

Petition Calling for a Special Election

1. A petition calling for a special election shall be deemed to bear a sufficient number of signatures if signed by at least the number of registered voters of the district equal to 1½% of the number of registered voters of the district at the time of the last regular election for governing board members, or 25 registered voters, whichever is greater.

However, in districts with registered voters of less than 2,000 persons, a petition shall be deemed to bear a sufficient number of signatures if signed by at least 5% of the number of registered voters of the district at the time of the last regular election for governing board members. [Ed. Code (EC) § 5091(c)(1)]

You may contact the San Diego County Registrar of Voters office for assistance in determining the number of registered voters of the district at the time of the last regular election for governing board members.

2. Whenever a petition calling for a special election is circulated, the petition shall meet all of the following requirements: [\[EC § 5091\(f\)\(1\)\]](#)
 - a. The petition shall contain the election official's estimate of the cost of conducting the special election.
 - b. The name and residence address of at least one, but not more than five, of the proponents of the petition shall appear on the petition, each of which proponents shall be a registered voter of the school or community college district, as applicable.
 - c. None of the text or other language of the petition shall appear in less than six-point type.
 - d. The petition shall be prepared and circulated in conformity with the requirements of Elections Code sections 100 and 104. [Elec. Code §§ 100, 104]
3. The petition shall be submitted to the San Diego County Superintendent of Schools, who shall have 30 calendar days to verify the signatures. If the petition is determined to be legally sufficient, the provisional appointment is terminated, and the county superintendent of schools shall order a special election. [EC § 5091(c)(2)]
4. If any of the requirements for a petition calling for a special election are not met, the County Superintendent of Schools shall not verify the signatures, nor shall any further action be taken with respect to the petition. [EC § 5091(f)(2)]
5. The list of names on a petition calling for a special election shall not be used for any purpose other than qualification of the petition for the purpose of holding an election. [EC § 5091(f)(3)]
6. The petition filed with the County Superintendent of Schools shall be subject to the restrictions in Government Code section 6253.5. [EC § 5091(f)(4)]