

SENATE BILL NO. 1003

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR KOENIG.

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KRISTINA MARTIN, Secretary

AN ACT

To repeal section 116.080, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to petition circulators, with penalty provisions.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 116.080, RSMo, is repealed and one new
2 section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 116.080,
3 to read as follows:

116.080. 1. Each petition circulator shall be at
2 least eighteen years of age, **a citizen of the United States,**
3 and registered with the secretary of state. **Petition**
4 **circulators shall register with the secretary of state for**
5 **each election cycle during which the person circulates**
6 **petitions. For purposes of this section, an election cycle**
7 **begins on the day after a general election and ends on the**
8 **day of the succeeding general election. No petition**
9 **circulator shall be paid anything of value that is based**
10 **upon the number of signatures collected. Signatures**
11 collected by any circulator who has not registered with the
12 secretary of state pursuant to this chapter on or before
13 5:00 p.m. on the final day for filing petitions with the
14 secretary of state shall not be counted. A petition
15 circulator shall be deemed registered at the time such
16 circulator delivers a signed circulator's affidavit pursuant
17 to section 116.030, with respect to a referendum petition,
18 or section 116.040, with respect to an initiative petition,

19 to the office of the secretary of state. No person shall
20 qualify as a petition circulator who has been convicted of,
21 found guilty of, or pled guilty to an offense involving
22 forgery under the laws of this state or an offense under the
23 laws of any other jurisdiction if that offense would be
24 considered forgery under the laws of this state.

25 2. Each petition circulator shall subscribe and swear
26 to the proper affidavit on each petition page such
27 circulator submits before a notary public commissioned in
28 Missouri. When notarizing a circulator's signature, a
29 notary public shall sign his or her official signature and
30 affix his or her official seal to the affidavit only if the
31 circulator personally appears before the notary and
32 subscribes and swears to the affidavit in his or her
33 presence.

34 3. Any circulator who falsely swears to a circulator's
35 affidavit knowing it to be false is guilty of a class A
36 misdemeanor punishable, notwithstanding the provisions of
37 section 560.021 to the contrary, for a term of imprisonment
38 not to exceed one year in the county jail or a fine not to
39 exceed ten thousand dollars or both.

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