

Vaccine Choice and Anti-Discrimination Act Ballot Initiative

Note: Due to the Attorney General's continued effort to block this effort, the Ballot Initiative Team discontinued efforts to bring HB248 to the ballot and instead turned to a new effort, bringing a Constitutional Amendment to the ballot. Please go here for further information on that new effort and to find out how you can help!

The ballot initiative is a means by which citizens may propose to create, amend, or repeal a state law or constitutional provision through collecting petition signatures from a certain minimum number of registered voters. Successful initiative petition efforts result in the proposal being presented to voters within a state or other local government jurisdiction. Ballot initiatives are also referred to as ballot measures, popular initiatives, voter initiatives, citizen initiatives, and propositions.

In Ohio, citizens have the power to initiate constitutional amendments, state statutes, and veto referendums. Initiated statutes, in Ohio, begin as indirect initiatives, requiring 132,887 signatures, in 2021, to go before the Ohio State Legislature, which has the option to approve an initiative without a vote of electors. If the state legislature does not adopt an indirect initiative, the initiated statute becomes direct, requiring an additional batch of signatures (132,887 in 2021 for a grand total of 265,774) to go before voters.

So why a ballot initiative? Well, about a hundred of Ohio's multi-million and multi-billion dollar lobbying organizations came out against Ohio House Bill 248. These organizations represent millions of dollars in contributions to the political campaigns of most of the politicians in the state of Ohio, from local mayors to state legislators, from county commissioners to congressional candidates. Without getting into the weeds on the rationale, these organizations oppose HB248 because the legislation would prevent their ability to discriminate against individuals who choose not to receive some or any vaccines.

Although HB248 received an unprecedented number of proponent testimonies in favor of the legislation, some 1,500 letters to the House Health Committee, and received a relatively insignificant number of opposition testimonies, the bill stalled out in the Health Committee because our legislature cares more about their campaign contributions than they do your rights!

As such, a group of dedicated volunteers and freedom-loving Ohioans, decided to pursue a 'ballot initiative' to circumvent the Ohio Legislature and bring the protections of HB248 to Ohio voters for a vote.

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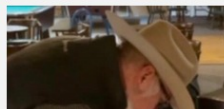
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☆ Ballot Initiative Overview ☆

Working to get a proposed law onto the ballot is a convoluted effort. But it's somewhat a necessary evil, otherwise anyone could get anything put on the ballot, and imagine how long our ballots would be each election. So, we'll provide a brief explanation of how the process works...

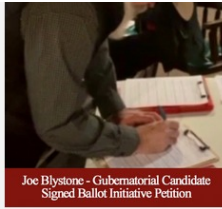
1. Conceive ballot initiative.
2. Gather an initial 1,000 signatures of support.
3. Submit signatures and appropriate documents to Attorney General.
4. Reviewed by Attorney General and Ohio Ballot Board.
5. If not approved, repeat step 2.
6. If approved, collect 135,000 more signatures of support.
7. Submit signatures and appropriate documents to Secretary of State.
8. Reviewed by Secretary of State and Ohio Ballot Board.
9. If not approved, repeat step 6.
10. If approved, proposed legislation goes to Ohio General Assembly.
11. If approved, proposed law becomes law.
12. If not approved, collect 135,000 more signatures of support.
13. Submit signatures and appropriate documents to Secretary of State.
14. Reviewed by Secretary of State and Ohio Ballot Board.
15. If not approved, repeat step 12.
16. If approved, ballot initiative will make it onto the next ballot.
17. Voters vote.
18. If approved, proposed law becomes law.

☆ WHO SUPPORTS THE BALLOT INITIATIVE ☆





Candice Keller - Fmr. State Rep.
Signed Ballot Initiative Petition



Joe Blystone - Gubernatorial Candidate
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Mark Pakita - Congressional Candidate
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Jonah Schulz - Congressional Candidate
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Ron Falconi - State Rep. Candidate
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Kim Georgetown - State Rep. Candidate
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Beth Lear - State Rep. Candidate
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David Morgan - State Sen. Candidate
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Dakota Sawyer - State Rep. Candidate
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Joe Miller - State Central Candidate
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Marilyn Tunnat - State Central Candidate
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☆ SIGNATURE GATHERING ☆



☆ **BALLOT INITIATIVE CALL TO ACTION** ☆

CALL TO ACTION

Signatures are currently being collected by a selected team of volunteers and organizations to fulfil our effort to resubmit the petition to the Attorney General's office. One thousand signatures are needed for this round of signature gathering, so we are not currently calling on all Ohioans to help gather signatures. Once the Attorney General's office approves the petition, we will send out a mass all-call for help gathering 200,000 signatures statewide. Please watch and be ready for further updates!

Email us your name, county, and phone number if you would like to assist us in the signature gathering efforts for this ballot initiative! Send your email to info@ohioamf.org

WHO SUPPORTS HB248



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