



STATE OF MICHIGAN  
BUREAU OF ELECTIONS  
LANSING

April 2022

**2022 PETITION CHALLENGE DEADLINES AND PROCEDURES**

**Challenge Deadlines**

- **Tuesday, April 26, 2022, 5:00 P.M.** is the deadline for challenging the validity of signatures appearing on nominating petitions filed with the Secretary of State by candidates who seek nomination to the office of Governor, U.S. Representative in Congress, State Senator, State Representative, Court of Appeals Judge, Circuit Court Judge, Probate District Judge or District Court Judge at the August 2, 2022 primary election. MCL 168.552(8).
- **Thursday, July 28, 2022, 5:00 P.M.** is the deadline for challenging the validity of signatures appearing on qualifying petitions filed with the Secretary of State by candidates without political party affiliation who seek election to the office of Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, U.S. Representative in Congress, State Senator, State Representative, State Board of Education, University of Michigan Regent, Michigan State University Trustee, Wayne State University Governor or Supreme Court Justice at the November 8, 2022 general election. MCL 168.552(8).

**Challenge Procedure**

Signature challenges must be presented in a **notarized document** and submitted to the Bureau of Elections by the above deadlines. **It is strongly encouraged** that challenges be submitted by sending a scanned notarized document by email to [MDOS-Canvassers@Michigan.gov](mailto:MDOS-Canvassers@Michigan.gov), or via overnight or hand delivery to the Bureau of Elections to the following address:

RICHARD H. AUSTIN BUILDING  
1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR, 430 WEST ALLEGAN STREET  
LANSING, MI 48933

Challenges may also be submitted via mail to the Bureau of Elections at the following address:

PO Box 20126  
LANSING, MI 48901

However, the challenge **must be received by our office no later than 5:00 p.m. on the abovementioned deadlines, irrespective of postmark.** Therefore, the Bureau strongly recommends that challenges submitted close to the deadline be submitted by email or overnight or hand delivery rather than mail. If the challenge is submitted by email, the Bureau may request physical documents after the deadline.

The challenge must specify each signature being challenged and the reason why the validity of the signature is being questioned. To specify a signature, indicate the sheet number (stamped or written on each sheet) and the line number bearing the signature. To expedite processing, the Bureau of Elections asks that challenges be organized in **sheet number order** as opposed to an alphabetical listing of the signers' names or any other organizational format and be contained in

an excel or csv file. To challenge anything other than specific signatures, a full written description of what is being challenged must be submitted. Specify the sheet numbers appearing on the petition sheets involved.

For more information on how the Board of State Canvassers reviews individual petitions, please review the manual on [Circulating and Canvassing Countywide Petition Forms](#) . If you have any questions, please contact the Bureau of Elections at (517) 335-3234 or [MDOS-Canvassers@Michigan.gov](mailto:MDOS-Canvassers@Michigan.gov).