# Nebraska Secretary of State Petition Sponsor Sworn Statement

#### Petition: Raise the Minimum Wage

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•	s a complete list containing the names and street addresses of every person, n sponsoring the aforementioned petition.					
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name this and day of Ansust						
GENERAL NOTARY - State of Nebraska JESSICA E JACOBSON My Comm. Exp. March 15, 2023	SIGNATURE OF SPONSOR: 4 WW					
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SECRETARY OF STATE

#### NEBRASKA MINIMUM WAGE INTIATIVE PETITION DRAFT TARY OF STATE

#### **Object Statement**

The object of this Petition is to amend Nebraska's minimum wage law to increase the state minimum wage from nine dollars (\$9.00) per hour to ten dollars and fifty cents (\$10.50) per hour on January 1, 2023, to twelve dollars (\$12.00) per hour on January 1, 2024, to thirteen dollars and fifty cents (\$13.50) per hour on January 1, 2025, and to fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per hour on January 1, 2026, to be adjusted annually thereafter to account for increases in the cost of living.

#### **Proposed Text of Statutory Initiative Petition**

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Wage and Hour Act; to amend sections 48-1203, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020; to change the minimum wage as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. Section 48-1203, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020, is amended to read:

48-1203 (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section and section 48-1203.01, every employer shall pay to each of his or her employees a minimum wage of:

(a) Seven dollars and twenty-five cents per hour through December 31, 2014;

(b) Eight dollars per hour on and after January 1, 2015, through December 31, 2015; and

(c) (a) Nine dollars per hour on and after January 1, 2016. through December 31, 2022;

(b) Ten dollars and fifty cents per hour on and after January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023;

(c) Twelve dollars per hour on and after January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024;

(d) Thirteen dollars and fifty cents per hour on and after January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025; and

(e) Fifteen dollars per hour on and after January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026.

(2) The minimum wage established in subdivision (1)(e) of this section shall be increased on January 1, 2027, and on January 1 of successive years, by the increase in the cost of living. The increase in the cost of living shall be measured by the percentage increase, if any, as of August of the previous year over the level as of August of the year preceding that year in the consumer price index for all urban consumers (CPI-U) for the Midwest Region, or its successor index, as published by the U.S. Department of Labor, or its successor agency, with the amount of the minimum wage increase rounded up to the nearest multiple of five cents. No later than October 15 of each year, commencing October 15, 2026, the Nebraska Department of Labor shall calculate and publish the minimum wage rate that will take effect the following January 1.

(3) For persons compensated by way of gratuities such as waitresses, waiters, hotel bellhops, porters, and shoeshine persons, the employer shall pay wages at the minimum rate of two dollars and thirteen cents per hour, plus all gratuities given to them for services rendered. The sum of wages and gratuities received by each person compensated by way of gratuities shall equal or exceed the <u>applicable</u> minimum wage rate provided in subsection (1) or (2) of this section. In determining whether or not the individual is compensated by way of gratuities, the burden of proof shall be upon the employer.

(4) Any employer employing student-learners as part of a bona fide vocational training program shall pay such student-learners' wages at a rate of at least seventy-five percent of the minimum wage rate which would otherwise be applicable.

Section 2. Original section 48-1203, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020, is repealed.

#### **INITIATIVE PETITION**

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

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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 law shall be referred to the registered voters of the state for their approval or rejection at the general election to be held on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of November 2022, 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

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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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Subscribed and sworn to before me, a notary public, this day of, 20	at	, Nebraska.	
(Seal)			Notary Public

## **Proposed Statutory Language:**

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

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