

STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

DETERMINATION OF THE VALIDITY
OF A PETITION FOR PEOPLE’S VETO OF CHAPTER 154 OF THE PUBLIC
LAWS OF 2019 ENTITLED:

“An Act To Protect Maine Children and Students from Preventable Diseases by Repealing
Certain Exemptions from the Laws Governing Immunization Requirements”

1. On September 18, 2019, 29,370 petitions containing 95,871 signatures were submitted to the Secretary of State pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part Third, Section 17 on behalf of the people’s veto of certain sections of the above-entitled legislation.¹

2. Following a review of these 29,370 petitions I find the following signatures to be invalid for the following reasons:
 - A. 12,056 signatures are invalid because they were not certified by the registrar as belonging to a registered voter in that municipality. (REG)

 - B. 2,228 signatures are invalid because they are duplicates of signatures already counted. (DUP)

 - C. 1,024 signatures are invalid because the voter’s signature was crossed out on the petition form. (WD)

 - D. 535 signatures are invalid because the circulator’s oath was not complete or not administered properly. (OATH)

 - E. 274 signatures are invalid because the circulator’s status as a registered voter in the State of Maine could not be confirmed or the circulator was not registered to vote in the municipality where the circulator claimed to be a resident. (MUNI)

 - F. 250 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)


 - G. 169 signatures are invalid because the petitioner failed to provide a signature. (SIG)

 - H. 102 signatures are invalid because of material alterations to the petition. (ALT)

¹ An additional 3,419 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 3,419 petition forms and these signatures were not included in the final tally of signatures that culminated in this Determination of Validity. There were also 32 petitions submitted that were for a different people’s veto effort. Accordingly, we did not review these signatures.

- I. 76 signatures are invalid because the registered voter's signature was made by another. (ANO)
 - J. 45 signatures are invalid because the circulator collected signatures prior to becoming registered to vote in the State of Maine. (CIRC)
 - K. 31 signatures are invalid because the petition was not on the approved form. (FORM)
 - L. 18 signatures are invalid because the circulator's oath was not completed prior to submitting the petition to the registrar for certification. (PRIOR)
 - M. 4 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)
 - N. 3 signatures are invalid because the certification of the registrar was not completed. (CERT)
3. For the reasons set forth above, on the 29,370 petition forms filed with the Secretary of State, I find that 16,815 signatures are invalid and 79,056 signatures are valid. The number of signatures required for a valid petition is 63,067. Because the number of valid signatures exceeds the required number by 15,989 signatures, I find the petition to be valid.

Dated: October 17, 2019



Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State