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## **Private Education Tax Credits Referendum will not be on November ballot**

Today, Secretary of State Bob Evnen notified sponsors of the Private Education Tax Credits Referendum that he does not intend to place the referendum on the November general election ballot. The referendum sought to repeal LB 753, the Opportunity Scholarships Act, which became law in 2023.

Secretary Evnen made the decision following the Nebraska Legislature's recent passage of LB 1402, which repeals LB 753. The Secretary of State's office consulted with the Office of the Attorney General concerning this issue.

"Since the previous law will no longer be in effect by the time of the general election, I do not intend to place the original referendum on the ballot," Secretary Evnen said.

On April 30, 2024, the same petition organizers filed a new referendum – this time seeking to partially repeal LB 1402. Petition organizers have until July 17 to collect valid signatures from 5% of Nebraska's registered voters. Additionally, as with any statewide petition, sponsors will need to collect valid signatures from 5% of Nebraska registered voters in at least 38 counties.