

nature of each legal voter shall be written the 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 these requirements are complied with and unless the date of signing is less than six months preceding 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 Carroll County, 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 Carroll County; that their respective residences 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 where such legal voters reside, 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 Such sheets shall be fastened together in one document, filed as a whole, and when filed shall not be withdrawn or added to. No signature shall be withdrawn after the filing of such petition.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 hereinafter provided, shall be prima facie evidence that the signatures, statement of residence, and dates upon such petition are genuine and true and that the persons signing the same are legal voters of Carroll County.

Upon request of any one 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 and 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 punished accordingly. 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 punished accordingly.

SEC. 5. *And be it further 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 pro-