

Class 3: Candidates and Issues

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Wayne County Board of Elections

Metzler Room

Notes are included beneath each slide.

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Candidates & Issues

or *“How did that get on my ballot?”*

WAYNE COUNTY VOTER ACADEMY

Wayne County Voter Academy

- Introductions
- Expectations
 - About an hour
 - Detailed Information
 - Links and resources in your handouts
- 3x5 cards for questions – will email Q&As
 - Please limit questions to the topic of tonight’s class. You may call or email with any other questions you have.

Broadly:

Candidates
Questions and Issues
Petition Verification
Campaign Finance Overview
Resources for Campaigns



What are the rules?

Welcome to Law School

Many Federal and State Laws



Federal Laws

- ▶ U.S. Constitution
 - ▶ Articles 1 & 2
 - ▶ 10th 12th 17th 20th 22nd & 23rd Amendments
- ▶ Federal Election Campaign Act (FECA)
- ▶ Many others

Federal Laws

Hundreds of Federal Laws are relevant to Federal candidates

Some of the major laws:

- U.S. Constitution
 - Article 1 – *Legislative Branch*
 - Article 2 – *Executive Branch*
 - 10th Amendment – *Rights reserved to the States and to the People*
 - 12th Amendment – *Election of President*
 - 17th Amendment – *Popular Election of Senators*
 - 20th Amendment – *Presidential Term*
 - 22nd Amendment – *Presidential Term Limits*
 - 23rd Amendment – *Presidential Electors*
- Federal Election Campaign Act (FECA) – *Established the FEC and federal campaign reporting requirements*
- Many others
- *This is not a complete list – please consult the resource listed later in this program, particularly if you are considering running for federal office.*



State Laws

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Here are just a few references:

- ▶ Ohio Constitution
- ▶ Ohio Revised Code
 - ▶ Petitions: Chapter 3501
 - ▶ Liquor Laws: Title 43
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 - ▶ Municipal Offices: Title 7

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Ohio SOS Provided Resource Guides



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Ohio Secretary of State Provided Resource Guides

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- Resources
- Where do they file?
- When do they file?
- What are the requirements?
- Candidate Petitions, Generally
- Other Requirements

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- ▶ Court of Common Pleas Judge
- ▶ County Court Judge
- ▶ Clerk of Courts
- ▶ County Offices (Commissioner, Coroner, Engineer, Prosecuting Attorney, Recorder, Sheriff, and Treasurer)
- ▶ Municipal Court Judge*
- ▶ Municipal Offices in Villages and Cities*
- ▶ Township Offices*

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- ▶ **Prosecuting Attorney:** Must be an attorney-at-law, licensed to practice in Ohio.
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- ▶ Carefully complete all required fields on the petition before obtaining signatures.
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- ▶ Petition signers must be registered voters in the district/jurisdiction of the office sought, and currently reside at the address of their voter registration.

Form No. 3-A Prescribed by Secretary of State (06/10)

NOMINATING PETITION AND STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

To be filed with the office of the Secretary of State not more than 90 days before the general election. Revised Code 3501.

NOTE – THE CANDIDATE MUST FILL IN SIG. BEFORE PETITION.

STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY FOR PRESIDENT

I, Charles E. Earl, hereby declare under penalty of perjury that I am a natural-born citizen of the United States and, therefore, eligible to be elected President of the United States.

election fabrication, that my residence address is 10232 Middletown Pike (Street and Number, if any, or Rural Route and Number) OH 43102 (City or Village) (State) (Zip Code)

I further declare that I desire to be a candidate for election to the office of President of the United States at the general election to be held on the 8th day of November, 2016.

I further declare that I shall be at least thirty-five years old, and shall have resided for at least fourteen years within the United States by the 20th day of January after such election. I am a natural-born citizen of the United States.

Dated this 26th day of March, 2016. Charles E. Earl (Signature of Candidate)

STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY FOR VICE-PRESIDENT

I, Kenneth C. Moellman, Jr., the undersigned, hereby declare under penalty of perjury that I am a natural-born citizen of the United States and, therefore, eligible to be elected Vice President of the United States.

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Dated this 28th day of March, 2016. Kenneth C. Moellman, Jr. (Signature of Candidate)

WHOEVER COMMITS ELECTION FALSIFICATION IS GUILTY OF A FELONY OF THE FIFTH DEGREE.

We hereby designate the persons named below as a committee to represent us:

NAME	RESIDENCE
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Scott Pettigrew	6035 Driftwood Ct., Maineville, OH 45039
Kevin Rowler	628 Home Rd., Delaware, OH 43015
M. Ann Leach	415 Pinebluff Dr., Loveland, OH 45040
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NOMINATING PETITION

We the undersigned, qualified electors of the State of Ohio, whose voting residence is in the county, city, village, or township set opposite our names, hereby nominate Charles E. Earl as a candidate for election to the office of President of the United States and Kenneth C. Moellman, Jr. as a candidate for election to the office of Vice President of the United States to be voted for at the next general election, and certify and persons are, in our opinion, well qualified to perform the duties of the office or position to which they jointly desire to be elected.

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- Where are they filed?
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- How to File

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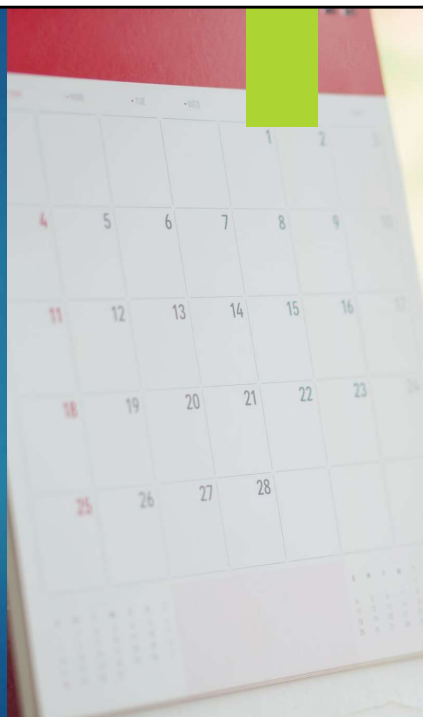


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The Most Recent Statewide Petition

- Constitutional Amendment – Redistricting Reform
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 - 811 part-petitions
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Petition Verification

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In this section, we'll cover:

- Petitions, Generally
- The Petition Process
 - Filing
 - Verification
 - Certification
- Signature Verification

Petition Verification: Generally

- ▶ Petitions are always verified by the Board of Elections in the county where the signatures were collected.
- ▶ Petitions for entities that span multiple counties are filed with the Board of Elections in the most populous county (except for statewide petitions which are always filed with the Secretary of State).
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Petition Verification: The Process



Step One

Filing the
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Step Two

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Step Three

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Petition Verification: The Process

For this class, we will examine the petition verification process in three steps:

- Filing the petition
- Verifying the petition
- Certifying the petition

Step One: Filing the Petition




- ▶ Petitions must be filed with the appropriate most populous Board of Elections (or the SOS for statewide petitions).
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In this section we'll discuss:

- Qualifications of petition signers
- Signature requirements
- Address requirements
- Other factors for signers
- Some examples of signatures

Qualifications of Petition Signers

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In the next few slides, we'll look at some petition signatures and compare them to the voters' signatures on file. We'll discuss whether or not the signatures match and if they were accepted or rejected.

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Signature Examples

You make the call...

Signature on Petition

Bry Bell

Signature on File

Bryon m. Bell

This signature was accepted. The shape and slope of the letters are similar, and there was no doubt that both signatures were signed by the same hand. The shortening of "Bryon" to "Bry" and the omission of the middle initial are not cause to reject the signature.

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While neither of these signatures are the voters full name – or even really readable – they are a very close match. This signature was accepted.

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Cindy Cline

Signature on File

Cynthia D. Cline

While shortening “Cynthia” to “Cindy” and omitting the middle initial would otherwise be acceptable, this signature is not. The voter printed their signature on the petition, while having a written signature on file. This signature was rejected.

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These signatures clearly do not match, therefore the signature was rejected. Because we recognize that our signatures can change over time due to age, injury, or illness, we sent this voter a form that allows them to update their signature on file. Completing this form wouldn't allow this signature to be validated retroactively, but it would ensure the voter didn't run into problems when voting or on future petitions. Voters can update their signature at any time by completing a Signature Update (SOS Form 260).

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Campaign Finance

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- Campaign finance could be a class of its own, and we're only going to cover it briefly tonight. Anyone considering running for office or forming a campaign finance committee is encouraged to consult the **Ohio Campaign Finance Handbook** and reach out to us for more information.




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A stack of coins, likely quarters, is shown on a document with some text and a line graph. The coins are in the foreground, slightly out of focus, while the document is in the background.

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- As local election officials, our role is to facilitate free, fair, safe, and accurate elections in Wayne County in accordance with state and federal law.
- While some have expressed concerns and ideas for changes to law on all sides of election issues, our role is to administer elections within the context of current law.
- This is a task we take very seriously in Wayne County, and our dedicated board and staff will continue to protect the democratic process in Wayne County by following the standards set in state and federal law.
- The best way to learn about the election process is to serve as a poll worker.
 - We're always looking for new poll workers.
 - Must be 17 years or older.
 - Paid position starting at \$132 per election.
 - Meredith and Kim have Poll Worker interest cards if you'd like more information.
- Please remember to write down any questions you may have about tonight's material on the provided 3x5 cards and leave them at the table as you leave. We'll email you questions and answers in the next week or so.

- I look forward to seeing many of you at the next session, “Absentee and Provisional Voting” on August 20th.



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