READ HOW TO AVOID BREAKING STATE LAW: Move Oregon’s Border is not doing a statewide petition this year. Each of our petitions can only be signed by people registered to vote in the specific county mentioned by the petition. If you want the petition for another county, check our website GreaterIdaho.org to see if it is available yet. You don’t have to be a resident to collect the signatures: only to sign. So you can collect signatures for multiple counties at the same time if you printed out petitions for each county.

Believe it or not, YOU are a petition circulator. Anyone may collect signatures. If you observed the signing of each signature on the sheet, afterwards, you may sign the bottom of the page as the petition circulator. Even if the only signature you gather is your own signature, you can still be the petition circulator for that page. If you leave it unattended, someone might spoil it by signing it without you witnessing the act. If you leave it out in public, then pick it up again when you leave.

Page 3 and 4 MUST be printed back-to-back on a single sheet of paper to be accepted by the state. Both pages must be on the same sheet of paper. Print on 8½ by 11 inch white paper of at least 20lb weight (normal paper). Print each page at least once, and print page 3 and 4 as much as necessary, and bring them when collecting signatures. If you can’t figure out how to print back-to-back, ask a copy store to do it; but if you only want to collect one signature, you may email us at bm1greateridaho@gmail.com for an e-sheet. E-sheets are printed too, but only on one side.

Many Oregonians have found that the state recently messed up their voter registration. When someone is willing to sign, first ask them to help you verify that their voter registration is active and located in the correct county. They can not sign unless this is true. They can update their registration online on the spot, with their current address. Keep your phone on a voter registration site such as: https://secure.sos.state.or.us/orestar/vr/showVoterSearch.do

Recruit: If someone signs, ask them if they would like their own sheet to start collecting signatures on their own. We are here to collect signatures, but also to build the movement and campaign for a big yes vote on Nov 3.

Please turn in this petition (page 3 and 4) well before Aug 5 so we can collect, organize, and submit them by Aug 5. You can give it to the Harney county captain or mail it to the donation address below.

Questions about greater Idaho are answered at GreaterIdaho.org in our FAQ and our main document. Join our Facebook group called Greater Idaho – Move Oregon’s Border. A circulator training manual is available at https://sos.oregon.gov/elections/Documents/circulator-training.pdf or (538) 986-1518

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Requires County Court Meetings Regarding Relocations of State Borders

Section 1. Findings:

1) Whereas borders between states have been moved or redefined many times in United States history. For example, after West Virginia was admitted to the Union in June 1863, the Virginia / West Virginia border was relocated to transfer Berkeley County to West Virginia in August 1863, and then relocated in November 1863 to transfer Jefferson County, and

2) Whereas Article XVI of the Constitution of Oregon provides for the relocation of state boundaries, and

3) Whereas Oregon and Idaho could legislate an interstate compact to place the following counties under the jurisdiction of Idaho rather than Oregon: Baker, Coos, Crook, Curry, Douglas, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Jackson, Josephine, Klamath, Lake, Malheur, Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, and Wheeler. The following territory could also be under the jurisdiction of Idaho rather than Oregon:
   a) That portion of Wasco County that is east of the Deschutes River, plus the City of Maupin
   b) All of Jefferson County except Deschutes National Forest and Warm Springs Indian Reservation
   c) Deschutes County communities of Terrebonne, Redmond, southeastern Deschutes County, and La Pine, and

4) Whereas the region defined in this section can expect a great improvement in productivity and a reduction in cost of living when these areas are freed from Oregon regulations and taxes. This will make it a financial boon to Idaho, and

5) Whereas the region defined in this section has approximately 21% of Oregon’s population. According to 2017 US government BEA statistics, adjusted for state prison population, this region had a per capita personal income of approximately $41,248 per year, similar to that of Idaho, but Oregon as a whole had a per capita personal income of approximately $48,137 per year. This means that the budget of the state of Oregon would improve if it allowed these areas to fall under the jurisdiction of Idaho, and

6) Whereas the region defined in this section votes differently than the remainder of Oregon and desires different policies from its state government. It gave about two votes to Donald Trump in the 2016 presidential election for every vote it gave to Hillary Clinton, similar to Idaho. In contrast, the remainder of Oregon gave more than 1.6 votes to Hillary Clinton for every vote given to Donald Trump, and

Section 2.

7) Whereas the purpose of this ordinance is to increase the chances that state border relocations will be favorable to the interests of Harney County, and

8) Whereas it is the sense of the people of Harney County that it is in the interest of Harney County that Oregon begin negotiations with Idaho to relocate the Oregon/Idaho border to make the territory of Harney county become territory of Idaho,

Section 3.

Therefore, the people of Harney County ordain as follows:

The Harney County Court shall meet on the fourth Wednesday of every November, March, and July to discuss how to promote the interests of Harney County in any negotiations regarding relocations of state borders, irrespective of any other meeting dates that may be determined by that Court.

Section 4. Penalties:

1) If a Harney County Court meeting does not occur on a date designated in Section 3, anyone within the jurisdiction of the County found to have willfully prohibited, cancelled, or hindered the meeting of that Court that was to have occurred on that date may be made a defendant in a civil proceeding by the county seeking redress of the violation, per ORS 203.065

2) Fines recovered under ORS 203.030 – 203.075 shall be paid to the clerk of the court in which recovery is had. After first deducting court costs in the proceedings, the clerk shall pay the remainder to the treasurer of the county for the general fund of the county, per ORS 203.065.

3) A civil offense against this ordinance is a Class D violation, per ORS 203.065, with a maximum fine of $125, per ORS 153.018.

4) Any peace officer, as defined by ORS 161.015, may enforce this ordinance, adopted under ORS 203.035.

Section 5. Severability:

If any provision of this ordinance or the application of any such provision to any person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this ordinance or the application of its provisions to persons or circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid shall not be affected thereby.

Section 6. This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage.
Requires County Court meetings regarding relocation of Oregon-Idaho Border

Question: Shall the County Court meet three times annually to discuss promoting Harney County's interests regarding relocation of the state border?

Summary: If passed, the petition requires the Harney County Court to meet on the fourth Wednesday of every March, July and November, to discuss how to promote the interests of Harney County in any negotiations regarding the relocation of the Oregon-Idaho state border. Civil penalties are provided for anyone who willfully prohibits, cancel or hinders any of the prescribed meetings of the County Court. A civil offense against this ordinance will be a Class D Violation with a maximum fine of $125, and will be enforceable by any peace officer.