

**08 NCAC 22 .0305            GENERAL PURPOSE AND INTENT OF THE NEW PARTY**

(a) Within 10 business days of being issued the signature sheet template under Rule .0104 of this Chapter, the petitioner shall submit written documentation to the State Board demonstrating how the petition circulators will inform a petition signer of the prospective party's general purpose and intent when collecting signatures. The petitioner may submit additional documentation to the State Board regarding how the prospective party informed petition signers of the prospective party's general purpose and intent at any time before the State Board determines the sufficiency of the new party petition.

(b) The documentation demonstrating how the petition circulators will inform a petition signer of the general purpose and intent may include, but is not limited to, any of the following:

- (1) training and instructional materials that will be provided to petition circulators before they begin collecting signatures;
- (2) scripts that petition circulators will use when collecting signatures; or
- (3) a written statement that materials, such as handouts, posters, and other promotional materials, will be used by petition circulators when collecting signatures.

(c) A county board shall not conduct signature verification of the prospective party's signature sheets until the documentation required under this Rule has been submitted to the State Board.

*History Note:    Authority G.S. 163-22; 163-96;  
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