Board Announces Debut of eSign Mobile Petition App in the District of Columbia

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The District of Columbia Board of Elections (DCBOE) reminds voters that the eSign mobile petition application will be available starting Friday, January 26, 2018.

The District of Columbia is only the second jurisdiction nationwide to use this innovative system.

Developed and launched in 2015 by the Denver Elections Division, eSign is a full-service tool that allows candidates and ballot measure proposers to collect petition signatures electronically.

“We are excited that DCBOE has signed on to be the first jurisdiction outside of Denver to use eSign, our first in the nation digital petition application,” said Drake Rambke, Denver Elections Ballot Operations Coordinator. “This pioneering service will make the ballot access process more effective and efficient for District of Columbia voters and candidates running for office.”

Petition circulators can download eSign onto mobile tablets. They may also borrow pre-loaded devices available through DCBOE.

“We are pleased to work with Denver Elections staff on this pilot project for the 2018 election cycle,” said Antoine Fagan, DCBOE Chief Technology Officer. “We are confident that candidates and voters alike will find the app user-friendly.”

eSign is not required to collect signatures; the traditional pen and paper process is still available.

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The District of Columbia Board of Elections is an independent agency of the District government responsible for the administration of elections, ballot access, and voter registration.

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