

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

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

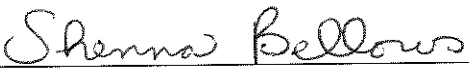
“An Act To Prohibit Campaign Spending by Foreign Governments and  
Promote an Anticorruption Amendment to the United States Constitution”

1. On November 1, 2022, 11,292 petitions containing 79,660 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 11,292 petitions I find the following signatures to be invalid for the following reasons:
  - A. 5,410 signatures are invalid because they are duplicates of signatures already counted. (DUP)
  - B. 5,190 signatures are invalid because they were not certified by the registrar as belonging to a registered voter in that municipality. (REG)
  - C. 672 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)
  - D. 327 signatures are invalid because the voter’s signature was crossed out on the petition form. (WD)
  - E. 193 signatures are invalid because the voter failed to provide a signature. (SIG)
  - F. 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)
  - G. 85 signatures are invalid because the circulator’s oath was not complete or not administered properly. (OATH)
  - H. 67 signatures are invalid because the registered voter’s signature was made by another. (ANO)
  - I. 36 signatures are invalid because of material alterations to the petition. (ALT)
  - J. 33 signatures are invalid because the petition was not on the approved form. (FORM)
  - K. 6 signatures are invalid because the certification of the registrar was not completed. (CERT)

L. 1 signature is invalid because the voter's signature was dated more than a year prior to the date that the petition was filed in the office of the Secretary of State. (FILED)

3. For the reasons set forth above, on the 11,292 petition forms filed with the Secretary of State, I find that 12,110 signatures are invalid and 67,550 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 4,483 signatures, I find the petition to be valid.

Dated: December 1, 2022

  
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Shenna Bellows  
Secretary of State