomic, cultural, geographic, or historic identities, but not including common relationships with political parties or political candidates; Ensure that districts are reasonably compact; and to the extent practicable, after complying with the requirements above, consider the number of politically competitive districts, measured by creating a reasonably potential for the party affiliation of the district's representative to change at least once between Federal decennial censuses.

2. Not later than July 1, 2023, and thereafter not later than 180 days from the release of the decennial census of the United States, the Commission shall approve a redistricting plan for the Nevada State Senate, the Nevada State Assembly, and Nevada’s Congressional Districts, after providing public notice of each proposed final plan and allowing sufficient time for public review and comment. A final plan may be approved by the Commission only upon at least five affirmative votes, including at least one Commissioner registered with the largest political party, one Commissioner registered with the second largest political party, and one Commissioner not registered or affiliated with the largest or second largest political party, according to voter registration data published by the Secretary of State as of the earliest day in January of the redistricting year.

Section 5C. Severability.

Should any part of this Amendment be declared invalid, or the application thereof to any person, thing, or circumstance be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions or application of this Amendment which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Amendment are declared to be severable. This Section shall be construed broadly to preserve and effectuate the purpose of this Amendment.

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The signature page includes a summary of the amendment that signers may also read.

On this page, please write the County and the Petition District.

All signers in a packet must come from the same county and petition district. If you have a signer from a different county or petition district, please start a new packet.

The Petition District is the Congressional District.

If the signer does not know their Congressional District, you can look up that information by following the instructions on the next slide.

Once you start a packet it is yours and cannot be transferred to another volunteer.

You must witness all the signatures in your packet.
• How to find a signer’s Congressional District:
• On a cell phone, go to www.leg.state.nv.us

Scroll down

Tap on Who’s My Legislator?

Type the signer’s address

The CD number is the Petition District
When your packet is full, you will need to have the last page notarized.

Do not sign the final page until you are in front of a notary.

Fair Maps Nevada can direct you to free notary services in your county.

Once your Affidavit is notarized, please return your packet to the local Fair Maps Nevada representative.