

<p style="text-align: center;">The Basic Steps To Do An Initiative In Oklahoma Statutes And Amendments– Direct Initiative Process</p>
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Basic procedures to file with the state: Filing an initiative is a very simple process in Oklahoma. All you need to do is take your initiative petition – in final camera-ready artwork form - to the Secretary of State. Once you have filed – that day in fact – you can begin to collect signatures. The Secretary of State writes the ballot title after the signatures are submitted.

Date initiative language can be submitted to the state for the November 2002 election: Anytime

Signatures tied to vote of which office: Total votes cast for the office receiving the most votes in the last General Election. (Which was the President in 2000.)

Next General election: 2002

Votes cast for President in last election: 1,234,237 (2000)

Net number of signatures required: 15% of votes cast for Governor for a constitutional amendment (185,135) and 8% of votes cast for Governor for a statute (98,739).

Distribution requirement: None.

Circulation period: 90 days

Do circulators have to be residents: Yes (They have to be qualified electors.)

Date when signatures are due for certification: The Secretary of State recommends that you submit your signatures eight months prior to the election that you desire the measure to be considered for. This is primarily because the state has a provision that the ballot title set by the Secretary of State can be challenged. If a ballot title is challenged, the state supreme court reviews the challenge. There is no statutory requirement for the state to rule on this challenge. There have been instances when the court has taken over a year to make a ruling. The latest they can be submitted is 60 days before the election, which can be either a Primary or a General election.

Signature verification process: Presumed valid unless challenged

Single-subject restriction: Yes

Legislative tampering: The legislature can both repeal and amend initiatives, according to a court ruling.

General comments: Please note that the legislature or the Governor can order an initiative to appear on a special election ballot. The legislature did this in 1998 with the last initiative to appear on the state's ballot, which legalized gaming – it was defeated.