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Dear Committee of Applicants:

The Secretary of State's Office has completed its review of the second submittal of petition signatures for the "People's Initiative to Limit Property Tax in Wyoming through a Homeowner's Property Exemption," submitted to our office for review on November 4, 2024, and reviewed in accordance with Wyoming law. Based on our office's review of the first and second submittals, it is with sincere congratulations that I announce that the initiative has achieved the required number of signatures. **In accordance with the powers vested in this office by the Wyoming State Constitution and Wyoming State law, I'm also announcing that the initiative has accordingly received the necessary signatures to be submitted to the people of Wyoming for the 2026 General Election.** This is an historic moment for our state. The 2026 General Election will mark the 30-year anniversary of the last time an initiative was on the ballot.

I. OVERVIEW

The Wyoming Constitution and Wyoming Statute require valid signatures equal to 15% of those who voted in the preceding general election, and valid signatures equal in number to 15% of those resident in at least two-thirds of the counties in the state, as determined by those who voted in preceding general election in that county. Pursuant to the Wyoming Supreme Court's decision in 1994, initiative petitions submitted to the Wyoming Secretary of State's Office before the general election are subject to the signature requirements of the previous general election. Because the first submittal (submitted on May 30, 2024) and second submittal (submitted on November 4, 2024) were both prior to the 2024 General Election, the total number of signatures required by law, based on the 2022 General Election, were 29,730.¹ As outlined in the attached Petition Processing Statistics Report, the total overall statewide results from the Committee's first and second submissions are as follows:

Total Signatures Required by Law: 29,730

Total Signatures Accepted as Valid: 30,251

As indicated in our office's letter following the first submittal of petition signatures, the Committee's first submittal already achieved 15% of those resident in at least two-thirds of the

¹ Pursuant to Wyoming law, both submissions were subject to the 60-day review period. See W.S. 22-24-316.

counties in the state, and this achievement remains unchanged with the second submittal. *See Petition Statistics by County.*

II. ANALYSIS OF SECOND SUBMITTAL

As outlined in our office's letter dated July 29, 2024, the Committee's first submittal contained a number of petition packets which were set aside for insufficiency pursuant to W.S. 22-24-314(b)(i), because they were not properly verified due to errors or omissions on the circulator verification pages. While these petition packets were set aside and the Committee's first submittal did not achieve the requisite number of total signatures required by law, the Committee was invited to cure its first submittal in accordance with Chapter 24, Section 4 of the Secretary of State's election Procedures, and as contemplated by the Secretary of State's review of an initiative in the 1982 Wyoming Supreme Court's decision in *Thomson v. Wyoming In-Stream Flow Committee*, either through the correction of errors or omissions made on the notarized verification pages of petitions which were set aside, or through the submittal of additional, valid petition packets which were properly verified.

A. Resubmitted Petition Packets

Upon our office's review, the following petitions which were resubmitted were accepted for processing because the errors or omissions were corrected and properly verified:

83
182
184
253
255
316
317
346
356
359
361
386
412
427
466
471
492
528
537
621
638

These petition packets were processed, accounting for additional valid signatures. While packets 204, 206, 258, 312, 557, and 628 were resubmitted, these packets were again set aside

for insufficiency under W.S. 22-24-314(b)(i), because they were not properly verified. Accordingly, none of the signatures in these packets were processed.

Additionally, Packet 135, which was originally summarily rejected and set aside for insufficiency on the belief that it was not circulated by a qualified circulator, was in fact circulated by a qualified circulator as required by W.S. 22-24-314(b)(ii). Therefore, it was accepted and processed as part of the second submittal.

B. Additional Valid Petitions

Finally, the Committee's second submittal included a number of new petition packets which were accepted for processing in accordance with Wyoming law. These petition packets were all found to be properly verified, and were therefore processed by our office.


III. CERTIFICATION OF INITIATIVE FOR 2026 GENERAL ELECTION

The people's right to propose and enact laws to address fundamental issues, such as property tax relief and limits, is pivotal to our state. As required by the Wyoming State Constitution and W.S. 22-24-301 through 22-24-323, the petitions have been reviewed and determined to have been properly filed, having achieved the requisite number of signatures based on the preceding general election. Therefore, our office will prepare a ballot proposition in accordance with W.S. 22-24-317 to be placed on the 2026 General Election ballot.

This important issue will be before the citizens of Wyoming. Enclosed please find a copy of the Certification of Initiative for the "People's Initiative to Limit Property Tax in Wyoming through a Homeowner's Property Exemption."

Again, congratulations! Should the Committee have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



Chuck Gray
Wyoming Secretary of State

Petition Types : Initiative / Referendum Petition Name : 2023-01_People's Initiative to Limit Property Tax in Wyoming through a Homeowner's Property Exemption Petition Submittal : All Petition Status : All

Petition Information

Petition Name : People's Initiative to Limit Property Tax in Wyoming through a Homeowner's Property Exemption

Petition Date : 10/13/2023

Processed Date : 11/04/2024

Petition Expires : 04/13/2025

Minimum Signature Required : 29730

Accepted of Minimum : 101.75%

Total Signature Processed : 43307

Processing Summary

Total Accepted Signature :	3025	(70%)	of those Processed
Accepted Registrant :	3025 ¹	(100%)	of those Accepted
Total Rejected Signature :	1305 ¹	(30%)	of those Processed
Rejected Registrant :	1129 ⁶	(86%)	of those Rejected
Rejected Non-Registrant :	1766 ⁰	(14%)	of those Rejected

Rejected Reason		Total	(% Rejected)
Cannot be Determined	1342	(9.6%)	of those Rejected with the Reason
Date Sequence	597	(4.3%)	of those Rejected with the Reason
Illegible	53	(.3%)	of those Rejected with the Reason
No Match	5122	(36.9%)	of those Rejected with the Reason
No Signature	2	(0%)	of those Rejected with the Reason
Not Registered (Includes Inactive)	4355	(31.4%)	of those Rejected with the Reason
PO Box Given	84	(.6%)	of those Rejected with the Reason
Printed Signature, No Attestation on File	5	(0%)	of those Rejected with the Reason
Rejected - Duplicate	1306	(9.4%)	of those Rejected with the Reason
Rejected - Multiple	6	(0%)	of those Rejected with the Reason
Rejected - Triplicate	53	(.3%)	of those Rejected with the Reason
Signatures Do Not Match	407	(2.9%)	of those Rejected with the Reason
Signed Before Date Registered to Vote (Too Late)	531	(3.8%)	of those Rejected with the Reason

Petition Statistics by County

Petition Type : Initiative / Referendum Petition Name : 2023-01_People's Initiative to Limit Property Tax in Wyoming
through a Homeowner's Property Exemption Petition Status : All

County	Signature Requirements by County	No. of Accepted Signatures
ALBANY	1922	1618
BIG HORN	648	687
CAMPBELL	1910	2360
CARBON	718	233
CONVERSE	773	886
CROOK	504	660
FREMONT	2060	1766
GOSHEN	740	834
HOT SPRINGS	332	426
JOHNSON	597	810
LARAMIE	4532	2663
LINCOLN	1144	1986
NATRONA	3443	3173
NIOBRARA	165	190
PARK	1947	2277
PLATTE	606	705
SHERIDAN	1863	2470
SUBLETTE	541	657
SWEETWATER	1824	1923
TETON	1553	1702
UINTA	1011	1153
WASHAKIE	469	511
WESTON	427	433
Initiative Signatures Required:	29730	
Number of signatures submitted	43307	
Number of signatures Accepted	30251	
Number of signatures Rejected	13056	
Percentage (%) of Accepted signatures	70%	