

STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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

“An Act to Require an Individual to Present Photographic Identification for the Purpose of Voting”.

1. On January 6, 2025, 4,410 petition forms 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.
2. The estimated total number of signatures submitted according to the petition receipt (171,562) far exceeded the quantity of signatures required (67,682) to determine the validity of the petition. The Secretary of State reviewed and certified the first 2,430 of the 4,410 petition forms submitted as the initial stage of the certification process.
3. Following a review of the first 2,430 petition forms I find the following signatures to be invalid for the following reasons:
 - A. 5,422 signatures are invalid because they are duplicates of signatures already counted. (DUP)
 - B. 989 signatures are invalid because they were not certified by the registrar as belonging to a registered voter in that municipality. (REG)
 - C. 368 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)
 - D. 201 signatures are invalid because the circulator’s oath was not complete or not administered properly. (OATH)
 - E. 137 signatures are invalid because the voter’s signature was crossed out on the petition form. (WD)
 - F. 64 signatures are invalid because the voter failed to provide a signature. (SIG)
 - G. 58 signatures are invalid because of material alterations to the petition form. (ALT)
 - H. 46 signatures are invalid because the registered voter’s signature was made by another. (ANO)
4. For the reasons set forth above, on the first 2,430 petition forms filed with the Secretary of State, I find that 86,904 signatures are valid, and 7,285 signatures are invalid, a validity rate of 92.3%. 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 19,222 signatures, I find the petition to be valid.

5. Due to the large buffer of 19,222 extra valid signatures certified above the required number of 67,682, full review of the remaining 1,980 petition forms was not necessary. There are potentially an additional 76,309 valid signatures on the 1,980 remaining petition forms.

Dated: February 19, 2025



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