

Decision Phase Form C: Sample Petition for Election

(Sample petition language from the Lake County efforts to form a library district)

PETITION

Persons signing this Petition request that the Lake County Commissioners call for an election on the question of whether to create a Public Library District as described below. The election would be held in conjunction with the June 8, 2004 primary election.

The Public Library District boundaries will encompass all of Lake County. Please see attached map for the boundaries. (Map is reproduced as Section III-A.)

Subject to MCA 15-10-420, the proposed maximum property tax mill levy that could be levied on property owners for the operation of this proposed Public Library District would be 10.07 mills. This mill levy will amount to \$22.80 per year for a property with a market value of \$100,000.00 and \$45.58 per year for a property with a market value of \$200,000.00 (2004 values/mill levies)

A seven member Board of Trustees would direct the Public Library District. These trustees would be elected from seven districts within the Public Library District and serve without pay. The Lake County Commissioners will create these districts.

Creating this Public Library District will stabilize funding for and improve library services, including the full-timer services of a Bookmobile, for the residents of Lake County.

WARNING

A person who purposefully signs a name other than the person's own to this petition, who signs more than once for the same issue at one election, or who signs when not a legally registered Lake County voter is subject to a \$500 fine, 6 months in jail, or both.

All printed names MUST be legible.

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Sample language for petition carrier to sign in front of notary based upon MCA 13-27-302.

I, _____ (name of person who is the signature gatherer), swear that I gathered or assisted in gathering the signatures on the petition to which this affidavit is attached on the stated dates, that I believe the signatures on the petition are genuine, are the signatures of the persons whose names they purport to be, and are the signatures of Montana electors who are registered at the address or have the telephone number following the person's signature, and that the signers knew the contents of the petition before signing the petition.

(Date on which the first signature was gathered)

(Signature of petition signature gatherer)

(Address of petition signature gatherer)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Seal _____

(Person authorized to take oaths)

(Title or notarial information)