

NEBRASKA SECRETARY OF STATE  
PETITION SPONSOR SWORN STATEMENT

Petition: Protect Nebraskans' Initiative & Referendum Powers

Sponsor 1:

Sponsor Name: JoVanora Galbreath (Jo Giles)  
Street Address: 15113 Laurel Avenue, Omaha, NE 68116

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Sponsor Name: Al Davis  
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Sponsor 3:

Sponsor Name: Dawn Essink  
Street Address: 5517 N. 151<sup>st</sup> St, Omaha, NE 68116

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COUNTY OF Lancaster )ss.  
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I hereby swear that this is a complete list containing the names of every person, corporation, or association sponsoring the aforementioned petition.

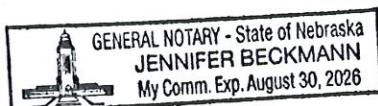
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name on this 20 day of November, 2025

SIGNATURE OF SPONSOR JoVanora Galbreath

Subscribed in my presence and sworn before me on this 20 day of November, 2025

By JoVanora G. Galbreath  
(Printed name of sponsor appearing before Notary)

(SEAL)



J. Beckmann  
Signature of Notary Public

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**Object Statement**

The object of this petition is to amend the Nebraska Constitution to protect the people's reserved initiative and referendum powers by requiring a four-fifths vote of the Legislature to change, impair, or repeal citizen-initiated laws or to pass new laws affecting the initiative and referendum process, and prohibiting all legislative enactments that condition, restrict, burden, or impair these reserved powers.

**Final language**

Article III, section 2 of the Nebraska Constitution shall be amended as shown:

The first power reserved by the people is the initiative whereby laws may be enacted and constitutional amendments adopted by the people independently of the Legislature. This power may be invoked by petition wherein the proposed measure shall be set forth at length. If the petition be for the enactment of a law, it shall be signed by seven percent of the registered voters of the state, and if the petition be for the amendment of the Constitution, the petition therefor shall be signed by ten percent of such registered voters. In all cases the registered voters signing such petition shall be so distributed as to include five percent of the registered voters of each of two-fifths of the counties of the state, and when thus signed, the petition shall be filed with the Secretary of State who shall submit the measure thus proposed to the electors of the state at the first general election held not less than four months after such petition shall have been filed. The same measure, either in form or in essential substance, shall not be submitted to the people by initiative petition, either affirmatively or negatively, more often than once in three years. If conflicting measures submitted to the people at the same election be approved, the one receiving the highest number of affirmative votes shall thereby become law as to all conflicting provisions. The constitutional limitations as to the scope and subject matter of statutes enacted by the Legislature shall apply to those enacted by the initiative. Initiative measures shall contain only one subject. The Legislature shall not amend, repeal, modify, or impair a law enacted by the people by initiative, contemporaneously with the adoption of ~~this initiative measure~~ Initiative Measure 418, adopted November 2, 2004, or at any time thereafter, except upon a vote of at least ~~two-thirds~~ four-fifths of all the members of the Legislature.

Article III, section 4 of the Nebraska Constitution shall be amended as shown:

The whole number of votes cast for Governor at the general election next preceding the filing of an initiative or referendum petition shall be the basis on which the number of signatures to such petition shall be computed. The veto power of the Governor shall not extend to measures initiated by or referred to the people. A measure initiated shall become a law or part of the Constitution, as the case may be, when a majority of the votes cast thereon, and not less than thirty-five per cent of the total vote cast at the election at which the same was submitted, are cast in favor thereof, and shall take effect upon proclamation by the Governor which shall be made within ten days after the official canvass of such votes. The vote upon initiative and referendum measures shall be returned and canvassed in the manner prescribed for the canvass of votes for president. The method of submitting and adopting amendments to the Constitution provided by this section shall be supplementary to the method prescribed in the article of this Constitution, entitled, "Amendments" and the latter shall in no case be construed to conflict herewith. The provisions with respect to the initiative and referendum shall be self-executing, but legislation may be enacted to facilitate and safeguard their operation: upon a vote of at least four-fifths of all the members of the Legislature, and only to advance a compelling state interest achieved by the least restrictive means. Such laws may include neutral, ministerial, and administrative laws necessary to facilitate the fair, orderly, and efficient administration of these powers, but no law shall be valid that conditions, restricts, burdens, or otherwise impairs the exercise

of these powers. All propositions submitted in pursuance hereof shall be submitted in a non-partisan manner and without any indication or suggestion on the ballot that they have been approved or endorsed by any political party or organization. Only the title or proper descriptive words of measures shall be printed on the ballot and when two or more measures have the same title they shall be numbered consecutively in the order of filing with the Secretary of State and the number shall be followed by the name of the first petitioner on the corresponding petition.

INITIATIVE PETITION

For Secretary of State Use Only

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The object of this petition is to: (See reverse side for actual text of measure)

Amend the Nebraska Constitution to protect the people’s reserved initiative and referendum powers by requiring a four-fifths vote of the Legislature to change, impair, or repeal citizen-initiated laws or to pass new laws affecting the initiative and referendum process, and prohibiting all legislative enactments that condition, restrict, burden, or impair these reserved powers.

To the Honorable Robert Evnen, Secretary of State for the State of Nebraska:

We, the undersigned residents of the State of Nebraska and the county of \_\_\_\_\_, respectfully demand that the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of Nebraska shall be referred to the registered voters of the state for their approval or rejection at the general election to be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November 2026, and each for himself or herself says: I have personally signed this petition on the date opposite my name; I am a registered voter of the State of Nebraska and county of \_\_\_\_\_ and am qualified to sign this petition or I will be so registered and qualified on or before the date on which this petition is required to be filed with the Secretary of State; and my printed name, date of birth, street and number or voting precinct, and city, village, or post office address are correctly written after my signature.

WARNING TO PETITION SIGNERS-- VIOLATION OF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS OF LAW MAY RESULT IN THE FILING OF CRIMINAL CHARGES: Any person who signs any name other than his or her own to any petition or who is not qualified to sign the petition shall be guilty of a Class I misdemeanor. Any person who falsely swears to a circulator’s affidavit on a petition, who accepts money or other things of value for signing a petition, or who offers money or other things of value in exchange for a signature upon any petition shall be guilty of a Class IV felony.

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Not more than twenty signatures on one sheet shall be counted. Nebraska Revised Statute §32-1409

STATE OF NEBRASKA )  
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COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ )

(name of circulator) being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he or she is the circulator of this petition containing \_\_\_\_\_ signatures, that he or she is at least eighteen years of age, that each person whose name appears on the petition personally signed the petition in the presence of the affiant, that the date to the left of each signature is the correct date on which the signature was affixed to the petition and that the date was personally affixed by the person signing such petition, that the affiant believes that each signer has written his or her name, street and number or voting precinct, and city, village, or post office address correctly, that the affiant believes that each signer was qualified to sign the petition, and that the affiant stated to each signer the object of the petition as printed on the petition before he or she affixed his or her signature to the petition.

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Circulator’s Signature

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City, State, Zip

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a notary public, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_, Nebraska.  
(City or village of notarial act.)

(Seal)

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Notary Public’s Signature



## **Proposed Constitutional Amendment Language:**

(underscored language indicates added language, ~~strike through~~ indicates language being removed)

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