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## **State spending lid to appear on November ballot**

LINCOLN – Nebraska Secretary of State John Gale announced today that the initiative petition to enact a proposed constitutional amendment to limit state spending had collected enough valid signatures to be placed on the Nov. 7 ballot.

As of Thursday, Aug. 10, the initiative had nearly 123,000 valid signatures. The initiative needed approximately 114,000 valid signatures – equal to 10 percent of registered voters statewide – to be placed on the ballot.

In addition, the initiative had valid signatures from 5 percent of registered voters in each of 80 counties – surpassing the threshold of 38 counties needed.

The signature numbers on the state spending proposal, which is sponsored by Stop Over Spending Nebraska, were reported from 90 of 93 counties that had completed checking signatures.

After a petition is submitted to the Secretary of State's Office, county election offices have the job of verifying whether petition signatures are those of registered voters.

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