

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

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

“An Act to Limit Contributions to Political Action Committees That Make Independent Expenditures”

1. On January 23, 2024, 11,313 petitions containing 84,025 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 11,313 petitions I find the following signatures to be invalid for the following reasons:
  - A. 5,327 signatures are invalid because they were not certified by the registrar as belonging to a registered voter in that municipality. (REG)
  - B. 1,276 signatures are invalid because they are duplicates of signatures already counted. (DUP)
  - C. 298 signatures are invalid because the circulator’s oath was not complete or not administered properly. (OATH)
  - D. 285 signatures are invalid because the voter’s signature was crossed out on the petition form. (WD)
  - E. 209 signatures are invalid because the voter failed to provide a signature. (SIG)
  - F. 181 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 or the affidavit was not properly completed. (AFF)
  - G. 132 signatures are invalid because of material alterations to the petition. (ALT)
  - H. 119 signatures are invalid because the registered voter’s signature was made by another. (ANO)
  - I. 90 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. (DATE)
  - J. 27 signatures are invalid because the certification of the registrar was not completed. (CERT)

For the reasons set forth above, on the 11,313 petition forms filed with the Secretary of State, I find that 7,944 signatures are invalid, and 76,081 signatures are valid. The number of signatures required to determine the petition to be valid is 67,682. Because the number of valid signatures exceeds the required number by 8,399 signatures, I find the petition to be valid.

Dated: February 22, 2024



Shenna Bellows  
Secretary of State