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Secretary of State certifies pair of medical cannabis petitions for November ballot

The Secretary of State's Elections Division certified that signature requirements have been met for the [Nebraska Medical Cannabis Patient Protection](#) initiative petition and the [Nebraska Medical Cannabis Regulation](#) initiative petition for the November 5 general election ballot. County election offices completed signature verification within the 40-day period as required in Nebraska Revised Statute § [32-1409](#).

"An investigation conducted by the Attorney General's office has uncovered serious question about the signature gathering process for these petitions, and we have been advised that a signature collector is being charged with felony fraud," Secretary of State Bob Evnen said. "Signatures that cannot be verified by county election workers are not included in the overall signature count. I am certifying the petitions because, at this point, they appear to have met the threshold signature requirements. That could change in light of the Attorney General's investigation. Both cannabis petitions will appear on the ballot, but a court could order later that the initiatives be thrown out."

Both petitions, **Nebraska Medical Cannabis Patient Protection** and **Nebraska Medical Cannabis Regulation**, were petitions to enact new laws. An initiative petition seeking to enact a new law needs to collect valid signatures from at least **7%** of registered voters in Nebraska and valid signatures from at least **5%** of registered voters in **38** counties ([Neb. Const. Art. III-2](#)).

The **Nebraska Medical Cannabis Patient Protection** initiative petition collected **89,962** valid signatures from Nebraska voters statewide. Petition organizers collected valid signatures from at least **5%** of registered voters in **52** counties.

The **Nebraska Medical Cannabis Regulation** initiative petition collected **89,856** valid signatures from Nebraska voters statewide. Petition organizers collected valid signatures from at least **5%** of registered voters in **52** counties.

The Nebraska Secretary of State's office did not receive any affidavits from individuals requesting that their names be removed from either petition.

Attached to this news release is a copy of language for the ballot measure as approved by the Nebraska Attorney General's office.

There are now six ballot measures approved so far for the November general election ballot: [Paid Sick Leave](#), [Protect the Right to Abortion](#), [Protect Women and Children](#), [Private Education Scholarship partial referendum](#), [Nebraska Medical Cannabis Patient Protection](#) and [Nebraska Medical Cannabis Regulation](#).

The Nebraska Secretary of State's office will hold public hearings on these ballot measures in each of Nebraska's three congressional districts, as well as produce an informational brochure about the ballot measures. The dates and locations of district hearings will be announced at a later date.