

# **Southeast Kansas Area Agency on Aging**

## **HOW TO GET SIGNATURES ON YOUR PETITION**

IF YOU CHOOSE TO BE CERTIFIED TO BE A KSHL MEMBER BY GATHERING SIGNATURES ON A PETITION IN LIEU OF PAYING THE \$25 REGISTRATION FEE, be sure to complete the top of each petition form and begin collecting at least 50 signatures of people age 60 or older who reside in your county.

*Note: You may wish to collect more signatures in the event that there are difficulties with the signers' ages or the location where the signer resides is questioned.*

You might find the best places to locate older Kansans who are at least 60 years old are at places where seniors gather. These include senior centers, senior clubs, senior housing, doctor's offices, religious and community organizations, nursing facilities or assisted living facilities or other community facilities.

DON'T BE SHY! After all, you are running for office. You might start a conversation with a petition signer like this:

*"Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_, I am running to be a delegate to the Kansas Silver Haired Legislature. Would you mind signing my nomination petition which will allow my name to be placed on the voting ballot?"*

*Be prepared to explain the Silver Haired Legislature to those who are unfamiliar with the organization. Tell them where you are from and which county you are representing.*

Before they sign your petition, make sure:

- 1. Each individual signer is 60 years old or older.*
- 2. Each individual signer resides in the same county you seek to represent*

Completed petition forms with at least 50 signatures must be submitted to the SEKAAA KSHL Coordinator, PO Box J, Chanute, KS 66720 along with the *Registration Form* and *Intent Form*.