



Thank you for your interest in circulating petitions to help obtain enough signatures to get the *Illinois Fair Map Amendment* on the Illinois election ballot in November 2010.

It's easy, if you make sure to follow the instructions:

#### DOWNLOADING THE PETITION

1. Download the petition from the Illinois Fair Map Amendment website (at tab *Sign the Petition*): [www.IIFairMap.com](http://www.IIFairMap.com) (put the website address on your computer's address line) for the election authority where you live or from where you'll be soliciting signatures. Most are county election authorities, although there are eight exceptions where you'll download a municipal petition for: Aurora, Bloomington, Chicago, Danville, East St. Louis, Galesburg, Peoria and Rockford. **IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU DOWNLOAD THE PETITION FOR THE JURISDICITON IN WHICH IT WILL BE PASSED.** There are a number of municipalities in Illinois that overlap County boundaries.
2. The petition comes on two pages – the signature side and the language of the amendment side. Make sure you copy these two pages front to back to make one page (the language of the amendment must be on the back side of the petition).
3. Send us an e-mail to [ilfairmap@gmail.com](mailto:ilfairmap@gmail.com) if you need assistance or just to let us know you're circulating a petition.

#### CIRCULATING THE PETITION

1. Circulate the petition or petitions among your family, friends and co-workers.
2. EACH PERSON WHO SIGNS A PETITION MUST BE A REGISTERED VOTER & LIVE IN THE COUNTY OR CITY listed on the petition (Chicago voters must sign the Chicago petition; Joliet voters will sign the Will County petition; Carbondale voters will sign the Jackson County petition, and so on)
3. Each petition sheet must contain only voters from a single election authority (all signatures on the Chicago petition must be registered voters living in Chicago and so on).
4. Remember, to circulate petitions, you need not be a registered voter but you must be 18 years of age, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Illinois.

#### NOTARIZING THE PETITION

When you have secured all the signatures you can, you must have the petition notarized by signing it in the presence of a notary. Notaries are available at your local bank, currency exchange or real estate office.

MAIL SIGNED AND NOTARIZED PETITIONS BY APRIL 1, 2010 TO:

Illinois Fair Map Initiative, c/o the League of Women Voters of Illinois, 332 South Michigan Avenue, Suite 1150, Chicago, Illinois 60604. Please e-mail questions to [ilfairmap@gmail.com](mailto:ilfairmap@gmail.com).

AND, FINALLY, THANK YOU

Thank you for agreeing to help this important initiative by circulating petitions. A citizen initiative is the ultimate in civic engagement and this petition drive will empower citizens to amend the current redistricting process in Illinois which, has for too long, been in the hands of few powerful legislators.