

RECALL PETITIONS

Recall petitions are conducted in accordance with RCW 29A.56.110 - 270. If the declaration of candidacy for the office concerning the elected official is filed with Cowlitz County Elections, any person making a charge must file it with our office.

If the declaration of candidacy is filed elsewhere, the charge must be submitted there.

Following RCW 29A.56.120-130, the recall petition will be transmitted to the preparer of the ballot synopsis, and then transmitted to Superior Court for approval. The Superior Court Judge will determine if the petition meets the legal requirements and if signatures can begin to be collected. RCW 29.56.140

If the recall petition reaches the signature gathering stage, the number of signatures required is determined pursuant to RCW 29A.56.180 and based on the total number of votes cast for the candidates for the office to which the official whose recall is being demanded was elected.

Cowlitz County Elections cannot provide legal advice or interpretation. Please consult an attorney for any legal advice or questions.