

# Initiative 62

Should the current State Flag be adopted by Constitutional Amendment?



# MISSISSIPPI

Initiative Handbook  
by  
Mississippi Division SCV Heritage Defense Committee

## THE PETITION

Initiative Measure No. 62 proposes to amend the Mississippi Constitution to establish the 1894 flag as the ONE Official State Flag for the State of Mississippi, and require that the flag be flown at the principal installations of all State supported institutions, State agencies and political subdivisions.

- This is an official form please keep clean of debris and liquids

## PHOTO COPIES

- You can make copies of the petition form; HOWEVER, it must be copied in 8.5 X 14 size, front and back. If you copy it to 8.5 X 11, the entire form will be rejected.
- Signatures cannot be submitted as a photo copy, must be original

## CIRCULATION OF PETITIONS

- Anyone can collect signatures for this petition, please properly train them on all details of this handbook or give a copy of handbook and ask them to review it.
- Ask persons collecting signatures for you to return completed forms to you (or County Captain if that is someone other than yourself) so they can be submitted for certification.
- MUST BE CERTIFIED before submitting to the address on the back of the petition.

## COLLECTION OF PETITIONS

- Designate a drop off location for petitions or ask those helping you to call when ready for pick up.
- Be sure to inform anyone you give a form to that they return it to you for certification, DO NOT send to address on back of petition until it has been certified with local Circuit Clerk.

## FILLING OUT PETITION

- Always use **BLUE INK**
- **PRINT LEGIBLE**, this is VERY important in obtaining certification
- **ONE COUNTY PER SHEET** - If signed wrong county, ask to resign correct county sheet
- **PRINT** all information except Signature – Legibility is very important for certification.
- You can fill out all information except Signature, the **VOTER** is required to **SIGN**
- Only 1 signature per voter is valid and **MUST** match what is on voter rolls.
- Use **NAME** and **ADDRESS** exactly as voter registered, even if recently moved
- Address **MUST** include **CITY / TOWN NAME**
- Voter have a VoterID card? If YES, use it to fill out petition with accurate info
- Registered to vote? If NO, see **Voter Registration** section
- Voted recently? If NO, see **Voter Registration** section
- **PRECINCT & CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**: In most cases this is never needed, ask your Circuit Clerk when submitting your first copy just in case they want it on there. If they do then you can ask for their help to obtain the information for each entry.
- **DO NOT DATE** bottom of form until you turn in for Certification. This date cannot be before any other date on the form or that signature will be invalid.
- **"CERTIFICATE OF PETITION CIRCULATOR"**: The person that signs the petition as the circulator **MUST** be a registered voter of Mississippi. Does not have to be voter of county petition is submitted to.

## VOTER REGISTRATION

- Anyone signing petition must be registered to vote, please do not date signature as the date must come after the person is registered to vote.
- Voter Registration forms can be obtained from Circuit Clerks office.
- Have person fill out a voter registration for their current address and give the registration back to you so you can turn submit it to the circuit clerk if in your county, otherwise ask the person to turn it in to the circuit clerk of their county as soon as possible.
- Hold the petition with this signature for at least 2 weeks before submitting for certification. This will allow the voter registration to be entered by the clerk.

## CERTIFICATION

- It is preferred that a County Captain handle certification, unless there is no CC for your County. If you wish to serve as CC where one is not already listed, please contact us.
- Review each form before submitting to Circuit Clerk, ensure the following
  - Every entry is dated.
  - Circulator information at bottom is completely filled out.
- Submit petitions with a cover sheet that indicates the following (can be hand written)
  - Your name, phone number and address
  - Total number of sheets submitted for certification
  - Total number of signatures submitted for certification
  - Your signature and date
  - Signature and date from person receiving
- Take a photo of cover sheet then give it to circuit clerk representative.
- Ask to be called when completed or return in 1 week to check on status.
- When picking up certified petitions you should also get an official Certification letter for those petitions. Keep this certification with those petitions.
- Mail petitions with certification to the clearing house (address on the back of the petition).

## UPDATING STATE SUMMARY

- For the purpose of tracking the state-wide progress, send weekly updates of your progress to [SaveTheFlagMS@gmail.com](mailto:SaveTheFlagMS@gmail.com). A state summary based on these numbers from all County Captains will be presented to the HDC on a weekly basis and used to help determine progress and needs throughout the campaign.
- Submit the following per county you have
  - Signatures on hand (not certified)
  - Signatures on hand (certified)
  - Signatures at Clerk's office
  - Note number of certified signatures you have mailed within past 5 days

## QUESTIONS?

- Send any questions or suggestions for this handbook to [SaveTheFlagMS@gmail.com](mailto:SaveTheFlagMS@gmail.com)