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DIRECTIVE 2013-18

September 3, 2013

To: All County Boards of Elections
Directors, Deputy Directors, and Board Members

Re: Referendum Petition against Substitute H.B. No. 7 of the 130th General Assembly

SUMMARY

This Directive provides instructions to county board of elections on the examination and certification of signatures on the referendum petition against Sub. H.B. No. 7. (HB 7) Each board of elections must complete its examination and certification consistent with the instructions outlined below and return its certification to the Secretary of State's Office no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, September 20, 2013.

PETITION SUBMITTED

Today, the Secretary of State's Office received a petition to place a referendum of HB 7 on the ballot at the November 4, 2014 General Election. Boards of elections must examine each part-petition in order to determine the number of qualified electors who signed.

CHECKING SIGNATURES ON THE PETITIONS

Boards of elections must examine each part-petition in accordance with the instructions provided in [Directive 2013-17](#).

Prior to verifying the validity of individual signatures contained on a part-petition, the board of elections must verify the validity of that part-petition. Check each part-petition to determine whether the circulator's statement on the last page of the part-petition has been properly completed. The entire part-petition is invalid if the circulator's statement is not completed as required by law.

CERTIFICATION AND RETURN OF THE PETITIONS

As soon as you finish verifying the signatures on your county's part-petitions, you must return your completed certification form to Laura Pietenpol via email to lpietenp@ohiosecretaryofstate.gov. All certification forms must be received by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, September 20, 2013.

After you have sent your certification form to Laura Pietenpol, you must return all part-petitions to the Secretary of State's Office, 180 East Broad Street, 15th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215, no later than Wednesday, September 25, 2013.

If you have any questions concerning this Directive, please contact the Secretary of State's elections counsel 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, black, sans-serif font.

Jon Husted

CERTIFICATION FORM

Petition Filed September 3, 2013

Proposing a Referendum Election on Substitute House Bill 7

On behalf of the _____ County Board of Elections, I hereby certify that the number 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

This certification form must be received by Laura Pietenpol via email at lpietenp@ohiosecretaryofstate.gov no later than 4 p.m. on September 20, 2013.

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

County	Books	Sigs	3% Qual
Adams	42	318	250
Allen	121	1849	989
Ashland	22	31	522
Ashtabula	101	1243	892
Athens	41	56	514
Auglaize	37	126	496
Belmont	11	71	710
Brown	71	428	399
Butler	480	3425	3,586
Carroll	38	350	299
Champaign	76	558	405
Clark	133	1486	1,379
Clermont	204	390	1,892
Clinton	50	460	364
Columbiana	30	121	993
Coshocton	34	72	365
Crawford	71	733	423
Cuyahoga	3368	86700	12,444
Darke	67	591	569
Defiance	78	595	388
Delaware	234	807	2,064
Erie	154	1801	856
Fairfield	411	2039	1,511
Fayette	85	566	232
Franklin	3537	87302	11,524
Fulton	173	484	438
Gallia	39	517	288
Geauga	101	440	1,110
Greene	80	168	1,753
Guernsey	30	58	365
Hamilton	4700	126105	8,522
Hancock	123	1075	737
Hardin	61	470	269
Harrison	17	54	170
Henry	73	411	298
Highland	89	803	369
Hocking	82	334	271
Holmes	19	74	260
Huron	78	623	497
Jackson	36	109	304
Jefferson	85	781	742

Knox	66	135	614
Lake	273	1954	2,376
Lawrence	10	14	532
Licking	386	2081	1,784
Logan	69	631	436
Lorain	392	4854	2,983
Lucas	2336	67807	4,342
Madison	123	701	380
Mahoning	122	896	2,565
Marion	118	1032	602
Medina	116	917	1,890
Meigs	23	242	209
Mercer	22	25	479
Miami	52	136	1,114
Monroe	6	8	159
Montgomery	418	3148	5,552
Morgan	38	295	144
Morrow	68	428	352
Muskingum	166	1226	782
Noble	24	237	157
Ottawa	175	620	477
Paulding	42	242	206
Perry	107	566	304
Pickaway	204	939	511
Pike	64	557	263
Portage	100	385	1,497
Preble	64	475	449
Putnam	51	79	397
Richland	75	122	1,238
Ross	114	655	661
Sandusky	144	1092	590
Scioto	49	80	712
Seneca	109	815	530
Shelby	34	42	534
Stark	282	5033	3,848
Summit	411	4135	5,403
Trumbull	181	2327	2,191
Tuscarawas	27	96	871
Union	89	569	531
Van wert	29	153	297
Vinton	36	218	129
Warren	130	186	2,393

Washington	11	71	637
Wayne	44	68	1,097
Williams	66	637	366
Wood	439	1880	1,312
Wyandot	83	451	216
TOTALS	23270	433884	