

**STATE OF MAINE**  
**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE**

**DETERMINATION OF THE VALIDITY**  
**OF A PETITION FOR PEOPLE’S VETO OF CERTAIN SECTIONS OF**  
**CHAPTER 399 OF THE PUBLIC LAWS OF 2011 ENTITLED:**

“An Act To Preserve the Integrity of the Voter Registration and Election Process”

1. On August 8 and 9, 2011, 17,064 petitions containing 82,609 signatures were submitted to the Secretary of State pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part Third, Section 17 on behalf of the people’s veto of certain sections of Chapter 399 of the Public Laws of 2011, entitled “An Act To Preserve the Integrity of the Voter Registration and Election Process”.<sup>1</sup>
  
2. Following a review of these 17,064 petitions I find the following signatures to be invalid for the following reasons:
  - A. 8,583 signatures are invalid because they were not certified by the registrar as belonging to a registered voter in that municipality. (REG)
  
  - B. 1,131 signatures are invalid because the voter’s signature was withdrawn (crossed out) on the petition. (WD)
  
  - C. 540 signatures are invalid because the circulator’s status as a registered voter in the State of Maine could not be confirmed. (MUNI)
  
  - D. 470 signatures are invalid because the circulators collected these signatures prior to becoming registered to vote in the State of Maine. (CIRC)
  
  - E. 399 signatures are invalid because either the voter dated his or her signature after the date of the circulator’s oath administered by the notary, or the voter’s signature was not dated and it could not be determined that the voter signed the petition before the circulator took the oath. (DATE)
  
  - F. 366 signatures are invalid because they are duplicates of signatures already counted. (DUP)
  
  - G. 230 signatures are invalid because the circulator’s oath was not complete or not administered properly. (OATH)
  
  - H. 155 signatures are invalid because the registered voter’s signature was made by another. (ANO)

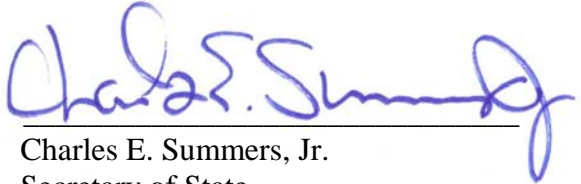
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<sup>1</sup> An additional 1,544 petitions that were submitted contained no signatures that were certified as valid by municipal registrars. The Secretary of State did not complete a full review of signatures included on these 1,544 petition forms and these signatures were not included in the final tally of signatures that culminated in this Determination of Validity.

- I. 149 signatures are invalid because the petitioner failed to provide a signature. (SIG)
- J. 122 signatures are invalid because of material alterations to the petition. (ALT)
- K. 104 signatures are invalid because the circulator's oath was not completed prior to submitting the petition to the registrar for certification. (PRIOR)
- L. 46 signatures are invalid because the petition was not on the approved form. (FORM)
- M. 4 signatures are invalid because the notary was related to the circulator. (OWN)
- N. 2 signatures are invalid because the certification of the registrar was not completed. (CERT)

3. For the reasons set forth above, on the 17,064 petition forms fully reviewed by the Secretary of State, I find that 12,301 signatures are invalid and 70,308 signatures are valid. The number of signatures required for a valid petition is 57,277. Because the number of valid signatures exceeds the required number by 13,031 signatures, I find the petition to be valid.

Dated: September 8, 2011

  
Charles E. Summers, Jr.  
Secretary of State