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Secretary of State provides updates on remaining petitions

Secretary of State Bob Evnen says the signatures of the three petitions are nearing the end of the verification process by county election offices.

The three remaining initiative and referendum petitions include:

- Nebraska Medical Cannabis Patient Protection initiative petition,
- Nebraska Medical Cannabis Regulation initiative petition and
- Private Education Scholarship partial referendum.

The Elections Division has not certified the petitions yet. However, the three remaining initiative and referendum petitions have met the 100% signature threshold required for verification and certification, and subsequently, will qualify for the general election ballot once verification and certification has been completed. The Secretary of State's office will release updates once the petitions are certified.

"Our office is providing this update to keep voters informed of where county election offices are in the signature verification process," Secretary Evnen said. "Election workers are checking every voter's signature on the remaining petitions, and we will have petitions verified before the September 13 deadline to certify the November ballot."

Initiative petitions seeking to enact new laws, such as the [Nebraska Medical Cannabis Patient Protection](#) initiative petition and the [Nebraska Medical Cannabis Regulation](#) initiative petition, need 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.

The **Nebraska Medical Cannabis Patient Protection initiative petition** has collected **89,051** valid signatures and has met the **5%** distribution requirement in at least **51** counties. The petition has collected enough valid signatures to be certified but has not met the **110%** threshold provided under state law to cease verifying signatures. County election offices are verifying the remaining signatures.

The **Nebraska Medical Cannabis Regulation initiative petition** has collected **89,005** valid signatures and has met the **5%** distribution requirement in at least **51** counties. The petition has collected enough valid signatures to be certified but has not met the **110%** threshold provided under state law to cease verifying signatures. County election offices are verifying the remaining signatures.

Referendum petitions seeking to repeal a new law, such as the [Private Education Scholarship partial referendum](#), need to collect valid signatures from at least **5%** of registered voters in Nebraska and valid signatures from at least **5%** of registered voters in **38** counties.

The **Private Education Scholarship partial referendum** has collected **62,042** valid signatures and has met the **5%** distribution requirement in at least **57** counties. The petition has collected enough valid signatures to be certified but has not met the **110%** threshold provided under state law to cease verifying signatures. County election offices are verifying the remaining signatures.

The Nebraska Secretary of State's office must certify the November general election ballot by September 13. All petitions will be processed and the results announced by that date.