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DIRECTIVE 2011-35

October 17, 2011

To: CERTAIN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Re: Initial Petitions Filed re: Prospective Referendum Petition Against Substitute House Bill No. 319 (Congressional Districts) of the 129th General Assembly

SUMMARY:

This Directive provides instructions to certain county board of elections on the examination, scanning, and certification of signatures on the petition that have been submitted to the Secretary of State to begin the referendum process against Sub. H.B. No. 319. Each board of elections must complete its examination and certification consistent with the instructions outlined below and return its certification and the part-petitions to the Secretary of State's office not later than **4:00 p.m. on Friday, October 21, 2011.**

INITIAL PETITION SUBMITTED:

On October 15, 2011, the Secretary of State's office received a petition, pursuant to R.C. 3519.01(B)(1), by a group of persons seeking to circulate a referendum petition against Sub. H.B. No. 319 of the 129th General Assembly. Enclosed please find those part-petitions containing signatures from your county. You must examine each part-petition in order to determine the number of qualified electors who signed.

CHECKING SIGNATURES ON THE PETITIONS:

The Board of Elections must examine each part-petition in accordance with the instructions provided in Directives 2011-17 and 2011-22.

Each person who signs a petition paper must be a qualified elector of the county in which the part-petition was circulated as of the date the part-petition is examined by the board of elections (R.C. 3519.15). If the part-petition contains signatures from any other 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).

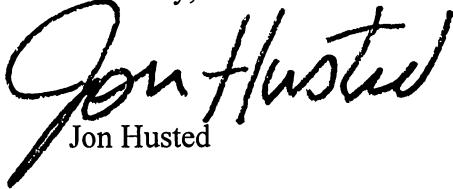
RETURNING THE PETITIONS:

As soon as you verify the signatures on the part-petitions, return your completed certification and all part-petitions to the Secretary of State's office, 180 E. Broad Street, 15th floor, Columbus OH 43215. You must return your certification and accompanying materials 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). **Your certification and the part-petitions must be received by the Secretary of State's office no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, October 21, 2011.**

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jon Husted". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. Below the signature, the name "Jon Husted" is printed in a simple, sans-serif font.

Jon Husted

CERTIFICATION FORM

Initial Filing - Petition Filed October 15, 2011

Proposing a Referendum Election on Sub. H.B. 319

On behalf of the _____ County Board of Elections, I hereby certify that the board has examined the enclosed part petitions. The numbers of valid and invalid signatures on the part petitions for the proposed referendum are as follows:

	PETITIONS	SIGNATURES
1. Number of valid part petitions.....	_____	
Number of valid signatures.....		_____
Number of invalid signatures		_____
2. Number of invalid part petitions	_____	
Number of signatures on invalid part petitions		_____
3. Total number of <i>part petitions</i> received (valid and invalid).....	_____	
4. Total number of <i>signatures</i> on part petitions (valid and invalid).....		_____

Signed: _____

Director

Date

Petitions must be received at SOS office no later than October 21, 2011.

Please keep a copy of your completed Certification Form for your files.