

Petition System

The petition system provides a format for public comment on sponsored initiatives and a mechanism for the paring of citizen sponsored legislation and elected office candidates.

Legislative Initiatives (new, revisions, recall) may be proposed (sponsored) by any Citizen, Private Organization, or Elected Minister of an Executive Branch Department.

For Citizens and Private Organizations, the process would be initiated by drafting the proposed initiative and submitting it to the Community People's Advisory Branch for posting on the Official Liquid Democracy Website; Authors will specify if the submission is for Public Commentary purposes or if Signatures (votes) are being requested. Postings remain active on the site for 90 days.

- Internal Community Initiatives would require unique signatures (votes) by eligible voters equaling at least 1% of the Community population to be included on the Voting Ballot for the next Legislation Vote.
- If the initiative is intended to be National in application, the initiative is first submitted for posting to all Community People's Advisory Branch liquid democracy websites within the Region (the Home Community People's Advisory Branch performs this disbursement) for a 90 day public comment period. At the conclusion of that 90 day period, the Author may (after making any revisions they deem necessary) resubmit and open the initiative for Signatures (votes). If after 90 days, the initiative has obtained unique signatures (votes) by eligible voters equaling at least 1% of the Region's population, the initiative is submitted to the National People's Advisory Branch for inclusion on the Voting Ballot for the next Legislation Vote.

For Elected Ministers of Executive Branch Departments, the process for Community level legislation is the same as for Citizens and Private Organizations. The process at the National level is slightly different. A sponsored initiative is

submitted by a National Minister directly to the National People's Advisory Branch, it will specify which of the four Regions the Minister wishes the initiative disbursed to for public comment or signatures (votes). The rest of the process is the same as for Citizens and Private Organizations.

Elected Official Recall Initiatives may be proposed (sponsored) by any Citizen or by a People's Advisor. The process is the same as for legislative initiatives except there is no public comment option; these initiatives are submitted for signature (vote) collection purposes only.

Business Entrance Requests: Communities decide which private businesses may operate within their borders. Prior to issuing a Commercial Operating (CO) License, the Community Executive Branch must submit a C. O. License approval request to the Community People's Advisory Branch for petition processing. The petition process is the same as with legislative initiatives except the posting period is 30 days (not 90) and the signatures (votes) count toward a majority approval. By the end of the 30 day period, a C. O. License request is approved if 51% or more of the signatures (votes) are affirmative.

Candidates for Elected Office may begin the petition process up to two years in advance of an election. The Elected Office petition process is the same as that of legislative initiatives except there is no public comment option; these petitions are submitted for signature (vote) collection purposes only. When the Community level minimum signature (vote) threshold is obtained, Candidates are vetted for required background qualifications prior to moving forward in the petition process or inclusion on the Voting Ballot for the next Elected Office Vote.