

1. FORMS

- A. Petition shall be made on forms developed by the Secretary of State and adopted by the Department, which forms shall be supplied by the Department in sufficient number to any person requesting them.

NOTE: A copy of the petition form(s) now in use is attached hereto.

- B. It is anticipated that multiple petition forms may be circulated as part of any one petition. The petitioner shall complete page one of the petition form and attach it to each petition copy before circulating for signatures.

2. CERTIFICATION OF PETITIONS.

The petition must be verified and certified according to procedures defined by Title 21, Section 494, sub-section 7, prior to presentation to the Department.

3. SUBMISSION OF PETITION AND TEXT OF PROPOSED RULE

Petitions shall be submitted to: Commissioner, Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Augusta, Maine 04333. All petition forms which are part of any one petition shall be submitted simultaneously.

4. ACTION ON PETITION

A petition may be submitted with or without accompanying signatures.

- A. If the petition is submitted containing less than 150 signatures, and is in accordance with paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 herein, the Department may initiate appropriate rule-making proceedings but is not required to do so. If the Department does initiate appropriate rule-making proceedings, it shall send a copy of the notice of rulemaking to the person designated as the petitioners' representative. If the Department declines to initiate appropriate rule-making proceedings, it shall notify the designee, in writing, of its denial and state the reasons therefor. The Department shall initiate appropriate rule-making proceedings or send its written notice of denial, as the case may be, within 60 days after receipt of the petition.
- B. If a petition is submitted containing 150 or more signatures in accordance with paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 herein, the Department shall initiate appropriate rule-making proceedings within 60 days after receipt of the petition. The Department shall send a copy of the notice of rule-making hearing to the designee of the petitioner(s) and any other person having requested such notice.
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STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 5 M.R.S.A. §8055(2)

EFFECTIVE DATE:

October 5, 1980

AMENDED:

April 25, 1982

EFFECTIVE DATE (ELECTRONIC CONVERSION):

May 4, 1996

CONVERTED TO MS WORD:

August 8, 2005

CORRECTIONS:

February, 2014 – agency names, formatting

STATE OF MAINE

PETITION TO REQUIRE AGENCY RULEMAKING

We, the undersigned qualified voters of the State of Maine, hereby

petition the _____ (Name of Agency)

pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A. §8055 to: (check one)

- Adopt a New Rule, Modify Chap. Sec., Repeal Chap. Sec.

The proposed change would _____ (Summarize content and impact of proposal)*

Multiple horizontal lines for summarizing the proposed change.

The text of the new or modified rule would read:*

Multiple horizontal lines for the text of the new or modified rule.

For purposes of communication with the agency concerning this petition, the petitioners designate as their representative the following individual:

Form fields for Name, Mailing Address, and Phone.

FOR AGENCY USE. Completed petition was received by (Agency) (Signature)

*Use additional page(s), if necessary

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**STATE OF MAINE
AUTHENTICATION OF PETITIONS FOR RULEMAKING**

CIRCULATOR'S VERIFICATION

I, _____, hereby swear or affirm that the signatures to this petition were made in my presence and that to the best of my knowledge and belief each signature is that of the person it purports to be and each petitioner is a resident of the State of Maine.

(Signature of Circulator)

Subscribed and sworn before me on _____
(Date)

(Signature of Notary Public)

REGISTRAR/BOARD OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

I, _____ Registrar of Voters/Member, Board of

Registration of Voters for _____ certify
(Name of Municipality)

that EACH of the name of the foregoing petitioners numbered (CIRCLE EACH OF THE NUMBERS CORRESPONDING TO THE SIGNATURES BEING CERTIFIED)

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appear on the voting list of this municipality as qualified voters. The total number of signatures certified is _____.

(Signature)

(Date)