

STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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

“An Act To Establish Ranked-choice Voting”

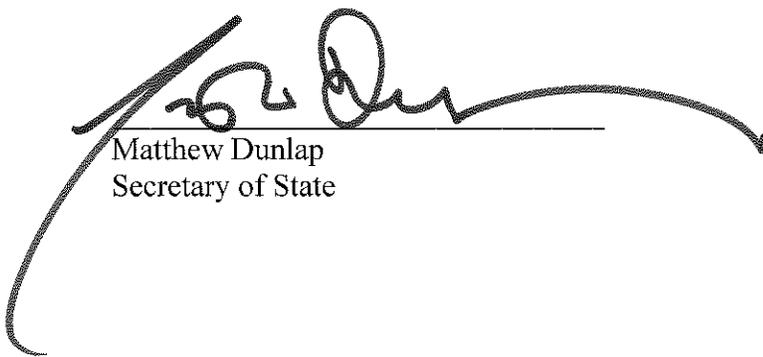
1. On October 19, 2015, 10,036 petitions containing 75,369 signatures were submitted to the Secretary of State pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part Third, Section 18 on behalf of the above-entitled initiated legislation.¹
2. Following a review of these 10,036 petitions I find the following signatures to be invalid for the following reasons:
 - A. 4,969 signatures are invalid because they were not certified by the registrar as belonging to a registered voter in that municipality. (REG)
 - B. 3,999 signatures are invalid because they are duplicates of signatures already counted. (DUP)
 - C. 817 signatures are invalid because the circulator’s oath was not complete or not administered properly. (OATH)
 - D. 358 signatures are invalid because the voter’s signature was withdrawn from the petition. (WD)
 - E. 256 signatures are invalid because the circulator oath’s was not completed prior to submitting the petition to the registrar for certification. (PRIOR)
 - F. 123 signatures are invalid because the voter dated his or her signature after the date of the circulator’s oath before 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. 52 signatures are invalid because the petitioner failed to provide a signature. (SIG)
 - H. 37 signatures are invalid because the registered voter’s signature was made by another. (ANO)
 - I. 31 signatures are invalid because of material alterations to the petition. (ALT)
 - J. 20 signatures are invalid because the petition was not on the approved form. (FORM)

¹ An additional 827 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 827 petition forms and these signatures were not included in the final tally of signatures that culminated in this Determination of Validity.

K. 20 signatures are invalid because the circulator's status as a registered voter in the State of Maine could not be confirmed.

3. For the reasons set forth above, on the 10,036 petition forms fully reviewed by the Secretary of State, I find that 10,682 signatures are invalid and 64,687 signatures are valid. The number of signatures required to determine the petition to be valid is 61,123. Because the number of valid signatures exceeds the required number by 3,564 signatures, I find the petition to be valid.

Dated: November 18, 2015



Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State