

What is a Petition?

A petition is a document that you will give to the Legislative Assembly that tells them about a problem or concern that affects Islanders, and it gives ideas on how to fix the problem/ concern. Your petition will need signatures from citizens of Prince Edward Island.

Petitions are prepared by a private individual or an organization.

Petitions must be given to an MLA to be presented in the Legislative Assembly.

An MLA helps by:

If you would like the Legislative Assembly to look at your petition you must first bring it to a Member of the Legislative Assembly (an MLA).

An MLA can then bring your petition to the House between Tuesday and Friday when the House is in session.

There is a time set out in each day for your MLA to stand up address the Speaker, tell who the petition is from, how many people have signed it, what information the petition contains and then he or she will read the prayer, or request aloud. No one is allowed to debate the petition after it is read.



Legislative Assembly of
Prince Edward Island

How to Prepare a Petition

Tel: 902 368 5970
Website: www.assembly.pe.ca

What should you put in your petition?

1. The first line of your petition must say:

“To the Legislative Assembly of Prince Edward Island”

2. Explain the problem or complaint you want fixed.

3. Include background information that might help explain your problem or complaint.

4. The last part of your petition is the “request” or the “prayer”. This is the part where you must suggest a solution or plan to fix the problem. You cannot have a petition without having thought of a solution/plan.

Your solution/plan has to fall under the power of the Legislative Assembly.

Your petition can be handwritten, typewritten or printed. There can be no marks from erasing, nothing showing additions or showing subtractions.

Your petition cannot have anything attached. All important information must be included in your petition.

Sample Petition

Here is what your petition might look like.

TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND:

These are the reasons for the petition:

(After this you would write the problem or complaint you have and any information that is important to your petition.)

We petition the Legislative Assembly of Prince Edward Island as follows:

(Here you would write what you think the Legislative Assembly should do, or not do about the issue.)

Name (Please print)	Address	Signature
_____	_____	_____

- If your petition has more than one page of signatures make sure the subject of your petition is written at the top of each page of signatures.
- The signatures on your petition must be the original signatures. You cannot copy and paste them in any way and no person can sign for anyone else or a whole group of people.

What not to include in your petition:

- Any foul/ disrespectful language
- Anything disrespectful to the Queen, the Legislative Assembly, the courts or any other type of authority
- Any opinions on the House, the Government or things an MLA has done
- Anything laying blame on a Minister or Senior official
- Any problem that is not within the Legislative Assembly's authority
- Any topics that have been given to another group to handle
- Your solution cannot be to spend money

Legislative Assembly of Prince Edward Island

Province House
Richmond Street
P.O. Box 2000
Charlottetown, PE
C1A 7K7

Tel: 902 368 5970
Website: www.assembly.pe.ca
Fax: 902 368 5175