

Section 1: The Petition Gatherer Compensation Reform Act

Section 2: Amendments to Title 12 Chapter 1 Section 12-5-1.6

12-5-1.6. Reward prohibited--Violation as misdemeanor.

~~No person may employ, reward, or compensate any person to circulate a petition for the organization of a political party based on the number of registered voters who signed the petition.~~ Nothing in this section prohibits any person from employing a petition circulator based on one of the following practices:

- (1) Paying an hourly wage or salary;
- (2) Establishing either express or implied minimum signature requirements for the petition circulator;
- (3) Terminating the petition circulator's employment, if the petition circulator fails to meet certain productivity requirements; and
- (4) Paying discretionary bonuses based on reliability, longevity, and productivity.
- (5) Paying a set amount per signature lawfully collected and verified for a petition.
- (6) Paying a set amount per registered voter lawfully identified and recorded through voter registration efforts, provided the compensation is not contingent on the voter's political preference or party affiliation.

Any violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor.

Section 3. If any provision of this act is found to be invalid, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. This act shall take effect upon passage.