§ 6-140. Independent nominations; form of petition. 1. a. Each sheet of an independent nominating petition shall be signed in ink, shall contain the following information and shall be in substantially the following form:

I, the undersigned, do hereby state that I am a registered voter of the political unit for which a nomination for public office is hereby being made, that my present place of residence is truly stated opposite my signature hereto, and that I do hereby nominate the following named person (or persons) as a candidate (or as candidates) for election to public office (or public offices) to be voted for at the election to be held on the ..... day of ....., 20...., and that I select the name ..... (fill in name) as the name of the independent body making the nomination (or nominations) and ..... (fill in emblem) as the emblem of such body.

(JOINTLY DESIGNATED CANDIDACY FOR GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR)

Name of Candidate for Governor	Governor	Residence of Candidate for Governor
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Name of Candidate for Lieutenant Governor	**Lieutenant Governor**	**Residence of Candidate for Lieutenant Governor**
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Public Place of residence

Name of Candidate	Office (include district number, if applicable)	(also post office address if not identical)
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I do hereby appoint ..... (here insert the names and addresses of at least three persons, all of whom shall be registered voters within such political unit), as a committee to fill vacancies in accordance with the provisions of the election law.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, the day and year placed opposite my signature.

Date	Name of Signer	Residence
.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....
		Town or city (except in the city of New York, the county)
		.....
		.....

b. There shall be appended at the bottom of each sheet a signed statement of a witness who is a duly qualified voter of the state and who has not previously signed a petition for another candidate for the same office. Such a statement shall be accepted for all purposes as the equivalent of an affidavit, and if it contains a material false statement, shall subject the person signing it to the same penalties as if he or she had been duly sworn. The form of such statement shall be substantially as follows:

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

I, ... (name of witness) state: I am a duly qualified voter of the State of New York and now reside at ..... (residence address).

Each of the individuals whose names are subscribed to this petition sheet containing ..... (fill in number) signatures, subscribed the

same in my presence on the dates above indicated and identified himself or herself to be the individual who signed this sheet.

I understand that this statement will be accepted for all purposes as the equivalent of an affidavit and, if it contains a material false statement, shall subject me to the same penalties as if I had been duly sworn.

Date: ....

Signature of Witness

Witness identification information:

The following information must be completed prior to filing with the board of elections in order for this petition sheet to be valid.

Town or City	County
.....	.....

2. In lieu of the signed statement of a witness who is a duly qualified voter of the state, the following statement signed by a notary public or commissioner of deeds shall be accepted:

On the dates above indicated before me personally came each of the voters whose signatures appear on this petition sheet containing ..... (fill in number) signatures, who signed same in my presence and who, being by me duly sworn, each for himself or herself, said that the foregoing statement made and subscribed by him or her, was true.

Date: .....

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(Signature and official title of officer administering oath)

3. The state board of elections shall prepare a sample form of an independent nominating petition which meets the requirements of this section and shall distribute or cause such forms to be distributed to each board of elections. Such forms shall be made available to the public upon request, by the state board of elections and each such board. Any petition that is a copy of such a sample shall be deemed to

meet the requirements of form imposed by this section.