

INSTRUCTIONS

- Print petition and have registered voters sign as indicated
- Mail completed petitions to:

Recall Amendment Drive
309 N Bellemeade Avenue
Knoxville, TN 37919

NOTE: This is an informal petition that will be presented to the County Commission in conjunction with the online petition found at www.recallamendment.com. These petitions will be presented at the November 19 General Session meeting. MAKE SURE THE VOTER HAS NOT SIGNED THE ONLINE PETITION AS WELL AS THE PAPER PETITION.

Petition to amend the charter of Knox County, Tennessee to include a Recall Provision

Pursuant to T.C.A. § 2-5-151 , we the undersigned registered voters of Knox County, Tennessee, hereby request that our elected officials of the Knox County Commission frame and propose the following amendment to the Charter of Knox County, Tennessee that will allow for a Recall Provision:

- (A) A petition may be circulated to recall an official from office. No such petition shall be circulated until after the official has served six (6) full months in office, nor if the official has less than six (6) months left on their term in office. The petition shall contain a general statement of the grounds upon which removal is sought and shall demand that an election of a successor be held. The petition shall be filed with the election commission, and notice shall be given of such filing by a publication thereof in a daily newspaper of general circulation on at least two (2) occasions. To be valid, the petition shall contain the signatures of qualified voters equal in number to at least fifteen (15) percent of the total number of registered Knox County voters, with said signatures collected within seventy-five (75) days of the Election Commission's certification of the petition. All signatures on the petition need not be appended to one (1) paper, but each signer shall add to the signature their name as registered to vote, the street address appearing on the signer's voter registration card, and the date on which the petition is signed.
- (B) Within fifteen (15) days of filing the completed petition, the election commission shall examine the petition and ascertain whether it is signed by the required number of qualified voters and shall attach to the petition their certificates showing the results of the examination. If the petition is found insufficient, it may be amended within ten (10) days from the date of the certificate. The election commission shall reexamine an amended petition within fifteen (15) days of resubmission and, if certified insufficient, the petition shall be returned to the person filing it.
- (C) If the commission certifies the petition to be sufficient, it shall at once fix a date for holding the election not less than forty-five (45) days nor more than sixty (60) days from the date of the certificate. The commission shall publish notice, make all other necessary arrangements, and pay the expenses for the election as it does for all other elections.
- (D) In a recall election, the following questions shall be presented to each qualified voter: "Shall _____ (name of officer) be recalled and removed from the office of _____ (name of office)?"
- "Yes _____ "
- "No _____ "
- (E) If a majority of the voters vote "no," the incumbent shall remain in office. If a majority of the voters vote "yes," the incumbent shall be deemed recalled and removed from office immediately upon certification of the election's results. In cases where the incumbent is recalled, a special election to fill the vacancy shall be held no less than forty-five (45) nor more than ninety (90) days after certification of recall by the election commission. In a special election to fill a recalled official, the candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected to fill the vacancy.
- (F) It is a Class A misdemeanor for any person, directly or indirectly, personally or through any other person:
- (1) By force or threats to prevent or endeavor to prevent any qualified voter from signing or promoting a petition for recall;
 - (2) To make use of any violence, force or restraint, or to inflict or threaten the infliction of any injury, damage, harm or loss; or
 - (3) In any manner to practice intimidation upon or against any person in order to induce or compel such person to sign or refrain from signing a petition for recall.

Signatures of Registered Voters of Knox County

(Cannot sign for another -- no ditto *.* marks) (Address as listed on voter registration -- No P.O. Boxes)

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Print Name _____
St. Address _____
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