



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
BOARD OF ELECTIONS
WASHINGTON, DC



Signature Requirement for Initiative Measure No. 86

In order for Initiative Measure No. 86, “Prohibiting Force-Feeding of Birds Act of 2026,” to be placed on the ballot, the petition must contain the valid signatures of at least five (5) percent of registered DC voters, provided that this total includes five (5) percent of the registered voters in at least five (5) of the eight (8) wards.

Under DC Official Code § 1-204.102(a) and 3 DCMR 1003.3, DCBOE must use the latest official count of registered voters published in the DC Register that was made at least thirty (30) days prior to the submission of signatures in support of the measure at issue to determine the minimum number of signatures required for ballot access. According to the April 30, 2026 Monthly Voter Registration Statistics Report, which was published in the DC Register on Friday, May 15, 2026, the signature requirements citywide and by ward are as follows:

Electoral Jurisdiction	Registration as of April 30, 2026	Signature Requirement (5% of Registered Voters)
Ward 1	58,451	2,923
Ward 2	52,842	2,642
Ward 3	57,227	2,861
Ward 4	61,259	3,063
Ward 5	69,052	3,453
Ward 6	69,073	3,454
Ward 7	61,053	3,053
Ward 8	49,840	2,492
Entire District	478,797	23,940