

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

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


“An Act to Designate School Sports Participation and Facilities by Sex”

1. On February 2, 2026, 8,067 petition forms containing 79,692 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 8,067 petition forms, I find the following signatures to be invalid for the following reasons:
 - A. 5,066 signatures are invalid because they were not certified by the registrar as belonging to a registered voter in that municipality. (REG)
 - B. 1,930 signatures are invalid because they are duplicates of signatures already counted. (279 of these signatures were invalidated during the remand). (DUP)
 - C. 675 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. (171 of these signatures were invalidated during the remand). (DATE)
 - D. 2,813 signatures are invalid because the circulator did not file a valid circulator’s affidavit at the time the petitions were filed with the Secretary of State. (2335 of these signatures were invalidated during the remand). (AFF)
 - E. 278 signatures are invalid because the voter’s signature was crossed out on the petition form. (WD)
 - F. 233 signatures are invalid because the voter failed to provide a signature. (SIG)
 - G. 152 signatures are invalid because the circulator’s oath was not completed prior to submitting the petition to the registrar for certification. (PRIOR)
 - H. 162 signatures are invalid because the registered voter’s signature was made by another. (61 of these signatures were invalidated during the remand). (ANO)

¹ An additional 3 petition forms were submitted that contained only signatures that were certified as invalid by municipal registrars or included no municipal certification. The Secretary of State did not complete a full review of signatures included on these 3 petition forms and these signatures were not included in the final tally of signatures that culminated in this Determination of Validity.

- I. 1,127 signatures are invalid because the circulator's oath was not complete, not administered properly, or untrustworthy. (1,037 additional signatures were invalidated during the remand).(OATH)
 - J. 64 signatures are invalid because of material alterations to the petition. (ALT)
 - K. 29 signatures are invalid because the certification of the registrar was not completed. (CERT)
 - L. 9 signatures are invalid because the petition was not on the approved form. (FORM)
 - M. 4 signatures are invalid because the petition forms were received by the municipal office after the municipal filing deadline. (AMD)
3. For the reasons set forth above, on the 8,067 petition forms filed with the Secretary of State, I find that 67,150 signatures are valid and 12,542 signatures are invalid. The number of signatures required to determine the petition to be valid is 67,682. Because the number of valid signatures is short of the required number by 532 signatures, I find the petition to be invalid.

May 26, 2026



Shenna Bellows
Secretary of State