

## **THE MOST COMMON REASONS PETITIONS ARE REJECTED:**

- The wrong petition form was used. Do not use old petitions.
- There were not enough signatures.
- It was circulated prior to February 18, 2025.
- It was submitted to the County Election Board after March 11, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.
- The dates on the signature lines are before February 18, 2025 or after March 11, 2025.
- There are ditto marks within the petition.
- The petition is not properly notarized or there is no unsworn declaration.
- Any part of the petition document is not filled in.
- The notary date is before the last required signature.
- A copy of the ethics form (Statement of Financial Interest) does not accompany the petition.
- The filing fee (if required) is not submitted.
- For new tax collector candidates, the required criminal background checks are not attached to the petition.

## **YOUR PETITION MAY BE CHALLENGED IN COURT FOR VARIOUS REASONS INCLUDING:**

- The signer is not an enrolled voter in the petitioner's party.
- The signer does not reside in the district where the petitioner is seeking a candidacy.
- The original copy of the ethics form is not filed (by March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025) with the governing body of the office sought by the petitioner.
- The dates on the signature lines are out of order.
- The signer information is all completed by the same handwriting.
- There are unanswered questions on the ethics statement and/or it is missing a signature, etc.
- The signer lists their physical address instead of their municipality.
- The signer signed more petitions than allowed by law.