



RULES CONCERNING PETITIONS

House of Assembly Standing Orders provide the following general rules for petitions.

- A petition shall be in the English language, or if in another language shall be accompanied by an English translation, certified by the member who sponsors or lodges it to be a true and correct translation.
- A petition of a company must be made under its common seal (if the company has a common seal).
- Letters, affidavits, or other documents may not be attached to a petition.
- A petition must be respectful, decorous and temperate and not contain any unparliamentary language or otherwise offend any rule or practice of the House.
- Persons must sign paper petitions by their names or marks, and by no one else, except in case of incapacity from sickness.
- Persons must join an E-Petition by filling out their correct details and personally agreeing to join the E-Petition, and by no one else, except in case of incapacity from sickness.
- A person cannot sign or join the same Paper Petition or E-Petition more than once.
- The correct form of the petition (including the name, address and, in the case of an E-Petition the email address, of the Principal Petitioner) must appear on each page of the petition to be presented to the House.

The grievance and action required on each petition cannot exceed 250 words.

The Clerk of the House or other Parliamentary officers are able to advise informally before signatures are collected as to whether a draft petition will be acceptable for presentation to the Assembly.

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