

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

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

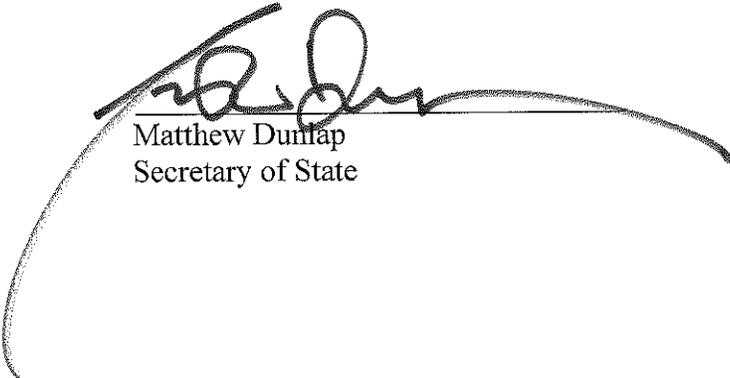
“An Act To Legalize Marijuana”

1. On February 1, 2016, 20,671 petitions containing 99,229 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.
2. Following a review of these 20,761 petitions I find the following signatures to be invalid for the following reasons:
  - A. 31,338 signatures are invalid because the circulator’s signature on the circulator’s oath or the signature of the notary listed as having administered the oath did not match the signature on file and it could not be determined that the signature was made by that person. (OATSIG) A single individual was listed as the notary on 5,099 petitions containing 26,779 of these signatures. 9,541 of the signatures in this category are also invalid for one or more of the reasons listed below, primarily for the same reasons listed in paragraphs B and G below.
  - B. 13,525 signatures are invalid because they were not certified by the registrar as belonging to a registered voter in that municipality. (REG)
  - C. 486 signatures are invalid because the voter’s signature was crossed out on the petition form. (WD)
  - D. 420 signatures are invalid because the circulators collected signatures prior to becoming registered to vote in the State of Maine. (CIRC)
  - E. 411 signatures are invalid because the status of the circulators as residents of Maine could not be confirmed. (RES)
  - F. 309 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. 270 signatures are invalid because the circulator’s status as a registered voter in the State of Maine could not be confirmed or the circulator was not registered to vote in the municipality where the circulator claimed to be a resident. (MUNI)
  - H. 174 signatures are invalid because the petitioner failed to provide a signature. (SIG)
  - I. 171 signatures are invalid because the petition was not on the approved form. (FORM)

- J. 123 signatures are invalid because of material alterations to the petition. (ALT)
- K. 123 signatures are invalid because the circulator oath's was not completed prior to submitting the petition to the registrar for certification. (PRIOR)
- L. 93 signatures are invalid because they are duplicates of signatures already counted. (DUP)<sup>1</sup>
- M. 92 signatures are invalid because the registered voter's signature was made by another person. (ANO)
- N. 77 signatures are invalid because the petition was submitted to the municipal registrar for determination of whether the petitioners were qualified voters after the deadline set by the Maine Constitution, Article IV, Part Third, Section 20. (AMD)
- O. 58 signatures are invalid because the circulator's oath was not complete or not administered properly. (OATH)
- P. 14 signatures are invalid because the notary was related to the circulator. (OWN)
- Q. 2 signatures are invalid because the certification of the registrar was not completed. (CERT)

3. For the reasons set forth above, on the 20,671 petition forms reviewed by the Secretary of State, I find that 47,686 signatures are invalid, leaving a maximum of 51,543 signatures that are valid (subject to checking for duplicates). The number of signatures required to determine the petition to be valid is 61,123. Because petitioners have failed to submit a sufficient number of valid signatures, I find the petition to be invalid.

Dated: March 2, 2016



Matthew Dunlap  
Secretary of State

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<sup>1</sup> A complete review of all petitions to identify duplicate signatures was not undertaken during this certification process due to time constraints and the large number of signatures and petitions submitted to the Secretary of State for review within the past thirty days. Duplicate signatures deemed invalid in this Determination were primarily identified by municipal election officials.