

PETITION PRE-CHECK NOTICE

What is a pre-check?

- The process consists of verifying the petition signature lines against our registration records.
 - We determine if:
 - the petition signer's registration address matches the address listed on the petition.
 - If the signer is in the district that the candidate is running in.
 - If the signer dated the signature line
 - If the signers signature matches the registration signature on file with the Board of Elections and an examination of the petition content.
 - Also, the candidate and circulator clauses are examined for accuracy.
- A pre-check is optional but is recommended.
- The **Original** petition must be presented.
- Submitting the petition for a pre-check as early as possible will give the candidate ample time to collect more signatures or recirculate a petition if needed.
- Each candidate will have one opportunity for a pre-check. It is recommended that you submit a minimum of twice the required amount.
- Once a petition is filed, no additional part-petitions can be accepted (exception is the City of Cleveland).

Once the process is complete

- A "Results of Candidate Petition Pre-Check" form will be provided to the candidate which includes: comments on the Statement of Candidacy, signature problems and the Circulator's Clause.
- The candidate or designated contact person will be notified by telephone.
- Please pick up the petition within three business days after notification that the petition is ready.
- Filing an accurate, completed petition is the candidate's responsibility.
- We advise the candidate to do a thorough examination of all part-petitions using the petition instructions that are distributed to you and your charter/Ohio Revised Code.

Additional information concerning this procedure may be obtained by contacting the Candidate & Petition Services Division at 216-443-3298.

2010 Pre-Check Deadlines

Petition Filing Deadline	Pre-Check Deadline
February 18, 2010	February 10, 2010
May 3, 2010	April 28, 2010
June 24, 2010	June 16, 2010
August 19, 2010	August 11, 2010
September 6, 2010	August 31, 2010

State and County Central Committee Members do not have a Pre-Check.
They may verify their petitions at the public access computers