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Private Education Scholarship partial referendum petition returned for signature verification

Today, the Nebraska Secretary of State's Office received one referendum petition for signature verification. The Private Education Scholarship partial referendum was the only referendum petition filed with the Secretary of State's Office and authorized for circulation.

The deadline to return referendum petitions is July 17, 2024. Nebraska Revised State Statute [§32-1407](#) states referendum petitions "shall be filed in the office of the Secretary of State within ninety days after the Legislature at which the act sought to be referred was passed has adjourned sine die or has adjourned for more than ninety days."

Petition	Sponsors' estimate of signatures collected
Private Education Scholarship Partial Referendum	86,603

A referendum petition must collect valid signatures from **5%** of registered voters at the time of the filing deadline. Every statewide petition, including referendum petitions, must meet the distribution requirement – valid signatures from at least **5%** of registered voters in **38** counties.

It will take several weeks to verify signatures. The Secretary of State's Office will paginate each petition page and distribute petitions to county election offices. Upon receiving petition pages, county election offices will have 40 days to verify signatures. More information on the signature verification process can be found in Nebraska Revised Statute [§32-631](#).

Once the signature verification process is completed, county election offices will send petition pages back to the Secretary of State's Office. The Secretary of State's Office will total the number of valid signatures and determine if constitutional and statutory requirements were met.

More information on the entire petition process can be found in the Nebraska Secretary of State's [Initiative and Referendum Petition Guide](#).