

STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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

“An Act To Require Legislative Approval of Certain Transmission Lines, Require Legislative Approval of Certain Transmission Lines and Facilities and Other Projects on Public Reserved Lands and Prohibit the Construction of Certain Transmission Lines in the Upper Kennebec Region”


1. On January 21, 2021, 25,058 petitions containing 95,622 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 25,058 petitions I find the following signatures to be invalid for the following reasons:
 - A. 9,868 signatures are invalid because they were not certified by the registrar as belonging to a registered voter in that municipality. (REG)
 - B. 2,346 signatures are invalid because they are duplicates of signatures already counted. (DUP)
 - C. 759 signatures are invalid because the signature of the notary administering the circulator’s oath did not match the signature on file and it could not be determined that the signature was made by that person. (OATSIG)
 - D. 502 signatures are invalid because the voter’s signature was crossed out on the petition form. (WD)
 - E. 305 signatures are invalid because the voter dated his or her signature after the date of the circulator’s oath 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)
 - F. 266 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. (AFF)
 - G. 236 signatures are invalid because the voter failed to provide a signature. (SIG)
 - H. 194 signatures are invalid because of material alterations to the petition. (ALT)
 - I. 175 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)

¹ An additional 2,829 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 2,829 petition forms and these signatures were not included in the final tally of signatures that culminated in this Determination of Validity.

- J. 145 signatures are invalid because the petition was not on the approved form. (FORM)
- K. 142 signatures are invalid because the registered voter's signature was made by another. (ANO)
- L. 99 signatures are invalid because the circulator's oath was not complete or not administered properly. (OATH)
- M. 68 signatures are invalid because the circulator's oath was not completed prior to submitting the petition to the registrar for certification. (PRIOR)
- N. 11 signatures are invalid because the certification of the registrar was not completed. (CERT)

3. For the reasons set forth above, on the 25,058 petition forms filed with the Secretary of State, I find that 15,116 signatures are invalid and 80,506 signatures are valid. The number of signatures required to determine the petition to be valid is 63,067. Because the number of valid signatures exceeds the required number by 17,439 signatures, I find the petition to be valid.

Dated: February 22, 2021



Shenna Bellows
Secretary of State