

STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

DETERMINATION OF THE VALIDITY
OF A PARTY FORMATION PETITION PURSUANT TO TITLE 21-A, §303:

1. On December 15, 2011, 9,256 petitions containing 60,041 signatures were submitted to the Secretary of State, pursuant to 21-A MRSA § 303, proposing that the Americans Elect Party be qualified to participate in the Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, June 12, 2012.¹

2. Following a review of these 9,256 petitions I find the following signatures to be invalid for the following reasons:
 - A. 21,479 signatures are invalid because the voter was enrolled in a qualified party as of the date that the petition was certified by the municipal registrar of voters -- 21-A MRSA § 303 (3) requires that the signers either be enrolled in the Americans Elect Party or not enrolled in any party. (NE)

 - B. 5,305 signatures are invalid because they were not certified by the registrar as belonging to a registered voter in that municipality. (REG)

 - C. 1,203 signatures are invalid because the voter's signature was withdrawn (crossed out) on the petition. (WD)

 - D. 918 signatures are invalid because they are duplicates of signatures already counted. (DUP)

 - E. 118 signatures are invalid because either the voter dated his or her signature after the date of the circulator's oath administered by 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)

 - F. 69 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 statute (21-A MRSA § 303(3)). (AMD)

 - G. 19 signatures are invalid because the petitioner failed to provide a signature. (SIG)

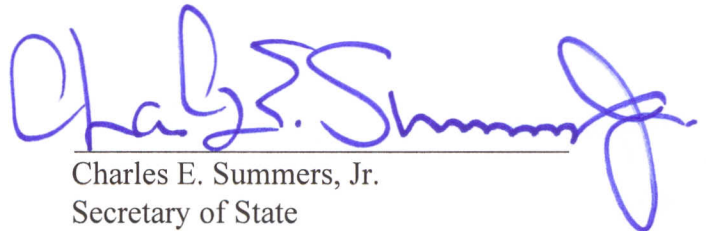
 - H. 17 signatures are invalid because the registered voter's signature was made by another. (ANO)

¹ An additional 2,340 petitions that were submitted contained no signatures that were certified as valid by municipal registrars. The Secretary of State did not conduct a full review of signatures included on these 2,340 petition forms, and these signatures are not included in the final tally of signatures that culminated in this Determination of Validity.

- I. 4 signatures are invalid because of material alterations to the petition. (ALT)
- J. 1 signature is invalid because the circulator's oath was not complete or not administered properly. (OATH)

3. For the reasons set forth above, on the 9,256 petition forms fully reviewed by the Secretary of State, I find that 29,133 signatures are invalid and 30,908 signatures are valid. The number of signatures required for a valid petition is 28,638. Because the number of valid signatures exceeds the required number by 2,270 signatures, I find the petition to be valid.

Dated: January 25, 2012



Charles E. Summers, Jr.
Secretary of State