

**08 NCAC 22 .0203            COUNTING OF SIGNATURES TOWARDS A PETITION'S SIGNATURE REQUIREMENT**

- (a) A petition signer's signature shall not count towards the signature requirement for the petition unless the official has determined that the petition signer is a registered voter qualified by law to sign the petition pursuant to Rule .0201 of this Section.
- (b) If a petition signer signs a petition more than once, and one of the signatures is verified pursuant to Rule .0201 of this Section, no additional signature by that petition signer shall be counted towards the signature requirement for the petition.
- (c) No signature on a signature sheet for one petition shall be counted towards the signature requirement for a different petition. This Paragraph does not prevent a petitioner from conducting more than one petition at the same time or the same petition signer from signing multiple petitions.
- (d) Only signatures collected during the current election cycle pertaining to the petition shall be counted.
- (e) No signature on a signature sheet without the petition circulator's first and last name and signature in the area designated for their name and affirmation shall be counted towards the signature requirement for a petition.
- (f) Only an original signature written by hand shall be counted toward the signature requirement for a petition.

*History Note:*     *Authority G.S. 163-22; 163-96; 163-107.1; 163-122; 163-123; 163-213.5; 163-221; 163-296; Eff. September 1, 2025.*