

"Restoring religious liberties to the people of North Dakota"

Religious Liberty Restoration Amendment

Petition Instructions – Questions and Answers

PLEASE READ THROUGH CAREFULLY!

Thank you very much for circulating a petition to **restore and protect our religious liberties**. Because your time and energy are valuable, we are providing these instructions to guide you **error-free** through the petition process. Even small errors can cause your petition to be legally challenged, so it is very important that you read these instructions in their entirety and follow them explicitly. Contact the North Dakota Family Alliance office if you have any questions at 701-364-0676 or email admin@ndfa.org.

Q: Where can I get a petition?

A: Petitions are available several ways:

1. Contact the NDFA office, emailing admin@ndfa.org or call 701-364-0676
2. Send a request to: North Dakota Family Alliance, 3220 18th St. S #8, Fargo, ND 58104.
3. Download them at: www.ndfa.org/ndreligiousliberty.php
4. For general information, go to the NDFA website at www.ndfa.org

Q: How many pages does this petition contain?

A: This petition must be circulated with all 4 (four) pages stapled together. The full petition includes the sponsoring committee members, the initiated measure, the signature pages, and the notary section. It is VERY IMPORTANT that ALL four pages stay together at ALL times. Petitions must be stapled together in the following order:

1. Page One – the sponsoring committee members.
2. Page Two – the initiated measure and signature blanks..
3. Page Three - the signature page (blanks 6-25)
4. Page Four – a signature page (blanks 26-35) and the notary section.

Q: Can I make copies of the petition?

A: Yes. Copies may be made as long as each petition circulated includes all 4 pages. The full petition includes page one displaying the sponsoring committee members, page two displaying the petition and signature blanks, page three displaying signature blanks 6-25, and page four displaying signature blanks 26-35 and the notary section. It is VERY IMPORTANT that ALL four pages stay together at ALL times in the order listed above.

Q: Who can circulate petitions?

A: Only qualified North Dakota voters are allowed to circulate the petitions. A qualified voter of North Dakota must meet the following requirements:

1. You must be a U.S. citizen
2. You must be a legal resident of this state
3. You must be a resident of the precinct at least 30 days preceding the election
4. You must be 18 years old or older.

Incarcerated felons and persons who have been declared mentally incompetent are NOT qualified voters.

Q: Who can sign petitions?

A: Any qualified voter of North Dakota as defined above. Petitions must be signed in the presence of a qualified circulator. Signatures collected on unattended petitions constitute improper signing practices and places ALL signatures on that petition at risk.

Petition circulators should instruct petition signers to:

1. Sign legibly.
2. Add the date they signed the petition.
3. Include their entire address (complete residential, rural route or general delivery address) city, state and zip code to the petition. Those who receive their mail at a PO Box, may write "General Delivery/PO Box ____"

Q: Can I sign the petition that I am circulating?

A: No. Petition circulators may sign a petition as long as it is one they are NOT personally circulating.

Q: Can sponsoring committee members act as circulators?

A: Yes. Sponsoring committee members may circulate petitions, but must NOT sign the petition they are personally circulating.

Sponsoring committee members that are notary publics may NOT notarize any petition.

Q: Can anyone sign the petition more than once?

A: No. A qualified voter of North Dakota may sign the petition only once.

Q: How many people can sign my petition?

A: There is room for 35 signatures on each petition. However, return ALL petitions even if you have only one signature. That one signature can make a difference.

Q: If I fill all 35 spaces on one petition, may I circulate another?

A: Yes. You may circulate more than one petition, but it is very important that your petitions remain in your physical possession at all times.

Q: If I don't completely finish a petition, can I give it to another circulator to complete it?

A: No. Only one circulator may collect signatures on any single copy of a petition. If you don't completely fill (35 signatures) a petition, sign it in front of a notary public and return it anyway.

Q: What do I do with my petitions when I am done circulating them?

A: You must sign the affidavit at the end of the petition in front of a notary public affirming that the persons who signed the petition did so in your presence and that to the best of your knowledge, each person that signed the petition was a qualified North Dakota voter. Then send completed petitions to the North Dakota Family Alliance, 3220 18th St. S #8, Fargo ND.

Q: What is a Notary Public?

A: A Notary Public is a public servant appointed by state government to witness the signing of important documents to protect against fraud. A Notary Public will generally require seeing a current identification with a photograph, usually a drivers' license.

Q: If a sponsoring committee member is a notary public, may I have them notarize my petition?

A: No. Members of the sponsoring committee may NOT notarize any petition. Doing so, will disqualify all the signatures on that petition.

Q: When do I need to return the petitions that I circulated by?

A: Please send petitions as they are completed. All petitions are requested to be postmarked by July 23, 2010.

Q: Where do I mail my petitions after they have been completed and notarized?

A: Send your notarized petitions with sufficient postage to:

**North Dakota Family Alliance
3220 18th St. S #8
Fargo, ND 58104**

Q: Can I hand deliver the completed and notarized petitions?

A: Yes, drop them during regular business hours at:

**North Dakota Family Alliance
3220 18th St. S #8
Fargo, ND 58104**

**INITIATIVE PETITION
TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA**

We, the undersigned, being qualified electors request the following initiated law be placed on the ballot as provided by law.

SPONSORING COMMITTEE

The following are the names and addresses of the qualified electors of the state of North Dakota who, as the sponsoring committee for the petitioners, represent and act for the petitioners in accordance with law:

Tom D. Freier, Chairman
4536 47th St S #102
Fargo, ND 58104

Samuel J. Aquila
608 N. Broadway
Fargo, ND 58102

Paul A. Zipfel
420 Raymond Street
Bismarck, ND 58501

Rich Wardner
1042 12th Ave W
Dickinson, ND 58601

David O'Connell
2624 Cty Rd 30
Lansford, ND 58750

Christopher Dodson
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Jamestown, ND 58401

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Bette Grande
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Fargo, ND 58104

Mark Dosch
509 Cottonwood Loop
Bismarck, ND 58504

James Kerian
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Grafton, ND 58237

David F. Motta
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Fargo, ND 58103

Kent W. Hinkel
1301 47th Avenue, SW
Minot, ND 58701

Michael B. Little
918 4th Ave E
Dickinson, ND 58601

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Grand Forks, ND 58201

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Dickey, ND 58431

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1001 19th Ave SW
Minot, ND 58701

Jeannette Redlin
431 7th St. SW
Jamestown, ND 58401

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Belcourt, ND 58316

E. Ward Koester
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Williston, ND 58801

W. Warren DeKrey
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Bismarck, ND 58503

O.H. "Mitt" Mittelberg
1117 Valley View Dr
Minot, ND 58703-1643

Tom F. Engelhardt
4124 Selkirk Road
Bismarck, ND 58503

James P. Bartlett
1854 107th St NE
Bottineau, ND 58318

Scott Bauman
901 Mahone Ave
Bismarck, ND 58503

Alison Grotberg
2640 102nd Ave SE
Sanborn, ND 58486

Tom Campbell
15135 Co Rd 11
Grafton, ND 58237

Chuck Huber
4205 Burnt Creek Loop
Bismarck, ND 58503

Charles F. Crary
1204 Sheyenne St.
West Fargo, ND 58078

Reed Soderstrom
1611 Glacial Dr
Minot, ND 58703

Enoch Thorsgard
325 39th St NE
Northwood, ND 58267

Timothy W. Bartel
606 Terrace Dr
Grand Forks, ND 58201

PETITION TITLE

This initiated measure would add a new section to article I of the North Dakota Constitution preventing the government from burdening the sincere exercise of religious liberty by a person or religious organization, absent proof of a compelling governmental interest, and then only by use of the least restrictive means.

FULL TEXT OF THE MEASURE

IF MATERIAL IS UNDERScoreD, IT IS NEW MATERIAL WHICH IS BEING ADDED. IF MATERIAL IS OVERSTRUCK BY DASHES, THE MATERIAL IS BEING DELETED. IF MATERIAL IS NOT UNDERScoreD OR OVERSTRUCK, THE MATERIAL IS EXISTING LAW THAT IS NOT BEING CHANGED.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. A new section to Article I of the Constitution of North Dakota is created and enacted as follows:

Government may not burden a person's or religious organization's religious liberty. The right to act or refuse to act in a manner motivated by a sincerely held religious belief may not be burdened unless the government proves it has a compelling governmental interest in infringing the specific act or refusal to act and has used the least restrictive means to further that interest. A burden includes indirect burdens such as withholding benefits, assessing penalties, or an exclusion from programs or access to facilities.

INSTRUCTIONS TO PETITION SIGNERS

You are being asked to sign a petition. You must be a qualified elector. This means you are eighteen years old, you have lived in North Dakota thirty days, and you are a United States citizen. All signers must add their complete residential address or rural route or general delivery address and the date of signing. Every qualified elector signing a petition must do so in the presence of the individual circulating the petition.

QUALIFIED ELECTORS

Month, Day, Year	Name of Qualified Elector	Residential Address or Complete Rural Route or General Delivery Address	City, State, Zip Code
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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA)
)ss.
COUNTY OF _____)
(county where signed)

I, _____, being sworn, say that I am a qualified elector; that I reside at
(circulator)

(address)

that each signature contained on the attached petition was executed in my presence; and that to the best of my knowledge and belief each individual whose signature appears on the attached petition is a qualified elector; and that each signature contained on the attached petition is the genuine signature of the individual whose name it purports to be.

(signature of circulator)

Subscribed and sworn to before me on _____, 20__, at _____, North Dakota.
(city)

(NOTARY SEAL / STAMP)

(signature of notary)
Notary Public
My commission expires _____