1298. Limit on Marriage. Constitutional Amendment.

COUNTY	PETITION FILED W/COUNTY	SOS REC'D RAW	SOS REC'D RANDOM		RAW COUNT	RANDOM SAMPLE/ FULL CHECK	VALID SIGS.	INVALID	DUP.	VALID OR PROJ. VALID	%
1. ALAMEDA	04/24/08	05/05/08	06/05/08		25,265	758	599	159	2	17,810	70.5%
2. ALPINE	04/24/08	04/29/08	04/29/08	**Random Notice:**	10	10	7	3	0	7	70.0%
3. AMADOR	04/24/08	04/30/08	05/08/08	05/06/08	1,754	500	442	58	6	1,498	85.4%
4. BUTTE	04/24/08	05/01/08	05/06/08	**Random Due:**	8,016	500	453	47	1	7,022	87.6%
5. CALAVERAS	04/24/08	04/30/08	05/15/08	**06/18/08**	2,286	500	431	63	4	1,905	83.3%
6. COLUSA	04/24/08	04/24/08	05/28/08		538	538	400	138	18	400	74.3%
7. CONTRA COSTA	04/24/08	05/07/08	05/29/08		29,511	885	773	112	1	24,698	83.7%
8. DEL NORTE	04/24/08	04/30/08	05/15/08		255	255	212	42	1	212	83.1%
9. EL DORADO	04/24/08	05/02/08	05/07/08		6,211	500	471	29	1	5,709	91.9%
10. FRESNO	04/24/08	05/12/08	05/31/08		37,658	1,130	996	134	2	31,038	82.4%
11. GLENN	04/24/08	04/29/08	05/13/08		1,271	500	442	58	6	1,100	86.5%
12. HUMBOLDT	04/24/08	05/01/08	05/17/08		1,864	500	438	62	2	1,613	86.5%
13. IMPERIAL	04/24/08	04/25/08	05/22/08		4,483	500	376	124	0	3,371	75.2%
14. INYO	04/24/08	05/08/08	05/08/08		660	500	445	55	18	580	87.8%
15. KERN	04/24/08	04/29/08	05/16/08		28,284	849	735	114	0	24,486	86.6%
16. KINGS	04/24/08	04/30/08	05/09/08		3,584	500	416	84	8	2,628	73.3%
17. LAKE	04/24/08	04/29/08			1,586					0	0.0%
18. LASSEN	04/24/08	04/24/08	05/09/08		1,231	500	395	105	11	933	75.8%
19. LOS ANGELES	04/24/08	05/06/08	05/29/08		251,835	7,555	6,047	1,508	12	188,634	74.9%
20. MADERA	04/24/08	05/06/08	05/15/08		6,903	500	464	36	2	6,052	87.7%
21. MARIN	04/24/08	04/30/08	05/09/08		2,318	500	467	32	2	2,131	91.9%
22. MARIPOSA	04/24/08	04/30/08			1,096					0	0.0%
23. MENDOCINO	04/24/08	04/29/08	05/21/08		1,395	500	438	60	7	1,187	85.1%
24. MERCED	04/24/08	04/28/08	05/09/08		8,261	500	414	86	1	6,584	79.7%
25. MODOC	04/24/08	04/25/08	04/25/08		151	151	129	22	3	129	85.4%
26. MONO	04/24/08	05/19/08	05/19/08		201	201	158	43	11	158	78.6%
27. MONTEREY	04/24/08	04/29/08	05/10/08		5,679	500	405	95	5	4,012	70.6%
28. NAPA	04/24/08	04/28/08	05/09/08		2,980	500	430	70	3	2,474	83.0%
29. NEVADA	04/25/08	05/02/08			3,851					0	0.0%
30. ORANGE	04/24/08	05/05/08			104,706					0	0.0%
31. PLACER	04/24/08	05/01/08	05/02/08		15,214	500	451	49	0	13,723	90.2%
32. PLUMAS	04/24/08	05/08/08	05/08/08		857	857	721	136	36	721	84.1%
33. RIVERSIDE	04/24/08	05/05/08	05/30/08		81,624	2,449	2,030	419	3	64,426	78.9%
34. SACRAMENTO	04/24/08	05/05/08	05/30/08		44,358	1,331	1,108	223	0	36,926	83.2%
35. SAN BENITO	04/24/08	05/01/08	05/19/08		994	500	399	101	14	766	77.0%
36. SAN BERNARDINO	04/24/08	05/06/08	05/13/08		90,330	2,710	2,275	435	3	72,597	80.4%
37. SAN DIEGO	04/24/08	04/29/08	05/27/08		146,298	4,389	3,823	566	14	112,343	76.8%
38. SAN FRANCISCO	04/24/08	04/29/08	05/16/08		4,609	500	435	65	1	3,934	85.4%
39. SAN JOAQUIN	04/24/08	05/01/08	05/05/08		29,132	874	714	160	0	23,799	81.7%
40. SAN LUIS OBISPO	04/24/08	04/30/08	05/27/08		9,984	500	434	66	1	8,287	83.0%
41. SAN MATEO	04/24/08	04/25/08	05/21/08		7,327	500	439	61	0	6,433	87.8%
42. SANTA BARBARA	04/24/08	04/30/08	05/29/08		8,064	500	453	47	1	7,062	87.6%
43. SANTA CLARA	04/24/08	05/12/08	05/20/08		26,738	802	703	99	0	23,437	87.7%
44. SANTA CRUZ	04/24/08	04/30/08	05/19/08		3,041	500	430	70	1	2,584	85.0%
45. SHASTA	04/24/08	05/02/08	05/13/08		8,560	500	453	47	1	7,479	87.4%
46. SIERRA	04/24/08	05/13/08	05/13/08		63	63	54	9	0	54	85.7%
47. SISKIYOU	04/24/08	04/25/08	05/28/08		2,226	501	429	72	5	1,830	82.2%
48. SOLANO	04/24/08	04/30/08	05/07/08		13,216	500	430	70	2	10,021	75.8%
49. SONOMA	04/24/08	04/30/08	05/15/08		5,656	500	441	59	1	4,872	86.1%
50. STANISLAUS	04/24/08	04/24/08			26,227					0	0.0%
51. SUTTER	04/24/08	04/25/08	05/16/08		3,609	500	434	66	5	2,908	80.6%
52. TEHAMA	04/24/08	05/02/08	05/12/08		2,904	500	438	62	8	2,321	79.9%
53. TRINITY	04/24/08	04/30/08	04/30/08		252	252	211	41	5	211	83.7%
54. TULARE	04/24/08	05/02/08	05/12/08		15,055	500	427	73	0	12,857	85.4%
55. TUOLUMNE	04/24/08	04/25/08	05/08/08	**RANGE:**	3,027	500	433	67	1	2,591	85.6%
56. VENTURA	04/24/08	05/05/08	05/12/08	**110% = 763,790**	21,044	631	571	60	1	17,964	85.4%
57. YOLO	04/24/08	04/25/08	05/08/08	**100% = 694,354**	3,699	500	425	75	0	3,144	85.0%
58. YUBA	04/24/08	05/21/08	05/21/08	**95% = 659,637**	2,850	500	416	84	6	2,210	77.6%
TOTAL:					**1,120,801**	**43,191**	**36,560**	**6,621**	**236**	**781,873**	**79.51%**

The Signature Verification Process

After the proponents of a statewide ballot measure collect voter signatures on their petitions, the petitions are turned in to county elections offices. County elections officials then verify signatures against voter registration records.

Each county reports its information to the Secretary of State, who maintains a signature verification spreadsheet to track what is happening with each pending statewide ballot measure in each of the 58 counties. This spreadsheet tracks the signature reports through the entire qualification process. It includes each county's raw count of signatures, the random sample of signatures, and, if necessary, the full check of signatures.

An initiative or referendum qualifies for the ballot after enough counties have filed certified reports with the Secretary of State showing that the initiative or referendum petition has been signed by the number of voters required by law.

For constitutional amendment measures, 694,354 valid signatures are required, which is equal to 8% of the total votes cast for governor in the most recent gubernatorial election. (California Constitution, article II, section 8(b); Elections Code section 9035)

For statutory measures and referenda, 433,971 valid signatures are required, which is equal to 5% of the total votes cast for governor in the most recent gubernatorial election. (California Constitution, article II, section 8(b); Elections Code section 9035)

Glossary of Terms

Duplicate
A signature of a voter who has signed a specific petition more than once is called a "duplicate." Duplicates are included in the total number of invalid signatures. While invalid signatures are simply not counted, the penalty for submitting a duplicate signature is more severe and actually counts against the official total. (California Code of Regulations, title 2, section 20531)

Full Check
If the random sample results project that between 95% and 110% of the petition signatures are valid, then the signature verification process must proceed to a full check of signatures in all counties. County elections officials then have 30 working days (which excludes weekends and holidays) to determine the total number of valid signatures and report the numbers to the Secretary of State. (Elections Code section 9031)

This term is also used in the random sample stage if a county receives less than 500 total petition signatures for a measure and is required to verify all signatures.

Invalid Signature
A county elections official has determined the petition signature is from someone who is not a legally registered voter.

Projected Valid Signatures
In cases where only a random sample of signatures was conducted, the "projected valid" number represents the total projected number of valid signatures based on a random sampling formula established by state law. In cases where a full check of signatures was conducted, the "projected valid" number the total number of valid signatures verified by the county. See also: "random or random sample/full check."

Random Due
The date by which county elections officials must submit their random sample verification certificates to the Secretary of State.

Random Notice
The date the Secretary of State notified county elections officials to proceed with a random sample verification of petition signatures. Counties have 30 working days (which excludes weekends and holidays) to verify the validity of the signatures filed with their office using a random sampling technique established by state law and report the numbers to the Secretary of State.

Random Sample or Random Sample/Full Check
If the raw count of signatures is equal to or exceeds 100% of the total number of signatures needed to qualify the initiative measure, the Secretary of State directs the county elections officials to begin the random sample signature verification process. County elections officials then have 30 working days (which excludes weekends and holidays) to verify the validity of the signatures filed with their office using a random sampling technique established by state law and report the numbers to the Secretary of State. Each county elections official is required to verify 500 signatures or 3% of the total number of signatures filed in the county, whichever is greater. Counties receiving less than 500 petition signatures are required to do a "full check," verifying all of the signatures filed. (Elections Code section 9030)

If the results of a random sample project that less than 95% of the required number of petition signatures are valid, then the measure fails to qualify for the ballot. If the random sample results project that 110% or more of the signatures are valid, then the measure qualifies for the ballot. If the random sample results project that between 95% and 110% of the signatures are valid, then the signature verification process proceeds to a full check of signatures in all counties.

Raw Count
Within eight working days (which excludes weekends and holidays) after the petition is filed, county elections officials are required to tally the total number of signatures on the petition sections submitted in their county and report the total to the Secretary of State. If the total, or "raw count," of signatures on petitions submitted throughout the state is below 100% of the signatures required by law, the Secretary of State notifies the county elections officials that the measure has failed to qualify for the ballot and no further action is taken on that measure. (Elections Code section 9030)

Valid Signature
A county elections official has determined the petition signature is from a legally registered voter.

Disclaimer

This is a working document. The number of valid petition signatures can change daily and this document is updated when there are changes.

County elections officials are responsible for verifying petition signatures and reporting their numbers to the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State does not have the legal authority to review petition signatures for validity.