

TRAILBLAZING CANVASSERS RECOMMENDED TIMELINE - ALASKA:



Preparation:

To start your ballot measure campaign and take full advantage of the limited time you have left to file make sure to:

1. Build a coalition of supporters.
2. Identify chief petitioner.
3. With legal assistance finalize your initiative language.
4. Form a steering and fundraising committee, identify 20% of fundraising sources.
5. Be prepared to poll test your official ballot title.
6. Identify vendors including field service and signature gathering firms.

Filing:

Application and 100 signatures; Department of Law (DOJ) review; Lt Gov (as SOS) prepares summary and makes a fiscal review.
Time Frame: 2-3 months.

Recommended Time for Gathering Signatures:

Statutory – Twelve to Sixteen Weeks

****In Consideration of Weather****

Signature Requirements:

Statutory – 26,705 (10% of the 267,047 votes cast in 2022 governor’s election)

Referendum – 26,705 (10% of the 267,047 votes cast in 2022 governor’s election)

Diversity – At least 7% in 30 of the state’s 40 state house districts.

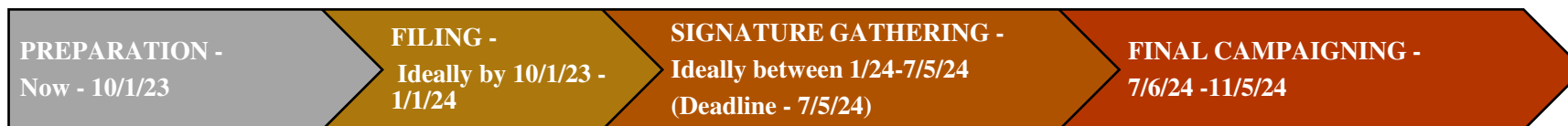
State Laws Specific to Alaska:

- No pay per sig ban (pay cap of \$1/sig struck down by Alaska Supreme Court).
- No registration or badging requirements.
- Circulators must be Alaska residents.

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Signature Requirements:
<p>Constitutional – 383,923 (15% of the 2,559,485 votes cast in 2022 governor’s election)</p> <p>Statutory – 255,949 (10% of the 2,559,485 votes cast in 2022 governor’s election)</p> <p>Referendum – 127,975 (5% of the 2,559,485 votes cast in 2022 governor’s election)</p>

Filing:
<p>Application and title & summary submitted to SOS; Legislative Counsel review; fiscal review. Time frame: 2-3 months.</p>

State Laws Specific to Arizona:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pay per sig ban. • circulator registration for out of state circulators. • No badging requirements but petition sheets must indicate whether the circulators are paid. • Circulators need not be Arizona residents but must otherwise qualify to register to vote in Arizona. Notarization required.

Recommended Time for Gathering Signatures:
<p>Constitutional – Twenty to Twenty-Eight Weeks</p> <p>Statutory – Sixteen to Twenty-Four Weeks</p>

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Filing:

Application and draft ballot title submitted to SOS. After qualification, the Board of Elections writes ballot title and summary. **Time frame: Begins on Filing**

Recommended Time for Gathering Signatures:

Constitutional – Eight to Fifteen Weeks

Statutory – Six to Twelve Weeks

Signature Requirements:

Constitutional – 90,704 (10% of the 907,033 votes cast in 2022 governor’s election)

Statutory – 75,563 (8% of the 907,033 votes cast in 2022 governor’s election)

Referendum – 54,422 (6% of the 907,033 votes cast in 2022 governor’s election)

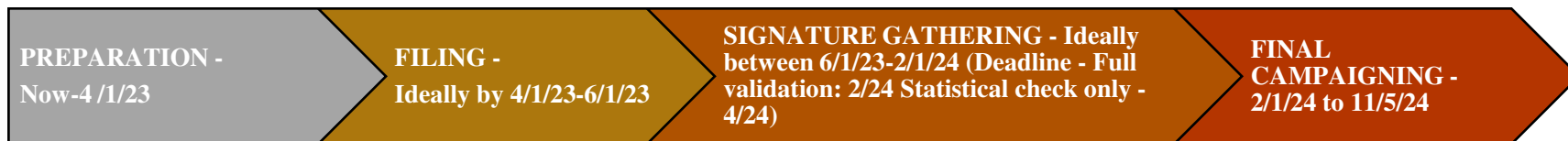
State Laws Specific to Arkansas:

- Pay per sig ban.
- Circulator registration; no badging requirements.
- Circulators must be residents of Arkansas.

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Filing:

Submission and title review process: Application; 30-day public comment period; fiscal review; DOJ summary. Time Frame: 2-3 months.

Recommended Time for Gathering Signatures:

Constitutional – Twenty-Four Weeks

Statutory – Twenty-Four Weeks

Signature Requirements:

Constitutional – 874,641 (8% of the 10,933,009 votes cast in 2022 governor’s election)

Statutory – 546,651 (5% of the 10,933,009 votes cast in 2022 governor’s election)

Referendum – 546,651 (5% of the 10,933,009 votes cast in 2022 governor’s election)

State Laws Specific to California:

- No pay per sig ban.
- No circulator registration or badging requirements, but paid circulators must identify themselves on request.
- No residency requirement.
- Proponents have 180 days to gather the signatures and they must be verified 131 days prior to the election ballot they wish to appear on.

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Signature Requirements:

Constitutional - 121,238 (5% of the 2,484,758 votes cast in 2022 secretary of state election)

Statutory – 121,238 (5% of the 2,484,758 votes cast in 2022 secretary of state election)

Referendum - 121,238 (5% of the 2,484,758 votes cast in 2022 secretary of state election)

Diversity - Only for constitutional initiatives. There must be at least 2% from each of the 35 state senate districts.

Filing:

Submission and title review process: Application; legislative counsel review, public hearing, and comment; DOJ, SOS & legislative counsel jointly draft title and summary; fiscal review. Time Frame: 2-3 months.

State Laws Specific to Colorado:

- No pay per sig ban (prior ban overturned);
- Badging & registration required; contracting entities also have to register;
- Circulators must be 18, us citizens and Colorado residents (unclear if residency requirement challenged).

Recommended Time for Gathering Signatures:

Constitutional – Twelve Weeks

Statutory – Twelve Weeks

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Filing:

Application, petitioners write title & summary; SOS reviews; circulation begins; once petitioners submit 25% of the needed signatures, DOJ petitions Supreme Court for opinion on title and summary; fiscal review follows. Time Frame: Less than one month.

Recommended Time for Gathering Signatures:

Constitutional – Twenty to Twenty-Eight Weeks

Signature Requirements:

Constitutional – 885,39 (8% of the 11,067,456 votes cast in the 2020 presidential election)

Diversity - Must have 8% from 14 of the 27 congressional districts.

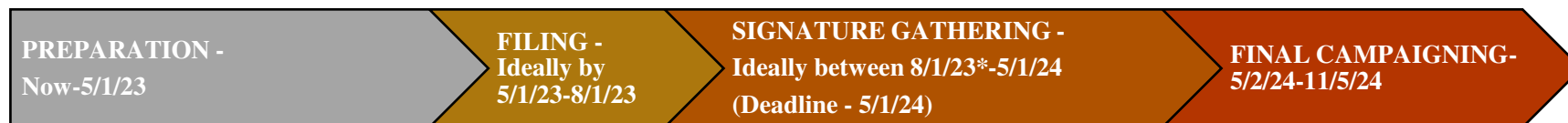
State Laws Specific to Florida:

- Pay per sig ban; circulators must register.
- No badging requirements; no residency requirements.

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Filing:

Application (& 20 sigs); DOJ review; DOJ writes titles; fiscal review. Time Frame: 2 to 3 months.

Recommended Time for Gathering Signatures:

Statutory – Twelve to Twenty Weeks

****In Consideration of Weather****

Signature Requirements:

Statutory – 60,371 (6% of the 1,006,180 registered voters in the 2022 election)

Referendum – 60,371 (6% of the 1,006,180 registered voters in the 2022 election)

Diversity: Idaho’s 6% requirement applies to each of its 35 legislative districts separately.

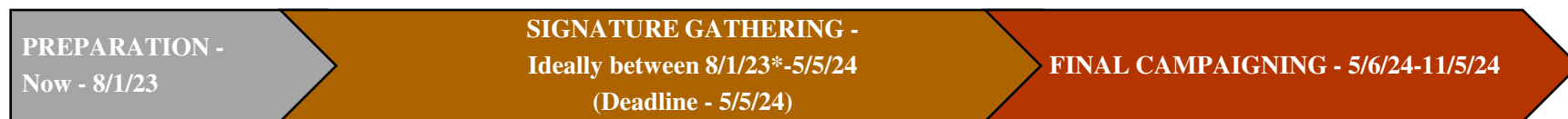
State Laws Specific to Idaho:

- No pay per sig ban (former ban struck down).
- No badging or circulator registration requirement.
- Circulators must be Idaho residents (unclear if challenged in court).

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Filing:

Illinois is unique in that there is no application process at all. Signatures are simply turned in when the drive is complete. Petitioners are required to submit a ballot explanation and argument during the petitioning process.

Recommended Time for Gathering Signatures:

Constitutional – Twenty to Twenty-Eight Weeks

****In Consideration of Weather****

Signature Requirements:

Constitutional – 317,607 (8% of the 3,970,079 votes cast in 2022 governor’s election)

State Laws Specific to Illinois:

- No Pay Per Sig Ban (Former Ban Struck Down)
- No Badging or Circulator Registration Requirement
- No Residency Requirements
- Notarization Is Required. (Note: Illinois Requires That All Petitions Be Bound Together as A Part of The Submission Process.)

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Filing:

Application (& 6 sigs); SOS & Leg Couns review; Leg Couns provides summary; fiscal review. Time Frame: 2 to 3 months.

Recommended Time for Gathering Signatures:

Statutory – Seven to Nine Weeks

Signature Requirements:

Statutory – 68,091 (10% of the 680,909 votes cast 2022 governor’s election)

Referendum – 68,091 (10% of the 680,909 votes cast 2022 governor’s election)

State Laws Specific to Maine:

- No pay per sig ban (former ban struck down)
- No circulator badging or registration requirement; notarization is required
- Currently no effective residency requirement (requirement that circulators be registered voters had been preliminarily enjoined by the federal court BUT the situation should be monitored for further developments).
- Allows signatures to be gathered election day within polling centers.
- Any ballot measure that doesn’t have the required number of signatures by the 1/28/24 will appear on the 2026 ballot.
- Proponents have 18 months to gather signatures.

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Signature Requirements:

Constitutional – 74,480 (3% of the 2,482,646 votes cast in 2022 governor’s election)

Statutory - 86,893 (3.5% of the 2,482,646 votes cast in 2022 governor's election, two round process, 74,840 in the first round, 12,413 in the second)

Referendum – 37,2340/49,653 (1.5%/2.0% of the 2,482,646 votes cast in the 2022 governor’s election) (If suspension of law before the vote is requested)

Diversity - No more than one quarter of the signatures may come from any one county.

Filing:

Application (& 10 sigs); DOJ review; SOS writes summary with DOJ approval and issues petition forms; no fiscal review. Time Frame: 2 to 3 months.

State Laws Specific to Massachusetts:

- No pay per sig ban.
- No circulator badging or registration requirement.
- No residency requirement.
- For statutory initiatives, the measure is submitted to the legislature. If the legislature does not enact the measure by May 1, 2024, you have until July 1, 2024 to gather another 12,413 valid signatures (0.5% of the last vote). That would qualify it for the 2024 ballot.

Recommended Time for Gathering Signatures:

Constitutional – Seven to Nine Weeks

Statutory – Seven to Eight Weeks

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Filing:

Application; optional review of forms by Board of State Canvassers; no fiscal review. Time Frame: Possibly immediate, but recommended review by BSC takes about a month.

Recommended Time for Gathering Signatures:

Constitutional – Sixteen Weeks
 Statutory – Ten to Twelve Weeks

Signature Requirements:

Constitutional – 446,198 (10% of the 4,461,972 votes cast in 2022 governor’s election)
 Statutory – 356,958 (8% of the 4,461,972 votes cast in 2022 governor’s election)
 Referendum – 223,099 (5% of the 4,461,972 votes cast in 2022 governor’s election)

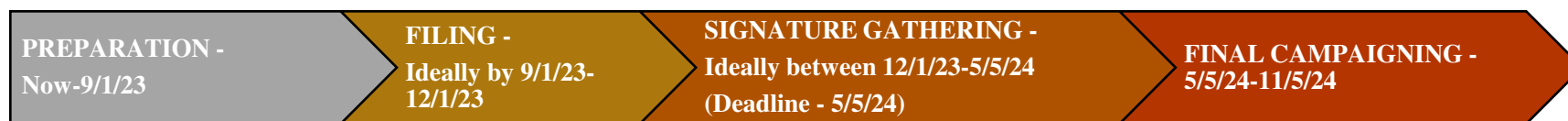
State Laws Specific to Michigan:

- No pay per sig ban; no registration requirement
- Badging requirement currently unconstitutional per AG opinion (subject to court challenge, though none appears to have been filed)
- No residency requirement
- Signatures older than 180 days are not valid, meaning that there is effectively a 180-day rolling window for signature gathering.

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Filing:

Application; DOJ & SOS review of forms; SOS writes ballot title and summary, DOJ reviews; fiscal review. Time Frame: 2 to 3 months.

Recommended Time for Gathering Signatures:

Constitutional – Twenty to Twenty-Eight Weeks
 Statutory – Twenty to Twenty-Eight Weeks

Signature Requirements:

Constitutional – 8% in six congressional districts (theoretically 171,592 sigs)
 Statutory – 5% in six congressional districts (theoretically 107,246 sigs)
 Referendum – 5% in six congressional districts (theoretically 107,246 sigs)
 Diversity - Missouri is unusual in that it does not have a minimum number of overall signatures. To qualify, petitioners must get the qualifying number of signatures (either 5% or 8%) of the number of votes cast in the most recent governor’s election in six of Missouri’s eight US congressional districts.

State Laws Specific to Missouri:

- No pay per sig ban; circulator registration requirement
- No badging requirement; no residency requirement
- Notarization required.

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Signature Requirements:
<p>Constitutional - 60,359 (10% of the 603,587 votes cast in 2022 governor’s election)</p> <p>Statutory – 30,180 (5% of the 603,587 votes cast in 2022 governor’s election)</p> <p>Referendum – 30,180 (5% of the 603,587 votes cast in 2022 governor’s election)</p> <p>Diversity: For constitutional amendments, there must be 10% from 40 of the state’s 100 legislative districts. For statutory initiatives, there must be 5% from 34 of the state’s 100 legislative districts.</p>

Filing:
<p>Application; legislative counsel review; DOJ review & fiscal review; endorsement vote by legislative committee; SOS writes explanatory statement. Time Frame: 2 to 3 months.</p>

State Laws Specific to Montana:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pay per sig ban • Circulator registration; no badging requirements • Circulators must be residents of Montana (no known court challenge)

Recommended Time for Gathering Signatures:
<p>Constitutional – Twelve to Fourteen Weeks</p> <p>Statutory – Twelve to Fourteen Weeks</p>

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Signature Requirements:

Constitutional – Approximately 125,000 (10% of registered voters on day of submission)

Statutory – Approximately 87,500 (7% of registered voters on day of submission)

Referendum - Approximately 62,500/125,000 (to suspend law pending vote) (5%/10% of registered voters on day of submission)

Diversity - 5% from 38 of the state's 93 counties. (Note: This requirement was held unconstitutional by a federal district court, but the case was thrown out on appeal on an unrelated basis.)

Filing:

Application & summary by petitioner; legislative counsel review.
Time Frame: 2-3 months.

State Laws Specific to Nebraska:

- Circulators must be 18.
- No pay per sig ban
- No registration requirement; badging required
- No residency requirement. **Per the Secretary of State, a circulator must read the object statement (summary) aloud to every signer.** (This is legally questionable but has not been challenged in court.) **Notarization is required.**

Recommended Time for Gathering Signatures:

Constitutional – Ten to Fifteen Weeks

Statutory – Nine to Thirteen Weeks

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Signature Requirements:

Constitutional – 102,362 (10% of the 1,023,617 votes cast in 2022 general election)

Statutory – 102,362 (10% of the 1,023,617 votes cast in 2022 general election)

Referendum – 102,362 (10% of the 1,023,617 votes cast in 2022 general election)

Diversity: A quarter of the qualifying signatures must come from each of the state’s 4 congressional districts.

Estimated Cost:

Application & summary by petitioner; legislative counsel review; fiscal review. Time Frame: 2-3 months. Upon completion of process, but the initial filing cannot be made before September 1, 2023 for constitutional amendments or January 1, 2024 for statutory initiatives.

State Laws Specific to Nevada:

- No pay per sig ban
- No registration or badging requirements
- No residency requirement
- Circulators must be 18. For statutory initiatives deadline is November 12, 2024. **Note** that the statutory initiative is indirect in Nevada, so all statutory initiatives would go to the 2025 legislative session and appear at the 2026 election. **All deadlines are absolute.**

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Statutory – Twelve to Fourteen Weeks

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Signature Requirements:
<p>Constitutional – 31,164 (4% of the 779,094 residents in the 2020 census)</p> <p>Statutory – 15,582 (2% of the 779,094 residents in the 2020 census)</p> <p>Referendum – 15,582 (2% of the 779,094 residents in the 2020 census)</p>

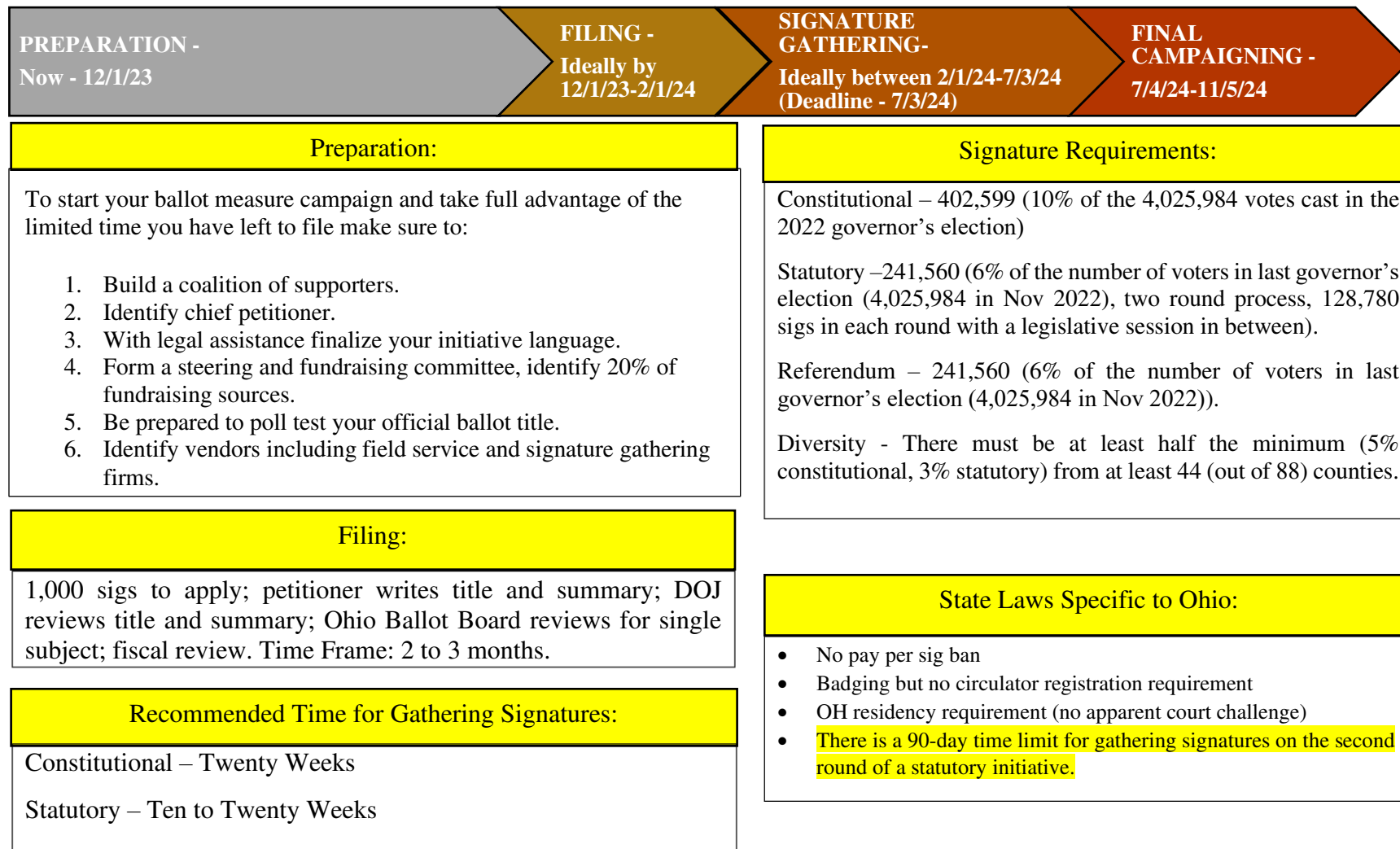
Filing
<p>Application, SOS review, DOJ title and summary. Time Frame: 2 to 3 months.</p>

State Laws Specific to North Dakota:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pay per sig ban • Circulator registration requirement • No badging requirement • Circulators must be ND residents and eligible to vote (upheld on court challenge). • NOTE: North Dakota does not have voter registration. Therefore, validation is extremely tricky.

Recommended Time for Gathering Signatures:
<p>Constitutional –Seven to Eight Weeks</p> <p>Statutory –Seven to Eight Weeks</p>

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Filing:
<p>Application: petitioners write title and summary; SOS review DOJ review; publication of notice; fiscal review. Time Frame: 1 to 4 months. Start Date: 15 to 30 days after completion of process.</p>

Recommended Time for Gathering Signatures:
<p>Constitutional – 90 Days Statutory – 90 Days</p>

Signature Requirements:
<p>Constitutional – 172,993 (15% of the 1,153,284 votes cast in the 2022 governor’s election)</p> <p>Statutory – 92,263 (8% of the 1,153,284 votes cast in the 2022 governor’s election)</p> <p>Referendum – 57,665 (5% of the 1,153,284 votes cast in the 2022 governor’s election)</p>

State Laws Specific to Oklahoma:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No pay per sig ban • No registration or badging requirement • No residency requirement (residency requirement struck down in 2008) • Notarization required.

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TRAILBLAZING CANVASSERS RECOMMENDED TIMELINE – OREGON:



Preparation:

To start your ballot measure campaign and take full advantage of the limited time you have left to file make sure to:

1. Build a coalition of supporters.
2. Identify chief petitioner.
3. With legal assistance finalize your initiative language.
4. Form a steering and fundraising committee, identify 20% of fundraising sources.
5. Be prepared to poll test your official ballot title.
6. Identify vendors including field service and signature gathering firms.

Filing:

File prospective petition; SOS reviews forms (3 days); gather 1,000 sponsorship signatures; SOS validates (10 days or 20 days if full review required); DOJ drafts ballot title and summary (5 days); public comment period (10 days); DOJ review of comment period (10 days); any voter may file procedural challenges in Marion County Circuit Court (rare); any voter may file substantive challenges to the ballot title in Oregon Supreme Court (more common); SOS approves templates Time Frame: 2 to 3 months.

Recommended Time for Gathering Signatures:

Constitutional – Eighteen to Twenty Weeks

Statutory – Eighteen to Twenty Weeks

Signature Requirements:

Constitutional –156,149 (8% of the 1,951,873 votes cast in the 2022 governor’s election)

Statutory – 117,113 (6% of the 1,951,873 votes cast in the 2022 governor’s election)

Referendum –78,075 (4% of the 1,951,873 votes cast in the 2022 governor’s election)

State Laws Specific to Oregon:

- Strong pay per sig ban
- No out of state ban
- Registration and badging requirements
- Monthly submission of signatures & payroll records

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Preparation:

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2. Identify chief petitioner.
3. With legal assistance finalize your initiative language.
4. Form a steering and fundraising committee, identify 20% of fundraising sources.
5. Be prepared to poll test your official ballot title.
6. Identify vendors including field service and signature gathering firms.

Filing:

Submission and title review process: Leg Counsel preliminary review & suggestions; DOJ writes ballot title & summary; fiscal review; legal challenges. Time Frame: 2 to 3 months.

Recommended Time for Gathering Signatures:

Constitutional – Twelve to Sixteen Weeks
 Statutory –Twelve to Sixteen Weeks

Signature Requirements:

Constitutional – 35,017 (10% of the 350,166 votes cast in the 2022 governor’s election)

Statutory – 17,509 (5% of the 350,166 votes cast in the 2022 governor’s election)

Referendum – 17,509 (5% of the 350,166 votes cast in the 2022 governor’s election)

State Laws Specific to South Dakota:

- Pay per sig ban
- Circulator registration & badging requirements
- No registered sex offenders
- Requirement that circulator be a registered South Dakota voter is under preliminary injunction from federal court, litigation ongoing, follow up as necessary.

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TRAILBLAZING CANVASSERS RECOMMENDED TIMELINE – UTAH:



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3. With legal assistance finalize your initiative language.
4. Form a steering and fundraising committee, identify 20% of fundraising sources.
5. Be prepared to poll test your official ballot title.
6. Identify vendors including field service and signature gathering firms.

Filing:

Application: review by Lt Gov (who is de facto SOS in Utah); public hearings; fiscal review. Time Frame: 2 to 3 months.

Recommended Time for Gathering Signatures:

Statutory – Twenty-Four Weeks

****In Consideration of Weather****

Signature Requirements:

Statutory –135,360 (8% of the 1,692,000 registered voters as of 1/1/23)

Referendum – 135,360 (8% of the 1,692,000 registered voters as of 1/1/23)

Diversity - For statutory, at least 8% from 26 of the state’s 29 state senate districts. Referral requires only 8% of 15 districts.

State Laws Specific to Utah:

- No pay per sig; registration and badging requirements
- Circulators must be residents of Utah (appears not to be the subject of legal challenge)
- Rolling monthly interim signature submission requirements.

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TRAILBLAZING CANVASSERS RECOMMENDED TIMELINE – WASHINGTON:



Preparation:

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1. Build a coalition of supporters.
2. Identify chief petitioner.
3. With legal assistance finalize your initiative language.
4. Form a steering and fundraising committee, identify 20% of fundraising sources.
5. Be prepared to poll test your official ballot title.
6. Identify vendors including field service and signature gathering firms.

Signature Requirements:

Statutory – 324,517 (8% of the 4,056,454 votes cast in the 2022 governor’s election)

Referendum – 162,259 (4% of the 4,056,454 votes cast in the 2022 governor’s election)

State Laws Specific to Washington:

- No pay per sig ban
- No badging/registration and no residency requirement.

Filing:

Submission and title review process: Initial filing; review by office of code reviser (leg counsel); DOJ title and summary. Time Frame: 1 to 2 months.

Recommended Time for Gathering Signatures:

Statutory – Twenty to Twenty-Four Weeks

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TRAILBLAZING CANVASSERS RECOMMENDED TIMELINE – WASHINGTON D.C.:



Preparation:

To start your ballot measure campaign and take full advantage of the limited time you have left to file make sure to:

1. Build a coalition of supporters.
2. Identify chief petitioner.
3. With legal assistance finalize your initiative language.
4. Form a steering and fundraising committee, identify 20% of fundraising sources.
5. Be prepared to poll test your official ballot title.
6. Identify vendors including field service and signature gathering firms.

Signature Requirements:

Statutory – Approximately 25,700 (5% of registered voters)

Referendum – Approximately 25,700 (5% of registered voters)

Diversity - Must have 5% of registered voters from 5 of the 8 electoral wards.

State Laws Specific to Washington D.C.:

- Non-resident circulators must register (per regulation). There do not appear to be any other restrictions on circulators.

Filing:

Application; Board of Elections review; BOE drafts title and summary; public hearings; title challenge period. Time Frame: 2 to 3 months.

Recommended Time for Gathering Signatures:

Statutory – Eight Weeks

Referendum – Eight Weeks

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TRAILBLAZING CANVASSERS RECOMMENDED TIMELINE – WYOMING:



Preparation:

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1. Build a coalition of supporters.
2. Identify chief petitioner.
3. With legal assistance finalize your initiative language.
4. Form a steering and fundraising committee, identify 20% of fundraising sources.
5. Be prepared to poll test your official ballot title.
6. Identify vendors including field service and signature gathering firms.

Filing:

Application, \$500 fee; review by multiple agencies; fiscal review; SOS title and summary. Time Frame: 2-3 months.

Recommended Time for Gathering Signatures:

Statutory –Sixteen to Twenty-four Weeks

Signature Requirements:

Statutory - 15% or 29,730 of the number of votes cast in last general election (198,198 in Nov 2022)

Referendum – 15% or 29,730 of the number of votes cast in last general election (198,198 in Nov 2022)

Diversity - 15% of 16 out of the state’s 23 counties.

State Laws Specific to Wyoming:

- Pay per sig allowed; badging and registration required
- No residency requirements, but circulators must be U.S. citizens.
- Note: Relatively low turnout in the 2022 general election means that the number of required signatures is lower than it has been for several years.
- Any ballot measure that doesn’t have the required number of signatures by the 2/12/24 will appear on the 2026 ballot.
- Proponents have 18 months to gather signatures.

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