

STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

DETERMINATION OF THE VALIDITY
OF A PETITION FOR PEOPLE’S VETO OF CHAPTER 539 OF THE PUBLIC
LAWS OF 2019 ENTITLED:

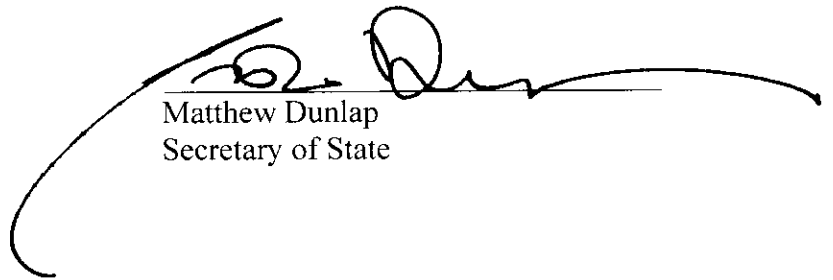
“An Act To Implement Ranked-choice Voting for Presidential Primary
and General Elections in Maine”

1. On June 15, 2020, 9,482 petitions containing 72,512 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 the above-entitled legislation.
2. Following a review of these 9,482 petitions I find the following signatures to be invalid for the following reasons:
 - A. 3,543 signatures are invalid because they were not certified by the registrar as belonging to a registered voter in that municipality. (REG)
 - B. 2,638 signatures are invalid because they are duplicates of signatures already counted. (DUP)
 - C. 1,197 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)
 - D. 1,143 signatures are invalid because the circulator collected signatures prior to becoming registered to vote in the State of Maine. (CIRC)
 - E. 798 signatures are invalid because the circulator’s oath was not complete or not administered properly. (OATH)
 - F. 637 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. 469 signatures are invalid because the circulator’s oath was not completed prior to submitting the petition to the registrar for certification. (PRIOR)
 - H. 401 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)
 - I. 211 signatures are invalid because the voter’s signature was crossed out on the petition form. (WD)
 - J. 66 signatures are invalid because the petitioner failed to provide a signature. (SIG)

- K. 31 signatures are invalid because the petition was not on the approved form. (FORM)
- L. 28 signatures are invalid because the registered voter's signature was made by another. (ANO)
- M. 13 signatures are invalid because of material alterations to the petition. (ALT)
- N. 3 signatures are invalid because the certification of the registrar was not completed. (CERT)

3. For the reasons set forth above, on the 9,482 petition forms filed with the Secretary of State, I find that 11,178 signatures are invalid and 61,334 signatures are valid. The number of signatures required for a valid petition is 63,067. As petitioners have failed to submit a sufficient number of valid signatures, I find the petition to be invalid.

Dated: July 15, 2020



Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State