

AN ACT

**Bill 20-245**  
**Act 20-134**  
**Effective**  
**July 30, 2013**

**Codification**  
**District of**  
**Columbia**  
**Official Code**  
**2001 Edition**

*To amend the District of Columbia Election Code of 1955 to abolish the voter registration and residency requirements for circulators of petitions for the purposes of placing initiative and referendum measures on the ballot, nominating candidates for elected office, and recalling elected officials, and to establish in their place a requirement that circulators of petitions for these purposes be at least 18 years of age and either residents of the District of Columbia or registered as petition circulators with the Board of Elections, such registration to include the person's consent to being subject to the subpoena power of the District of Columbia.*

**Board of**  
**Elections**  
**Petition**  
**Circulation**  
**Requirements**  
**Amendment**  
**Act of 2013**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "Board of Elections Petition Circulation Requirements Amendment Act of 2013".

Sec. 2. The District of Columbia Election Code of 1955, approved August 12, 1955 (69 Stat. 699; D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.01 *et seq.*), is amended as follows:

(a) Section 2 (D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.02) is amended by adding a new paragraph (26) to read as follows:

**Amend**  
**§ 1-1001.02**

“(26) “Qualified petition circulator” means an individual who is 18 years of age or older and either:

“(A) A District resident; or

“(B) A resident of another jurisdiction who has registered with the Board as a petition circulator and consented to being subject to the subpoena power of the Board and the jurisdiction of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the enforcement of subpoenas without respect to the individual's place of residence.”.

(b) Section 8(b)(2) (D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.08(b)(2)) is amended to read as follows:

**Amend**  
**§ 1-1001.08**

“(2) Only qualified petition circulators may circulate nominating petitions in support of candidates for elected office pursuant to this act. The Board shall consider invalid the signatures on any petition sheet that was circulated by a person who, at the time of circulation, was not a qualified petition circulator.”.

(c) Section 16 (D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.16) is amended as follows:

**Amend**  
**§ 1-1001.16**

(1) Subsection (h)(5) is amended to read as follows:

“(5) That the circulator of the initiative or referendum petition sheet was a qualified petition circulator at the time of circulation.”.

(2) Subsection (k)(1)(E) is amended to read as follows:

“(E) The petition was circulated by persons who were not

qualified petition circulators at the time of circulation.”.

(d) Section 17 (D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.17) is amended as follows:

**Amend  
§ 1-1001.17**

(1) Subsection (f)(5) is amended to read as follows:

“(5) That the circulator of the recall petition was a qualified petition circulator at the time of circulation; and”.

(2) Subsection (i)(6) is amended to read as follows:

“(6) The petition was circulated by persons who were not qualified petition circulators at the time of circulation.”.

**Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.**

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(3)).

**Sec. 4. Effective date.**

This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of Congressional review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.