

Signature Calculation Examples

1st Signature Calculation Example for an Established Party Candidate:

.5% (.005) of the qualified **primary** electors of his **party**. The number of qualified primary electors is determined by taking the total vote cast for the candidate for such political party who received the highest number of votes in such political subdivision, ward or district at the last regular election at which an officer was regularly scheduled to be elected from that subdivision, ward or district.

Explanation: If 1,000 voters cast Republican ballots for mayor at the last regular municipal election, and the mayor received the highest number of votes for that party at that election. *The .5% signature requirement for the city wide Republican candidates would be "5" ($1000 \times .5\% = 5$).*

2nd Signature Calculation Example for a Park District Commissioner:

2% (.02) of the number of ballots cast at the last election.

Explanation: If 1,000 voters cast ballots at the last regular election, *the 2% signature requirement would be "20" ($1000 \times 2\% = 20$).*

3rd Signature Calculation Example for a New Political Party Candidate:

5% (.05) of the total number of persons who voted in the last regular election in the district or political subdivision

Explanation: If 1,000 voters cast ballots at the last regular election, *the 5% signature requirement would be "50" ($1000 \times 5\% = 50$).*

4th Signature Calculation Example for an Independent Candidate:

Not less than 5% nor more than 8%, or 50 more than the minimum whichever is greater, of the number of persons who voted at the last regular election in the district or political subdivision.

Explanation: If 1,000 voters cast ballots at the last regular election, the formula of 5% – 8% would result in a signature requirement of 50 – 80. Illinois statutes [10 ILCS 5/10-3] require a difference of 50 between the minimum and maximum. *Therefore, the signature requirement would be "50 – 100" ($1000 \times 5\% = 50$ & $1000 \times 8\% = 80$) or 50 more than the minimum ($50 + 50 = 100$). The range would be 50 to 100.*