Initiation of Legislation

If the petition circulator does not comply with all of the requirements of the Michigan election law for petition circulators, any signature obtained by that petition circulator on that petition is invalid and will not be counted.

An initiative petition to enact the Fetal Heartbeat Protection Act, which would require testing to determine whether a fetal heartbeat is detectable before an abortion; prohibit a person from performing an abortion after a fetal heartbeat is detected, unless a medical emergency involving a life-threatening condition exists or a condition that poses a serious risk of substantial and irreversible impairment of a major bodily function; allow a woman who obtained an abortion in violation of the Act to sue for damages; and prescribe criminal penalties for an individual who knowingly performs an abortion in violation of the proposed initiative law.

For the Full Text of the Proposed Legislation, see the reverse side of this petition.

We, the undersigned qualified and registered electors, residents in the county of _____________________, state of Michigan, respectively petition for initiation of legislation.

WARNING - a person who knowingly signs this petition more than once, signs a name other than his or her own, signs when not a qualified and registered elector, or sets opposite his or her signature on a petition, a date other than the actual date the signature was affixed, is violating the provisions of the Michigan election law.

NOTE: The Board of State Canvassers approved this petition as to form on June 19, 2019, with the understanding that the highlighted text on the signature side and reverse side ("a fetal heartbeat") would be replaced with the phrase "cardiac activity".

Sample Petition - Do Not Circulate

Certified of Circulator

The undersigned circulator of the above petition asserts that he or she is 18 years of age or older and a United States citizen; that each signature on the petition was signed in his presence; that he or she has neither caused nor permitted a person to sign the petition more than once and has no knowledge of a person signing the petition more than once; and that, to his or her best knowledge and belief, each signature is the genuine signature of the person purporting to sign the petition, the person signing the petition was at the time of signing a registered elector of the city or township indicated preceding the signature, and the elector was qualified to sign the petition.

If the circulator is not a resident of Michigan, the circulator shall make a cross or check mark in the box provided, otherwise each signature on this petition sheet is invalid and the signatures will not be counted by a filing official. By making a cross or check mark in the box provided, the undersigned circulator asserts that he or she is not a resident of Michigan and agrees to accept the jurisdiction of this state for the purpose of any legal proceeding or hearing that concerns a petition sheet executed by the circulator and agrees that legal process served on the Secretary of State or a designated agent of the Secretary of State has the same effect as if personally served on the circulator.

WARNING - a circulator knowingly making a false statement in the above certificate, a person not a circulator who signs as a circulator, or a person who signs a name other than his or her own as circulator is guilty of a misdemeanor.

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An initiative petition to enact the Fetal Heartbeat Protection Act, which would require testing to determine whether a fetal heartbeat is detectable before an abortion; to prohibit a person from performing an abortion after a fetal heartbeat is detected, unless a medical emergency exists or the abortion is necessary to prevent the death of the pregnant woman or to prevent a serious risk of the substantial and irreversible impairment of a major bodily function; to allow a woman who obtained an abortion in violation of the Act to sue for damages; and to prescribe criminal penalties for an individual who knowingly performs an abortion in violation of the proposed initiative law.

An initiative of legislation to require testing for a fetal heartbeat before the performance of an abortion; to place certain requirements and restrictions on the performance of abortions; to provide an exception for a serious risk of substantial and irreversible impairment of a major bodily function; to allow a woman who obtained an abortion in violation of the Act to sue for damages; and to prescribe criminal penalties for an individual who knowingly performs an abortion in violation of the proposed initiative law.