

# Mississippi Personhood Amendment Petitioning Instructions

1. Read and obey all pertaining election laws (Constitutional Initiative in Mississippi A Citizen's Guide) <http://www.mscode.com/free/statutes/23/017/index.htm>
2. Read and familiarize yourself with the legal petition and Q. & A. posted at <http://www.personhoodmississippi.com/>
3. **Make multiple copies, but each petition must have the legal language copied on the back side of each petition, on legal-sized (8 ½ by 14) white paper.**
4. Make multiple copies of the informational handout to give away (available on the <http://www.personhoodmississippi.com> website).
5. Get a couple of legal-sized clipboards.
6. Please use black, ballpoint pens (not pencils or light markers).
7. Use separate pages for separate counties.
8. All petition circulators must be registered to vote in Mississippi.
9. Ask all of your eligible voter friends, family members, co-workers, neighbors, and church members to sign the petition, circulate petitions, and endorse the amendment. It is important to get the names of endorsing pastors, churches, businesses, organizations, and medical professionals who support the amendment. (Please contact us regarding these endorsements.)
10. Take your clipboards and petitions with you whenever you are out where other people are.
11. Look for events to petition at: parades, fairs, sporting events, festivals, auctions, busy public sidewalks, etc. Go where the people are, including door-to-door in urban areas.
12. Smile, look people in the eye, and ask if they are a Mississippi voter.
13. If "yes," ask them to please sign your pro-life petition to get the Personhood Amendment on the ballot.
14. If they agree to sign, ask them which county they live in. If you don't have a page started for that county, have them be the first signer from their county on a new page.
15. Watch them to see that they fill in their name, plus middle initial, and the rest of the information. Ask them to put down their name as it appears on their voter registration. Many people won't know their precinct or congressional district. Some may leave these last two boxes blank. The congressional districts that the State goes by are the ones prior to the 2000 census.
16. For everyone that signs, thank them and ask if they would like to take some blank petitions to help get some more signatures. Give them handouts and a copy of the petitioning instructions as well as blank petitions. Please provide Personhood Mississippi with their name and contact information, including phone number and e-mail address if applicable.
17. Each page does not have to be full in order for you, the petition circulator, to complete it by signing and filling in your information at the bottom, but don't collect any more signatures on that page after you sign the bottom.
18. Call 662-760-8695 to see if there is a local coordinator for you to turn your signed petitions into, or else just mail them to the address below.
19. Don't argue with people who won't sign. Find other people to ask.
20. Don't leave your petition unattended where people may sign it without you watching them (on the break table at work, the bulletin board at church, etc.)
21. Don't allow people to sign who have already signed the same petition for another circulator.
22. People who want to help but are not voters can still volunteer to help in other ways.
23. Please take some pictures of people petitioning/signing (for fun with the website.)

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