

I-187, The 80% Renewable Electricity by 2034 Ballot Initiative

To print and circulate I-187 for signatures:

- To download a copy of I-187 go to <https://www.mtcares.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/I-187-final-petition-.pdf>
Or, to have us mail you copies of I-187 or send a signature gatherer to you, please fill out the complete form at <https://www.mtcares.org/go-to-correct-petition/contact-us/> or send us an email at gather@mtcares.org .
1. Print the full I-187 to have available to show persons who wish to see it before signing.
 2. Print the number of signature pages you will need at <https://www.mtcares.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/I-187-final-petition-revised-7-31-19-signature-page.pdf> (Each page has 10 signature lines; up to 25 pages per affidavit grouping).
 3. Click here to download an explanation of I-187 <https://www.mtcares.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/I-187-Explanation-2-page-green-sheet-1.pdf> Print enough copies of the 2 page explanation to give it to everyone who signs the I-187 petition.
 4. Click link <https://sosmt.gov/Portals/142/Elections/Documents/Rights-and-Responsibilities-of-Signature-Gatherers.pdf?dt=1483542846461&dt=1484084190803&dt=1484084245806&dt=1484086900173&dt=1487277088409&dt=1487277122914&dt=1488251330090&dt=1488251419297&dt=1488421671927&dt=1489875666151&dt=1493154471068&dt=1494449835691&dt=1498755366295&dt=1498755460695&dt=1523475015122> to see a copy of *Rights and Responsibilities of Signature Gatherers*.
 5. Click here <https://www.mtcares.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Affidavit-of-Petition-Signature-Gatherer-7.25.2019.pdf> to download the Affidavit-of-Petition-Signature-Gatherer. Print it & extras if needed to accompany signature sheets.
 6. **Important to prevent signature disqualification.** Collect and submit signatures from one county per sheet so they can be verified by county election officials.
 7. As folks sign, **be sure you can read what they wrote. Check the dates each signer enters.** This ensures that signers correctly complete that field, and shows the signature gatherer signed the affidavit after gathering signatures.
 8. **Check to see that the printed last name is legible.**
 9. A signature does not have to be identical to the name a person used to register to vote. However, a signature is more likely to be accepted if it is signed as the person has registered to vote.
 10. A person cannot sign for themselves and then sign for another person, such as his or her spouse.
 11. Signers may provide their telephone number, although for the purposes of matching the signer to their voter record it is **preferred that they provide their residence address or mailing address.**
 12. When you are ready to submit signatures to the appropriate county, sign the affidavit and have it notarized. Do not sign the affidavit until **after** you gather all the signatures that you are attaching to that affidavit.
 13. On the line asking for the date on which you gathered the first signature attached, be sure that the date accurately matches the first date on the first signed petition sheets that you attach to the affidavit. Check to make sure that the notary has signed and correctly dated the affidavit.
 14. **Biweekly and well before the deadline (5 PM, June 19, 2020) make sure all signed signature pages (no more than 25 pages per affidavit) plus the signed affidavit have been delivered to the county election administrator of the county where the voters who signed the petition vote.** A list of election administrators is at <https://sosmt.gov/Portals/142/Elections/Forms/electionadministrators.pdf?dt=1523473411709> Email admin@mtcares.org letting MTCARES know that you are gathering signatures. Scan and email to admin@mtcares.org, copies of all signature sheets you have submitted to the county elections administrator, so we can correct procedural errors early in your gathering process.
 15. Keep track of expenses you incur while gathering signatures; report them biweekly to the MTCARES treasurer at admin@mtcares.org so we can file a report with the Montana Commissioner of Political Practices (CPP). **Since MTCARES does not have funds to reimburse you for signature gathering expenses, these will be recorded as in-kind donations from you.** The CPP does not require reporting of the time it took you to collect signatures.
 16. If someone wishes to register to vote so they can be qualified to sign I-187, you may download a voter registration form for them to complete by clicking <https://sosmt.gov/Portals/142/Elections/Documents/Officials/Voter-Registration-Application.pdf?dt=1479758482688&dt=1480373213375&dt=1484082866442&dt=1485880549473&dt=1489072712018&dt=1523468489458>. Other info on voter registration is at <http://sos.mt.gov/elections/vote> . To ensure the voter's name is entered in the computer in a timely fashion, be sure to turn in the registration form to the appropriate county election administrator several days prior to turning in the I-187 signature sheet containing their name.
 17. If someone wishes to withdraw their signature from a petition, do not cross out signatures even if requested to do so. Instead, to prevent suspicion of fraud, refer them to <https://www.mtcares.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Request-for-Withdrawal-of-Petition-Signature-1.pdf> where they can print a withdrawal form.