

STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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

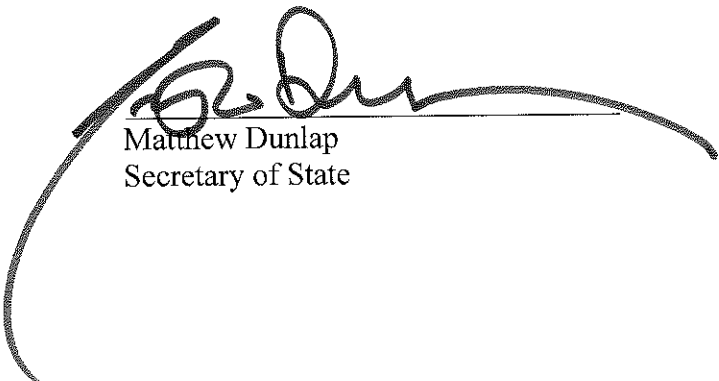
“An Act To Establish the Fund To Advance Public Kindergarten to Grade 12 Education”

1. On February 1, 2016, 19,832 petitions containing 88,242 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 19,832 petitions I find the following signatures to be invalid for the following reasons:
 - A. 11,147 signatures are invalid because they were not certified by the registrar as belonging to a registered voter in that municipality. (REG)
 - B. 7,519 signatures are invalid because the circulator’s signature on the circulator’s oath or the signature of the notary administering the oath did not match the signature on file and it could not be determined that the signature was made by that person. (OATSIG)
 - C. 615 signatures are invalid because the voter’s signature was crossed out on the petition form. (WD)
 - D. 447 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)
 - E. 444 signatures are invalid because the circulator’s oath was not complete or not administered properly. (OATH)
 - F. 373 signatures are invalid because of material alterations to the petition. (ALT)
 - G. 317 signatures are invalid because the status of the circulators as residents of Maine could not be confirmed. (RES)
 - H. 164 signatures are invalid because the petitioner failed to provide a signature. (SIG)
 - I. 84 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)
 - J. 71 signatures are invalid because the registered voter’s signature was made by another. (ANO)

- K. 70 signatures are invalid because the circulators collected signatures prior to becoming registered to vote in the State of Maine. (CIRC)
- L. 58 signatures are invalid because the circulator oath's was not completed prior to submitting the petition to the registrar for certification. (PRIOR)
- M. 41 signatures are invalid because the notary was related to the circulator. (OWN)
- N. 32 signatures are invalid because they are duplicates of signatures already counted. (DUP)¹
- O. 10 signatures are invalid because the certification of the registrar was not completed. (CERT)
- P. 1 signature is invalid because the petition was not on the approved form. (FORM)

3. For the reasons set forth above, on the 19,832 petition forms reviewed by the Secretary of State, I find that 21,393 signatures are invalid and 66,849 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 5,726 signatures, I find the petition to be valid.

Dated: March 2, 2016



Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State

¹ 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 submitted to the Secretary of State. Duplicate signatures that were invalidated for this effort were primarily identified by municipal election officials.