

DIRECTIVE 2009-14

September 22, 2009

TO: Certain County Boards of Elections

RE: Initial filing of petition on proposed referendum on certain sections of Am. Sub. H.B. 1

Pursuant to R.C. 3519.01(B)(1), a petition was filed in this office by persons seeking to file a referendum petition against certain sections of Am. Sub. H.B. 1 of the 128th General Assembly. Enclosed are part-petitions containing signatures that must be examined to determine the number of registered voters who signed each part-petition. Please read this directive and the accompanying instructions carefully before you start your examination of the signatures.

Checking the petitions:

- Circulator signatures: You must invalidate any part-petition that was circulated by a person whom has been convicted of a felony under the laws of this state, any other state or the United States. To verify whether a circulator has been convicted of a felony, you may seek the assistance of your county clerk of courts.
- Petition signatures: Each person who signs a petition paper must be a qualified elector of the county in which the petition paper was circulated as of the date the petition is examined by the board. (R.C. 3519.15) If the part-petition contains signatures from another county, the part-petition is still valid, but only signatures from your county shall be counted. The signatures from outside your county are invalid. (R. C. 3519.10)

Returning the petitions:

- As soon as you verify the signatures on the part-petitions, **please return the completed form and all petitions to the Secretary of State's office. Certification and return of the petitions and form must be received by the Secretary of State's office no later than September 28, 2009.**
- You must deliver these part-petitions to the Secretary of State's office either in person or by a method that provides for tracking of delivery (e.g. certified U.S. mail, Post Office Express Mail, UPS, or FedEx).

If you have any questions concerning the examination of the part-petitions, please contact the Elections Attorney assigned to your county at (614) 466-2585.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Brunner