

STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Determination of the Validity of a Petition for Initiated Legislation Entitled:

“An Act Regarding Automotive Right to Repair”

1. On January 19, 2023, 10,289 petitions containing 83,252 signatures were submitted to the Secretary of State pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part Third, Section 18 on behalf of the above-entitled initiated legislation.¹
2. Following a review of these 10,289 petitions I find the following signatures to be invalid for the following reasons:
 - A. 6,704 signatures are invalid because they were not certified by the registrar as belonging to a registered voter in that municipality. (REG)
 - B. 872 signatures are invalid because they are duplicates of signatures already counted. (DUP)
 - C. 477 signatures are invalid because the voter’s signature was crossed out on the petition form. (WD)
 - D. 208 signatures are invalid because the voter failed to provide a signature. (SIG)
 - E. 130 signatures are invalid because of material alterations to the petition. (ALT)
 - F. 88 signatures are invalid because they were dated after the date that the circulator’s oath was completed in the presence of 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)
 - G. 31 signatures are invalid because the registered voter’s signature was made by another. (ANO)
 - H. 29 signatures are invalid because the circulator’s oath was not complete or not administered properly. (OATH)
 - I. 27 signatures are invalid because the circulator did not file a circulator’s affidavit at the time the petitions were filed with the Secretary of State or the affidavit was not properly completed. (AFF)

¹ An additional 870 petitions that were submitted contained only signatures that were certified as invalid by municipal registrars. The Secretary of State did not complete a full review of signatures included on these 870 petition forms and these signatures were not included in the final tally of signatures that culminated in this Determination of Validity.

3. For the reasons set forth above, on the 10,289 petition forms filed with the Secretary of State, I find that 8,566 signatures are invalid and 74,686 signatures are valid. The number of signatures required to determine the petition to be valid is 67,682. Because the number of valid signatures exceeds the required number by 7,004 signatures, I find the petition to be valid.

Dated: February 21, 2023



Shenna Bellows
Secretary of State