

1304. Renewable Energy. Statute.

COUNTY	PETITION	SOS	SOS	RAW	RANDOM		VALID			VALID OR	
	FILED	REC'D	REC'D		COUNT	SAMPLE/	SIGS.	INVALID	DUP.	PROJ.	VALID
	W/COUNTY	RAW	RANDOM		FULL						
1. ALAMEDA	04/22/08	04/30/08		38,941						0	0.0%
2. ALPINE	04/28/08	05/02/08	05/02/08	1	1	1	0	0	1	100.0%	
3. AMADOR	04/28/08	05/02/08	05/02/08	626	500	422	78	3	527	84.2%	
4. BUTTE	04/22/08	04/28/08	04/30/08	3,986	500	392	108	5	2,847	71.4%	
5. CALAVERAS	04/28/08	05/06/08	05/13/08	418	418	325	93	2	325	77.8%	
6. COLUSA	04/28/08	04/29/08	05/12/08	141	141	107	34	0	107	75.9%	
7. CONTRA COSTA	04/22/08	05/01/08	05/23/08	28,917	868	741	127	0	24,686	85.4%	
8. DEL NORTE	04/28/08	05/05/08	05/05/08	5	5	2	3	0	2	40.0%	
9. EL DORADO	04/25/08	05/02/08	05/15/08	2,331	500	448	52	2	2,054	88.1%	
10. FRESNO	04/21/08	04/24/08	05/31/08	21,888	657	557	100	1	17,480	79.9%	
11. GLENN	04/28/08	04/29/08	05/06/08	164	164	139	25	3	139	84.8%	
12. HUMBOLDT	04/28/08	05/01/08	05/17/08	306	306	214	92	2	214	69.9%	
13. IMPERIAL	04/24/08	04/25/08	05/09/08	1,211	500	376	124	0	911	75.2%	
14. INYO	04/28/08	04/29/08	04/29/08	24	24	22	2	0	22	91.7%	
15. KERN	04/21/08	04/25/08	05/12/08	9,202	500	400	100	0	7,362	80.0%	
16. KINGS	04/21/08	04/24/08	05/05/08	1,202	500	378	122	1	905	75.3%	
17. LAKE	04/25/08	04/29/08		1,185					0	0.0%	
18. LASSEN	04/29/08	04/29/08	05/07/08	354	354	308	46	2	308	87.0%	
19. LOS ANGELES	04/09/08	04/22/08	05/16/08	188,597	5,658	4,426	1,232	9	137,831	73.1%	
20. MADERA	04/25/08	05/06/08	05/13/08	2,677	500	426	74	3	2,211	82.6%	
21. MARIN	04/24/08	04/30/08	05/08/08	3,732	500	451	49	1	3,318	88.9%	
22. MARIPOSA	04/28/08	04/30/08		188					0	0.0%	
23. MENDOCINO	04/28/08	04/28/08	05/08/08	1,077	500	406	94	1	872	81.0%	
24. MERCED	04/21/08	04/25/08	04/30/08	6,689	500	370	130	1	4,784	71.5%	
25. MODOC	04/28/08	05/05/08	05/05/08	11	11	9	2	0	9	81.8%	
26. MONO	04/29/08	05/19/08	05/19/08	6	6	5	1	0	5	83.3%	
27. MONTEREY	04/25/08	04/30/08	05/05/08	5,296	500	390	110	1	4,029	76.1%	
28. NAPA	04/25/08	04/30/08	05/06/08	1,259	500	397	103	4	984	78.2%	
29. NEVADA	04/28/08	05/01/08	05/05/08	2,213	500	447	53	3	1,933	87.3%	
30. ORANGE	04/21/08	04/29/08		50,831					0	0.0%	
31. PLACER	04/22/08	04/29/08	05/02/08	5,159	500	411	89	1	4,145	80.3%	
32. PLUMAS	04/28/08	05/07/08	05/12/08	130	130	101	29	1	101	77.7%	
33. RIVERSIDE	04/21/08	04/30/08	05/28/08	39,541	1,186	943	243	2	29,283	74.1%	
34. SACRAMENTO	04/21/08	04/28/08	05/30/08	31,825	955	738	217	2	22,439	70.5%	
35. SAN BENITO	04/25/08	05/08/08	05/13/08	841	500	395	105	10	653	77.6%	
36. SAN BERNARDINO	04/21/08	04/28/08	05/06/08	53,777	1,613	1,257	356	2	39,752	73.9%	
37. SAN DIEGO	04/21/08	04/25/08	05/19/08	90,549	2,716	2,264	452	4	71,167	78.6%	
38. SAN FRANCISCO	04/21/08	04/24/08	05/09/08	17,385	522	421	101	0	14,021	80.7%	
39. SAN JOAQUIN	04/21/08	04/29/08	05/02/08	13,555	500	400	100	0	10,844	80.0%	
40. SAN LUIS OBISPO	04/24/08	04/30/08	05/19/08	3,053	500	393	107	0	2,400	78.6%	
41. SAN MATEO	04/21/08	04/25/08	05/16/08	6,306	500	408	92	2	4,853	77.0%	
42. SANTA BARBARA	04/24/08	04/30/08	05/19/08	2,895	500	389	111	2	2,197	75.9%	
43. SANTA CLARA	04/21/08	04/28/08	05/20/08	23,913	717	595	122	0	19,844	83.0%	
44. SANTA CRUZ	04/21/08	04/23/08	05/19/08	12,847	500	415	85	3	8,760	68.2%	
45. SHASTA	04/25/08	05/05/08	05/12/08	2,796	500	417	83	0	2,332	83.4%	
46. SIERRA	04/28/08	05/13/08	05/13/08	2	2	2	0	0	2	100.0%	
47. SISKIYOU	04/28/08	04/29/08	05/16/08	390	390	318	73	3	318	81.5%	
48. SOLANO	04/22/08	04/29/08	05/06/08	14,544	500	396	104	0	11,519	79.2%	
49. SONOMA	04/22/08	05/08/08	05/08/08	5,752	500	402	98	2	4,383	76.2%	
50. STANISLAUS	04/21/08	04/21/08	05/14/08	14,800	500	400	100	1	10,993	74.3%	
51. SUTTER	04/28/08	05/06/08	05/06/08	687	500	391	109	12	531	77.3%	
52. TEHAMA	04/28/08	05/01/08	05/19/08	1,028	500	393	107	8	791	76.9%	
53. TRINITY	04/28/08	04/28/08	05/16/08	56	56	43	13	1	43	76.8%	
54. TULARE	04/21/08	04/24/08	05/06/08	5,533	500	400	100	1	4,315	78.0%	
55. TUOLUMNE	04/28/08	05/01/08	05/08/08	871	500	409	91	3	709	81.4%	
56. VENTURA	04/21/08	05/02/08	05/12/08	8,519	500	396	104	0	6,747	79.2%	
57. YOLO	04/21/04	04/24/08	05/07/08	4,034	500	371	129	0	2,993	74.2%	
58. YUBA	04/25/08	04/29/08	05/30/08	1,879	500	318	182	10	1,091	58.1%	
TOTAL:				736,145	32,400	25,945	6,456	114	491,092	76.14%	

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.