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## **Video keno petition makes signature threshold; humane care proposal still under review**

LINCOLN – Nebraska Secretary of State John Gale announced today that the statutory initiative that would allow Nebraskans to play keno using video machines had collected enough valid signatures to be placed on the Nov. 7 ballot.

Gale said the review of signatures on the constitutional initiative regarding humane care was not complete. He said counties were still verifying signatures on that petition.

With all 93 counties reporting, the video keno petition had 90,309 valid signatures. The initiative needed 79,585 valid signatures – equal to 7 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 49 counties, surpassing the threshold of 38 counties needed.

A lawsuit challenging the placement of the video keno proposal on the ballot is pending in Lancaster County District Court.

Sponsors of the video keno proposal are Advanced Gaming Technologies Inc. of Bellevue, Big Red Lottery Services Ltd. of Omaha, Hastings Keno Inc. of Hastings and Papillion Keno Inc. of Papillion.

The humane care proposal would require water and nutrition with end-of-life care unless a person has a valid advance directive or living will authorizing withholding of food or water. Thomas Mann of Omaha is the sponsor of the initiative.

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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