

1287. Waiting Period and Parental Notification Before Termination of Minor's Pregnancy. Constitutional Amendment.

COUNTY	PETITION FILED W/COUNTY	SOS REC'D RAW	SOS REC'D RANDOM		RAW COUNT	RANDOM SAMPLE/ FULL CHECK	VALID SIGNS	INVALID	DUP.	VALID OR PROJ. VALID	%
1. ALAMEDA	04/17/08	04/30/08	05/29/08		35,256	1,058	782	276	4	21,750	61.7%
2. ALPINE	04/17/08	04/23/08	04/23/08	Random Notice:	3	3	3	0	0	3	100.0%
3. AMADOR	04/17/08	04/23/08	05/02/08	04/30/08	1,044	500	432	68	2	897	86.0%
4. BUTTE	04/17/08	04/23/08	05/06/08	Random Due:	5,913	500	399	101	1	4,591	77.6%
5. CALAVERAS	04/17/08	04/23/08	04/24/08	06/12/08	1,141	500	391	109	14	851	74.6%
6. COLUSA	04/17/08	04/17/08	05/16/08		366	366	267	99	5	267	73.0%
7. CONTRA COSTA	04/17/08	04/29/08	05/14/08		34,568	1,037	854	183	2	26,312	76.1%
8. DEL NORTE	04/17/08	04/21/08	05/05/08		33	33	20	12	1	20	60.6%
9. EL DORADO	04/18/08	04/24/08	05/05/08		4,941	500	443	57	3	4,114	83.3%
10. FRESNO	04/17/08	04/24/08	05/31/08		48,493	1,455	1,182	273	3	36,162	74.6%
11. GLENN	04/17/08	04/23/08	05/07/08		742	500	431	69	6	635	85.6%
12. HUMBOLDT	04/17/08	05/01/08	05/17/08		2,237	500	400	100	1	1,774	79.3%
13. IMPERIAL	04/17/08	04/18/08	05/21/08		5,469	500	373	126	1	3,971	72.6%
14. INYO	04/17/08	04/21/08	04/21/08		160	160	145	15	2	145	90.6%
15. KERN	04/17/08	04/23/08	05/16/08		26,694	801	660	141	0	21,995	82.4%
16. KINGS	04/17/08	04/23/08	05/05/08		5,025	500	423	77	0	4,251	84.6%
17. LAKE	04/17/08	04/21/08	05/19/08		1,457	500	367	133	8	1,025	70.3%
18. LASSEN	04/17/08	04/17/08	05/08/08		1,000	500	389	111	6	766	76.6%
19. LOS ANGELES	04/18/08	05/01/08	05/28/08		297,616	8,928	6,909	2,019	25	203,365	68.3%
20. MADERA	04/17/08	04/24/08	05/13/08		8,043	500	392	108	0	6,306	78.4%
21. MARIN	04/17/08	04/23/08	04/30/08		2,312	500	449	51	2	2,043	88.4%
22. MARIPOSA	04/16/08	04/24/08	05/22/08		867	500	400	100	12	678	78.2%
23. MENDOCINO	04/17/08	04/24/08	05/08/08		774	500	415	84	4	639	82.6%
24. MERCED	04/17/08	04/23/08	04/28/08		13,788	500	375	125	2	8,875	64.4%
25. MODOC	04/18/08	04/29/08	04/29/08		43	43	39	4	0	39	90.7%
26. MONO	04/17/08	05/19/08	05/19/08		42	42	34	8	0	34	81.0%
27. MONTEREY	04/18/08	04/23/08	05/29/08		11,022	500	348	152	0	7,671	69.6%
28. NAPA	04/17/08	04/29/08	05/08/08		3,370	500	403	97	4	2,561	76.0%
29. NEVADA	04/18/08	04/23/08	04/30/08		2,455	500	438	62	4	2,074	84.5%
30. ORANGE	04/18/08	04/29/08	06/09/08		115,911	3,477	2,899	578	6	90,175	77.8%
31. PLACER	04/18/08	04/22/08	05/02/08		16,410	500	407	93	0	13,358	81.4%
32. PLUMAS	04/17/08	05/01/08	05/02/08		558	558	438	120	7	438	78.5%
33. RIVERSIDE	04/18/08	04/30/08	05/22/08		82,358	2,471	1,940	531	5	59,272	72.0%
34. SACRAMENTO	04/18/08	04/28/08	05/15/08		56,162	1,685	1,348	337	7	37,386	66.6%
35. SAN BENITO	04/17/08	05/15/08	05/15/08		2,553	500	390	110	11	1,761	69.0%
36. SAN BERNARDINO	04/18/08	04/28/08	05/13/08		99,426	2,983	2,355	628	1	77,417	77.9%
37. SAN DIEGO	04/18/08	04/25/08	05/19/08		135,179	4,055	3,410	645	15	97,507	72.1%
38. SAN FRANCISCO	04/17/08	04/21/08	05/06/08		8,345	500	369	131	1	5,897	70.7%
39. SAN JOAQUIN	04/17/08	04/29/08	05/02/08		30,722	922	749	173	0	24,957	81.2%
40. SAN LUIS OBISPO	04/17/08	04/24/08	05/22/08		6,367	500	410	90	2	4,922	77.3%
41. SAN MATEO	04/17/08	04/25/08	05/14/08		6,833	500	407	93	0	5,562	81.4%
42. SANTA BARBARA	04/17/08	05/02/08	05/14/08		7,017	500	442	58	0	6,203	88.4%
43. SANTA CLARA	04/18/08	04/23/08	05/20/08		24,766	743	604	139	1	19,055	76.9%
44. SANTA CRUZ	04/17/08	04/23/08	05/19/08		2,761	500	412	88	2	2,225	80.6%
45. SHASTA	04/17/08	04/29/08	05/13/08		6,385	500	428	72	1	5,315	83.2%
46. SIERRA	04/24/08	05/13/08	05/13/08		7	7	6	1	0	6	85.7%
47. SISKIYOU	04/17/08	05/23/08	05/23/08		1,622	500	370	130	1	1,193	73.6%
48. SOLANO	04/18/08	04/29/08	05/14/08		18,573	557	441	116	0	14,705	79.2%
49. SONOMA	04/17/08	04/21/08	05/08/08		4,827	500	421	79	1	3,981	82.5%
50. STANISLAUS	04/17/08	04/17/08	05/13/08		34,591	1,038	845	193	3	24,928	72.1%
51. SUTTER	04/17/08	04/21/08	04/28/08		2,328	500	416	84	6	1,835	78.8%
52. TEHAMA	04/16/08	04/23/08	05/07/08		2,478	500	422	78	8	1,935	78.1%
53. TRINITY	04/17/08	04/28/08	04/30/08		229	229	175	154	5	175	76.4%
54. TULARE	04/17/08	04/24/08	05/06/08		14,353	500	404	96	0	11,597	80.8%
55. TUOLUMNE	04/17/08	04/18/08	05/02/08	RANGE:	1,623	500	434	66	2	1,394	85.9%
56. VENTURA	04/18/08	05/02/08	05/12/08	110% = 763,790	23,843	704	601	103	2	18,128	76.0%
57. YOLO	04/18/08	04/22/08	05/07/08	100% = 694,354	4,390	500	396	104	0	3,477	79.2%
58. YUBA	04/17/08	04/21/08	05/20/08	95% = 659,637	2,313	500	340	160	7	1,455	62.9%
TOTAL:					1,227,804	50,355	40,442	10,010	206	900,075	73.31%

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.