



WHAT IS "THE RIGHT TO PETITION" IN ARKANSAS?

Simply put, when our lawmakers won't enact policies *for the people*, then citizens have the right to petition their fellow Arkansans and present ballot measures that really matter to our communities. When it comes to the important issues, everyday Arkansans know what policies can really make a positive difference, and we aren't influenced by big-money lobbyists like some politicians are. Our right to petition is a crucial tool, when it comes to **balancing power** in Arkansas.

WHY IS THE RIGHT TO PETITION IMPORTANT TO ME AND MY COMMUNITY?

When lawmakers have failed to act on our behalf, Arkansas voters have used the petition process to 1) raise the minimum wage, 2) form a state scholarship fund, 3) establish term limits for politicians, and 4) expand healthcare treatment options.

WHO MAKES UP THE PROTECT AR RIGHTS COALITION?

Our growing coalition is made up of everyday Arkansans, led by these founding grassroots organizations: Arkansas Citizens First Congress, Arkansas Public Policy Panel, For AR People, Arkansas Applesed Legal Justice Center, NAACP Arkansas State Conference, Arkansas Advocates for Children & Families, Arkansas Education Association, Arkansas AFL-CIO, and Prince Hall Community Action Committee.

Even though our coalition consists of many different advocacy groups from across the state, we have all come together with the common belief in a **people-powered Arkansas**.

WHAT IS PROTECT AR RIGHTS TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH?

We have proposed and filed "*The Arkansas Ballot Rights Amendment*" in response to the 13 bad bills the 2025 Arkansas Legislature enacted that take aim at our right to petition.

With this measure our goal is to protect these fundamental rights for all Arkansans:

- The rights of citizens to propose ballot measures
- The right of citizens to gather signatures on petitions
- The right of citizens to sign petitions

Over the next few months we hope to gather enough petition signatures from citizens throughout the state, so we can get this measure on the ballot for all Arkansans to vote on.

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