

# Online Petition FAQ

Why are petitions being made available online?

- Comments from each of the commissions have indicated a desire for a more versatile petition procedure. Having information hosted online allows candidates to collect signatures more easily, and Kansas Department of Agriculture to capture voter contact information more easily for registration purposes.

Does everyone have to file their petitions online?

- No, paper petitions will still be available.

How does a candidate file a petition online?

- Go to [www.agriculture.ks.gov/kgcvoter](http://www.agriculture.ks.gov/kgcvoter) and click the Online Petitions link. Candidates will need to create a username and password, sign in, and create a new petition by filling out the applicable information. Step by step instructions are available on the above webpage. The online petition captures the same information as the paper form.

Who is an eligible grower?

- Under K.S.A. 2-3002(b)(2), an eligible grower is “Any grower of corn, grain sorghum, soybeans, wheat or sunflowers who is a resident of this state, of legal voting age and has been actively engaged in growing corn, grain sorghum, soybeans, wheat or sunflowers within the preceding three years shall become an eligible voter upon registering to vote in a commission election.”

How does an eligible grower sign the petition?

- Each candidate will receive a unique link to their petition that they can share with eligible growers who reside in their district. Voters just need to follow the link, enter their name and address, then select which commodities they would like to vote for, and submit.

Does signing a petition still register a person to vote?

- Yes, everyone who signs a petition (electronic or manual) will also be registered to vote if they are not already registered.

How will petitions be validated?

- The petition shall contain the signatures of 20 eligible voters of that commodity commission election to be a valid petition. However, no more than five petition signatures shall be used to qualify any candidate from any one county. (K.S.A. 2-3002(b)(2))
- Through the data collected when signing, KDA will be able to validate date, time, and IP address of each signature.

Will candidates be able to see who has signed their petition?

- Yes, there will be a feature that allows candidates to see information for who has signed their petition and track which counties they have received signatures from.

Do eligible growers have to fill out their contact information for every petition they wish to sign?

- Yes, because growers who sign a petition do not need to create an account, they must enter their contact information for every petition they wish to sign

When is the online petition due?

- Petitions will close on November 30<sup>th</sup>

Can an eligible grower register to vote without signing a petition?

- Yes, an online registration form is available at [www.agriculture.ks.gov/kgcvoter](http://www.agriculture.ks.gov/kgcvoter), or a paper form is available from the commodity commissions, local extension offices, or the Kansas Department of Agriculture.

Will the election take place online?

- No, ballots will still be mailed by January 15<sup>th</sup>, and must be returned by March 1<sup>st</sup>.

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