

street name (if there be such) and the city, town, village or election district, as the case may be, in which he resides, and the date of signing the same. No signature shall be valid or counted in considering such petition unless requirements are complied with and unless the date of signing precede the date of filing the same. At the bottom of each sheet of such petition shall be added a statement signed by a resident of the political sub-division in which the signers thereof reside, with his residence address as aforesaid, stating that the signatures on that sheet of the said petition are genuine, and that to the best of his knowledge and belief the persons so signing were at the time of signing said petition legal voters of the said political sub-division, that their respective residences, where required to be stated, are correctly stated therein, and that each signer signed the same on the date set opposite his name. Such statement shall be sworn to before some officer residing in said county, authorized to administer oaths therein. Such sheets shall be fastened together in one document, filed as a whole, and when filed shall not be withdrawn or added to. No signature shall be withdrawn after the filing of such petition. Such petition so verified, or a copy thereof duly certified as herein-after provided, shall be prima facie evidence that the signatures, statement of residence where required to be stated, and dates upon such petition are genuine and true, and that the person signing the same are legal voters of the political sub-division named therein. Upon request of anyone filing such a petition and verified statement and paying or tendering to the Supervisors of Elections one dollar for each one hundred names or fraction thereof signed thereto, together with a copy thereof, the Supervisors of Elections shall immediately compare the original copy and attach to such copy and deliver to such person their official certificate that such copy is a true copy of the original, stating the day when such original was filed in their office. Whoever in making the sworn statement above prescribed shall knowingly, wilfully and corruptly swear falsely shall be deemed guilty of perjury, and on conviction thereof shall be liable to the punishment for perjury prescribed by the Public General Laws of this State. Whoever forges the signature of any person upon any petition or statement provided for in this Act shall be deemed guilty of forgery, and on conviction thereof shall be liable to the punishment therefor provided by the Public General Laws of this State.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the Supervisors of Elections with whom any petition shall be filed, as provided in this Act, shall cause notice to be given in the manner provided by law for giving notice of an election, or the submission of said proposi-