

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF ARKANSAS

**VALERIE HANNA; HERSHEL HARTFORD;
KRISTI MOSBY; MIKE PIERCE;
BEN POLLOCK; TRICIA A. SPARKS;
and ROY VAUGHN, in their individual
capacities and on behalf of all other persons
similarly situated**

PETITIONERS

v. CASE NO. CV-26-543

**COLE JESTER, in his official capacity as
Arkansas Secretary of State**

RESPONDENT

**BILL KOPSKY, individually and on behalf of
PROTECT AR RIGHTS, an Arkansas ballot
question committee**

INTERVENORS

MOTION TO INTERVENE

Come now Bill Kopsky and Protect AR Rights, a ballot question committee,
by and through their undersigned counsel, and pursuant to Arkansas Rule of Civil
Procedure 24, hereby move this Court for leave to intervene in this matter.

1. Intervenor Bill Kopsky is a citizen, resident, and registered voter in
Arkansas.

2. Intervenor Protect AR Rights is a ballot question committee as defined
in Arkansas Code Annotated § 7-9-402(2) (“PAR”).

3. PAR was established for the purpose of advocating for the qualification of measures to protect the people of Arkansas's right to propose, sign, petition and campaign for ballot initiatives to improve their communities.

4. PAR is a Sponsor of the Arkansas Ballot Measure Rights Amendment (the "Initiated Amendment") under Ark. Code Ann. § 7-9-101(11).

5. On July 30, 2026, the Secretary of State sent a letter to PAR listing reasons why its petition submission was facially invalid ("Insufficiency Determination"). *See* Exhibit 1, Complaint in Intervention, Exhibit A, Attachment 4.

6. On August 5, 2026, Petitioners filed this original action challenging the Secretary of State's determination that the signatures submitted by PAR could not be counted under Ark. Code Ann. §§ 7-9-126(b) and 7-9-106(a). Petitioners request that this Court order the Secretary of State to count the signatures and to order preliminary certification of the Initiated Amendment for the 2026 General Election ballot to allow the thirty-day curative correction and amendment period to proceed as constitutionally required. *See* Original Complaint at 38-40. On August 5, 2026, Petitioners also filed a Motion for Expedited Consideration, Temporary Restraining Order, and Preliminary Injection and Incorporated Brief in Support in this docket. The Petitioners assert that time is of the essence, as the ballot-certification deadline is Thursday, August 20, 2026.

7. Intervenor has an interest in this proceeding as a sponsor of the Initiated Amendment. *See* Ark. Code Ann. § 7-9-112. Intervenor has an interest in challenging the Secretary of State's Insufficiency Determination of the petition pages and signatures of the Initiated Amendment, reviewing all documentation submitted to the Secretary of State, and defending any issues that might arise in other litigation. The proceeding threatens to impair and impede Intervenor's ability to protect their rights and interests.

8. Given these interests, Intervenor respectfully request that they be permitted to intervene as a matter of right. Ark. R. Civ. P. 24(a) provides

Upon timely application anyone shall be permitted to intervene in an action...when the applicant claims an interest relating to the...transaction which is the subject of the action and he is so situated that the disposition of the action may as a practical matter impair or impede his ability to protect that interest, unless the applicant's interest is adequately represented by existing parties.

9. No other party to this action represents the interests of these Intervenor.

10. Alternatively, Intervenor respectfully request permission to intervene because the Court will likely decide issues of law and fact common to claims or defenses Intervenor would raise under Amendment 7 to the Arkansas Constitution and relevant Arkansas statutes regarding Petitioners' attempt to gain certification. *Id.* at 24(b) (permitting intervention "when an applicant's claim or defense and the main action have a question of law or fact in common").

11. This intervention will not unduly delay or prejudice the adjudication of the rights of the original parties.

12. Intervenors have conferred with counsel for Petitioners on this request to intervene, and Petitioners have stated they have no objection to this intervention.

13. Attached Exhibit 1 is a copy of Intervenors' Proposed Complaint in Intervention.

WHEREFORE, Intervenors prays that this Court grant them leave to intervene in this matter under Rule 24 of the Arkansas Rules of Civil Procedure.

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Sarah Page Tacker, do hereby certify that on this 10th day of August 2026, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court by using the Court's electronic filing system, which shall send notification of such filing to all counsel of record.

/s/ Sarah Page Tacker
Sarah Page Tacker

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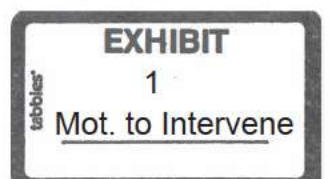
INTERVENORS

COMPLAINT IN INTERVENTION

INTRODUCTION

1. On July 3, 2026, Intervenor Bill Kopsky (“Kopsky”), on behalf of Intervenor Protect AR Rights, submitted 108,837 signatures and accompanying paperwork to Respondent, Arkansas Secretary of State Cole Jester (“Secretary” or “Jester”), for certification of a ballot initiative petition (“Petition”) that would amend the Arkansas Constitution to protect the right of the people to propose, sign, petition, and campaign for the passage of ballot measures (the “Amendment”).

2. On July 30, 2026, the Secretary determined that the Petition was insufficient (the “Insufficiency Determination”). The Secretary’s determination



misinterprets statutes, violates the Arkansas and U.S. Constitutions, and unlawfully fails to count valid signatures in support of placing the Amendment on the November 2026 general election ballot.

3. The Secretary's Insufficiency Determination is antithetical to the initiative process, the first power reserved by the people in the Arkansas Constitution, and to the Arkansas Constitution's promise that the Government will not "restrict, hamper or impair" the people's right to place initiatives on the ballot. In a process that requires petitioners, canvassers, and sponsors to perform thousands of tasks, an inadvertent and immaterial discrepancy should not seal a petition's fate and silence the voices of over 100,000 Arkansans.

PARTIES

4. Intervenor Bill Kopsky is an Arkansas citizen, resident, and registered voter. He is treasurer of Intervenor Protect AR Rights, a ballot question committee. Ark. Code Ann. § 7-9-101(9) and (10). Exhibit A, Affidavit of Bill Kopsky at ¶¶ 1-3.

5. Intervenor Protect AR Rights ("PAR") is organized and operating as a 501(c)(4) corporation that is registered as a ballot question committee as provided under Arkansas law. It is organized to place a measure on the November 2026 ballot to reform the direct-democracy process in Arkansas (the "Amendment"). It is a sponsor of the Amendment under Ark. Code Ann. § 7-9-101(11).

6. Petitioners Valerie Hanna, Hershel Hartford, Kristy Mosby, Mike Pierce, Ben Pollock, Tricia A. Starks, and Roy Vaughn are Arkansas citizens, registered voters, and lawful petitioners who signed the Amendment. Plaintiffs represent themselves in their individual capacities and on behalf of all other persons similarly situated.

7. Respondent Cole Jester is the Arkansas Secretary of State. He is sued in his official capacity. He is responsible for determining whether petition signatures are sufficient under Arkansas law, for disqualifying petition signatures that do not adhere to Arkansas law, for certifying initiated measures for the ballot, and for otherwise administering Arkansas law concerning initiatives and referenda.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

8. This Court has jurisdiction pursuant to the Arkansas Constitution, art. 5, § 1, (“The sufficiency of all state-wide petitions shall be decided in the first instance by the Secretary of State, subject to review by the Supreme Court of the State, which shall have original and exclusive jurisdiction over all such causes.”) Amendment 80, § 2(D)(4), to the Arkansas Constitution; Ark. Code Ann. § 7-9-112; and Arkansas Supreme Court Rule 6-5.

FACTS

A. Pre-Submission Activities

9. On May 9, 2025, PAR filed a statement of organization as a ballot question committee to support a proposed amendment to the Arkansas constitution that would protect Arkansans' rights to propose, sign, petition, and campaign for ballot initiatives. *See* Exhibit B, PAR's Statement of Organization.

10. On July 28, 2025, the Attorney General certified the popular name of the proposed amendment as "The Arkansas Ballot Measure Rights Amendment." The Attorney General also certified the ballot title of the proposed amendment on the same date.

Popular Name

The Arkansas Ballot Measure Rights Amendment

See Exhibit A, Kopsky Affidavit, Attachment 1, Attorney General Letter of July 28, 2025.

11. On October 1, 2025, PAR submitted a printed petition part with the Secretary of State in the exact form that was going to be used for obtaining signatures, as required under Ark. Code Ann. § 7-9-104(c)(2). Exhibit A, Attachment 2. Two days later, the Secretary's office acknowledged the filing of the

petition part and stated that the Petition “can be circulated.” Exhibit A, Attachment 3.

12. The petition part that the Secretary’s Office filed and stated “can be circulated” included the text of the Amendment and the ballot title certified by the Attorney General. It also included, at the top of the first page, in bold letters, “The Ballot Measure Rights Amendment of 2026.” Below that, on the first page, in small font, it referred to the measure as “The Arkansas Ballot Measure Rights Amendment of 2026.” Page one of the sample petition is shown below with the former highlighted in green and the latter highlighted in lavender for ease of reference.

Protect AR Rights BOC 1308 W. 2 nd Street Little Rock, AR 72201 info@ProtectARRights.org 501-291-1377		BOC USE ONLY		MUST BE PRINTED ON 8 1/2 in x 14 in (LEGAL SIZE) PAPER THE BALLOT MEASURE RIGHTS AMENDMENT OF 2026 VOTERS REGISTERED IN _____ COUNTY		SOS USE ONLY VALID OF _____ BY _____ DATE _____	
To the Honorable Code Jester, Secretary of State of the State of Arkansas: We, the undersigned registered voters of the State of Arkansas, respectfully propose the following amendment to the Constitution of the State, and by this, our petition, order that an amendment to Article 5 § 1 (Initiative and Referendum) of the Arkansas Constitution of 1874, entitled: "THE ARKANSAS BALLOT MEASURE RIGHTS AMENDMENT OF 2026," be submitted to the people of said state, to the end that the same may be approved or rejected by the vote of the registered voters of said state at the regular general election to be held on the 3rd day of November, 2026, and each of us for himself or herself says: I have personally signed this petition. I am a registered voter of the State of Arkansas, and my printed name, date of birth, residence, city or town of residence, and date of signing this petition are correctly written after my signature.							
SIGNATURE		PRINTED NAME		BIRTH DATE	STREET ADDRESS	CITY / TOWN	DATE SIGNED
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(FOR CANVASSER ONLY) State of Arkansas, County of _____ (county where notary signs) I, _____ (print name of canvasser), being duly sworn, state under oath that, after I verified each petitioner's identity by viewing his or her photo identification under Arkansas Code Ann. § 7-1-101(40), and after I informed each signer by either verbal or by separate written notification that petition fraud is a criminal offense, each of the foregoing persons signed his or her own name to this petition part in my presence. To the best of my knowledge and belief, each signature is genuine and each signer is a registered voter of the State of Arkansas. At all times during the circulation of this petition part, an exact copy of the popular name, ballot title, and text was attached to the petition part, and each signer read the ballot title of the petition or had the ballot title of the petition read to the signer in my presence. My current address is correctly stated below. Signature _____ Current Residence _____ Indicate one: () Paid Canvasser () Volunteer/Unpaid Canvasser				(FOR NOTARY ONLY) State of Arkansas, County of _____ (county where notary signs) Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 20_____. (Notary Seal Below) Signature of Notary _____ My Commission Expires _____ Residence County of Notary _____			

On the second page, it referred to the popular name as “The Ballot Measure Rights Amendment of 2026.”

13. The different wording of the popular name on the petition part submitted to the Secretary's Office as compared to the popular name certified by the Attorney General was not intended for any purpose.

14. On November 25, 2025, PAR submitted a new sample petition part to the Secretary's office. This sample petition part was the same as the petition part submitted in October, except it removed from the canvasser affidavit attestations related to compliance with laws that had been preliminarily enjoined on November 19, 2025, by the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Arkansas, and thus no longer applied to the canvassers petitioning to place the Amendment on the ballot. *See League of Women Voters of Ark. v. Jester*, 816 F. Supp. 3d 871 (W.D. Ark. 2025).

15. Ten days later, on December 5, 2025, the Secretary's office filed the updated petition part.

16. The sample petition was and remains accessible on the Secretary's website. A current image of the link is shown below.

Attorney General

Per Act 272 of 2025, The Secretary of State is required to post on our website proposed ballot measures that have been certified by the Attorney General. The posting of this information should not be construed as 1). Confirmation that these proposed ballot measures are being actively circulated; or 2). These measures have been certified for placement on the ballot at the next General Election. For more information, please contact the sponsors of the proposed measures.

The Arkansas Education Rights Amendment of 2026

Petition Sponsor: For ARKids BOC, 501-291-1377, info@forARKids.org

An Amendment Concerning Constitutional Amendments, Initiated Acts, and Referendums

Petition Sponsor: Save AR Democracy, 501-352-2822.

david@davidcouchlaw.com

The Arkansas Ballot Measure Rights Amendment

Petition Sponsor: Protect Arkansas Rights BOC, 501-291-1377.

info@protectARRights.org

Helpful Information

- [2025-2026 Initiatives & Referenda Handbook](#)
- [Ballot Question Committee Information from the Arkansas Ethics Commission](#)

However, as late as July 3, 2026, the Secretary's website displayed the link as pictured in the image below.

Overseas Citizens	been certified by the Attorney General. The posting of this information should not be construed as 1). Confirmation that these proposed ballot measures are being actively circulated; or 2). These measures have been certified for placement on the ballot at the next General Election. For more information, please contact the sponsors of the proposed measures.	BUSINESS & COMMERCIAL SERVICES (BCS)
Find Your Elected Officials		Victory Building 1401 W. Capitol Avenue, Suite 250 Little Rock, AR 72201 855-223-9325 or 501-682-3409 corprequest@son.arkansas.gov
Athlete Agent Registration Information	The Arkansas Education Rights Amendment of 2026	VIEW ON GOOGLE MAPS
More Election Information	Petition Sponsor: For ARKids BOC, 501-291-1377, info@forARKids.org	
For Voters	An Amendment Concerning Constitutional Amendments, Initiated Acts, and Referendums	
Combating Foreign Influence	Petition Sponsor: Save AR Democracy, 501-352-2822, david@davidcouchlaw.com	
	The Arkansas Ballot Measure Rights Amendment of 2026	
	Petition Sponsor: Protect Arkansas Rights BOC, 501-291-1377, info@protectARRights.org	
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B. PAR's Submission

17. On July 3, 2026, Kopsky submitted the Petition to the Secretary's office for placement of the Amendment on the November 2026 general election ballot. In addition to the required paperwork, Kopsky submitted 19,999 petition parts consisting of 108,837 signatures in support of the Amendment.

18. Except for any petition parts inadvertently submitted with the name "The Educational Rights Amendment of 2026,"¹ the petition parts submitted by Kopsky contained the same popular name, ballot title, and measure language as the sample petition parts submitted to and filed by the Secretary in 2025.

C. Jester's Insufficiency Determination

19. On July 30, 2026, the Secretary of State sent a letter to PAR stating that the petition was insufficient under Ark. Code Ann. § 7-9-126(d) (referred to throughout as the "Insufficiency Determination"). *See* Exhibit A, Attachment 4, Secretary Jester's Insufficiency Determination letter. The Insufficiency

¹ The Secretary's letter stated that 87 petition pages were for The Education Rights Amendment of 2026, which is a separate proposed Amendment. Assuming that is true, those petition pages were submitted in error, and there is no dispute that they should not be counted.

Determination states that the petition submission are insufficient “on its face” for three independent reasons:

20. First, he culled—i.e., did not count—all submitted signatures under Ark. Code Ann. § 7-9-126(b)(2), which requires the Secretary not to count a petition part (and all signatures in the petition part) if “[t]he petition does not conform to the version of the measure approved and certified under § 7-9-107.” The Secretary also asserted that the Petition violated Ark. Code Ann. § 7-9-106(a), but he did not explain how that alleged violation contributed to his decision not to count petition parts under Ark. Code Ann. § 7-9-126(b).

21. Second, the Secretary culled all submitted signatures under Ark. Code Ann. § 7-9-126(b)(7) because “[t]he sample petition submitted to [his] office under Arkansas Code Annotated § 7-9-104(c)(2) does not contain a popular name approved by the Arkansas Attorney General.” Ark. Code Ann. § 7-9-126(b)(7) requires the Secretary not to count a petition part if it “fails to comply with § 7-9-104 or § 7-9-105, including the lack of the exact popular name or ballot title for a statewide initiative, a discrepancy in the text of the initiated or referred measure, or the lack of an enacting clause in a statewide petition for an initiated act.”

22. Third, the Secretary stated that, even if all signatures were not culled under the first two reasons, the Petition still failed to reach 90,704 after the initial count due to notary or canvasser defects and his culling of signatures that were

illegible, transcriptions, duplicates, or from outside the county stated and signatures that contained impossible or missing information or had any other facially material defect. After these culls, according to the Secretary, the Petition fell at least 7,493 signatures short of the 90,704 signatures required to proceed past the initial-count stage and to the signature-verification stage of the certification process.

D. Evaluation Process for Submissions

23. The Arkansas Constitution reserves voters' rights to propose initiatives amending the Constitution and legislation. Ark. Const., art. 5, § 1. Article 5, Section 1 of the Arkansas Constitution establishes the basic rules underlying the initiative process and Title 7, Chapter 9, Subchapter 1 of the Arkansas Code describes the petition procedures.

- a. Before collecting signatures for a petition, the sponsor must submit to the Attorney General the full text, the ballot title, and the popular name for the proposed measure. The Attorney General will then certify, clarify, or reject the submission. Ark. Code Ann. § 7-9-107.
- b. The sponsor files a sample petition with the Secretary of State in the exact form to be used for obtaining signatures. Ark. Code Ann. § 7-9-104(c)(2).
- c. Initiated constitutional amendments may be proposed by a percentage of legal voters. The total number of legal voters is determined by how

many people voted in the election for the office of governor in the last election. For the 2026 election cycle, this rule requires sponsors of an initiated constitutional amendment, such as Intervenor PAR, to submit 90,704 valid signatures.

- d. Additionally, the Constitution requires the sponsor to present petitions from fifteen counties in the state, “bearing the signature of not less than one-half of the designated percentage of the electors of such county.”
- e. Petitions are circulated in “petition parts”—a page containing space for signatures—and each part must contain an affidavit stating, among other things, that the signatures were made in the canvasser’s presence and that each signature comes from a registered voter to the best of the canvasser’s knowledge. Ark. Code Ann. §§ 7-9-101(8) and 7-9-108(b). When submitting signatures, the canvasser must provide a second affidavit, referred to as a “verification,” that restates the points in the “part” affidavit; that affirms that the popular name, ballot title, and text were affixed to the signature sheet at all times; and that states the canvasser’s current residence. Ark. Code Ann. § 7-9-109(a).
- f. Initiative petitions must be submitted to the Secretary of State at least four months before the election at which the initiative measure is to be voted on. For the 2026 election, signatures were due on July 3, 2026.

- g. The Secretary of State will then evaluate the submission to determine if the petition meets legal requirements.

24. The process to review submissions is a two-phase process consisting of an Initial Count and a Signature Verification. First, “upon the initial filing”, the Secretary must “perform an initial count” “*before verification of the signatures of registered voters.*” Ark. Code Ann. § 7-9-126(a). The Initial Count determines whether the submission moves to the second phase of review, the Signature Verification. In this instance, if the Initial Count is greater than 90,704 signatures, the submission is subjected to the more granular Signature Verification process. If the Initial Count falls below the required number, the submission is insufficient and the Secretary’s review may be concluded. If during the second phase of Signature Verification, the number of eligible signatures falls between the required number and of 75% of the required number, the sponsor is afforded a 30-day cure period to collect enough signatures to meet the required number. If the number of verified signatures is below the 75% threshold, the process concludes and the sponsor is not eligible to conduct additional cure activities.

25. In recent sworn testimony before a federal district court, the Office of the Secretary of State explained the submission review process for initiatives as follows:

- a. The Office receives the physical copies of the petition signatures, list of canvassers, canvasser signature cards, and sponsor statements. The sponsor submits an affidavit containing the number of petition parts (signature pages) and an estimate of the total number of signatures that were collected. *See* Exhibit C, excerpts from the trial transcript of *League of Women Voters of Arkansas et al. v. Jester*, F. Supp. 3d (W.D. Ark. 2026), 2026 WL 1893401, pp. 443-444.
- b. The “intake process” or “initial review” of the signatures involves numbering the petition parts (pages), which produces a raw count of signatures. *Id.* at 398. At the initial review stage, the Office reviews the submissions for facially invalid petition parts or signatures. *Id.* at 399, 445-447. An entire petition part may be excluded based on defects such as a missing notary or canvasser signature. *Id.* at 401, 407. A copy of the proposed measure must also be attached to each petition part. *Id.* at 445. Signatures may also be culled if they have missing information, as they cannot be verified. *Id.* at 405. Additionally, signatures may be excluded if they appear to be copied or transcribed. *Id.* at 399. Some petition parts or signatures may be culled for further review. A petition part or signature that is found to be facially invalid in the initial review will not be counted as part of the verification process. *Id.* at 412.

- c. The sponsor has typically been afforded the ability to come in and correct [the cull file] and correct those if they want to and resubmit if they get the issue cured. The sponsor has the opportunity to look at those files and try to convince the Office that an alleged transcription issue is actually correct, for example. *Id.* at 462-463
- d. The secondary verification process uses the voter registration system to check that each signor is a registered voter, and it allows duplicative signatures to be culled. *Id.* at 400-403. The Office then determines the final count of valid signatures to determine if the petition meets the signature requirements. *Id.* at 403, 448.
- e. If a petition does not reach the required number of signatures, it qualifies for a “cure” period if it reached 75% of the signature requirement. The sponsor then has 30 more days to collect signatures, and the Office undertakes a new initial review and verification process for the new petition parts. *Id.* at 465.

E. Irregularities in Jester’s Review and Insufficiency Determination

26. It is unclear from the Insufficiency Determination, supporting spreadsheets, and other shared documents whether Jester’s review followed the process articulated in the preceding section. As an initial matter, it is not evident how

he arrived at his determination of only 83,211 eligible signatures in his Insufficiency Determination.

27. Because the Insufficiency Determination was not clear on its face, PAR has undertaken an extensive analysis to understand the conclusions stated in the Insufficiency Determination. *See* Exhibit D, Affidavit of Chris Gallaway (“Gallaway Affidavit”). This review involved reviews of two spreadsheets and scanned copies of submitted petition parts among other documents. Exhibit D at ¶ 7.

28. A significant portion of information was missing from what Jester shared with PAR. These missing items have made it impossible to fully review or verify Jester’s work.

- a. 226 petition parts were culled but scans of those culls were not provided to PAR and thus not able to be verified (Exhibit D at ¶ 8);
- b. 320 petition parts—ostensibly not culled as petition parts—were not provided as scans to PAR and thus PAR was not able to verify any individual signature culls from those 320 petition parts or the basis of the exclusion (Exhibit D at ¶ 34);
- c. 199 petition parts were purportedly provided as scans but the images of the petition parts were replaced with mostly blank pages consisting only of a unique numerical identifier and the statement “CULLED” in a large font;

d. Individual signature culls were not logged or totaled by ineligibility code (Exhibit D at ¶ 21); and

e. No total count of signature lines was identified.

29. Jester engaged in a petition part cull where he eliminated 2,540 petition parts containing 11,900 signatures for fourteen reasons. Exhibit D at ¶ 9. A summary of those eliminations is shown in the table below.

SOS Cull Justification	SOS Petition Part Count	SOS Signature Count	Signatures Improperly Excluded
Canvasser did not designate paid or unpaid for signatures	135	898	4
Canvasser printed name and signature do not match	33	129	52
Canvasser verification day is before the date(s) petitioners signed	97	578	115
Date of Signing	2	9	
Entire test of measure is not legible or not attached	2	4	
No canvasser address/address is a P.O. Box	688	3,063	33
No canvasser signatures or more than one canvasser signature	118	513	29
No notary seal or seal contains the seal of AR	145	850	464
No notary signature or more than one notary signature	35	145	18
Notary is not registered or has expired	5	22	5
Other	679	2,975	1,200
Paid Canvasser not on Canvasser List	558	2,561	799
Paid Canvasser not registered before collecting signatures	33	114	25
Petition Part was placed in the wrong folder	10	39	39
TOTAL	2,540	11,900	2,783

Based upon PAR's review, at least 2,783 of those signatures should not have been eliminated. There would likely be more culls to challenge if PAR had full access to the data it requested from Jester that he used to document and support his cull decisions. *Id.* Among the errors made by Secretary of State Cole in the page cull process:

- a. He claims a canvasser did not designate whether they were paid or unpaid, when clearly they did (Exhibit D at ¶ 10);
- b. He claims canvassers printed names and signatures do not match, but this is not correct (Exhibit D at ¶ 11);
- c. He claims that canvassers signed and had their petitions notarized on dates that were before the date when voters signed the petition, however a review of the documents contradicts some of these conclusions (Exhibit D at ¶ 12);
- d. He rejected whole petition parts claiming the canvasser failed to include an address, addresses are evident on the face of the petition parts (Exhibit D at ¶ 13);
- e. He rejected other petition parts claiming that were not notarized properly with a seal and a signature, while the seal and signature are present (Exhibit D at ¶ 14);
- f. He rejected other pages of voters' signatures claiming that paid canvassers were not on the paid canvasser list or being registered before collecting signatures, when clearly they were (Exhibit D at ¶ 16);
- g. And a full quarter of those petition parts he rejected were for an "Other" justification and a review reveals misclassification which created a significant challenge for PAR's review.

30. Jester also culled individual signatures and PAR was able to review 11,145 of those exclusions. Importantly, around 2,500 signature culs could not be reviewed or substantiated because of missing information. Exhibit D at ¶ 23. The exclusions PAR reviewed are summarized in the table below showing the reason for elimination. Exhibit D at ¶ 33.

Objection Code	# Culled by SOS	# Inappropriately Culled
Duplicate	1,343	32
Different County	1,434	84
No Information	4,198	1,458
Not Legible	3,173	3,009
Same Handwriting	997	94
TOTAL	11,145	4,677

Based on PAR's review, at least 4,677 of those exclusions were incorrect. Exhibit D at ¶¶ 23, 25, and 33. Again with the individual signatures that were rejected, PAR would likely challenge more if it had full access to the data requested and upon which Jester documented and supported his cull decisions. Among the errors made by Jester in the individual signature cull process are:

- a. He often rejected BOTH signatures when there was a duplicate, when clearly one of the signatures should be counted (Exhibit D at ¶ 27);
- b. He rejected signatures as being a different county than the petition part, when clearly they were from the same county (Exhibit D at ¶ 28 and 29);

- c. He rejected 4,198 signatures for having “no information” with them, but at least 1,458 of them had complete information listed (Exhibit D at ¶ 30);
- d. His use of the “not legible” justification for rejecting signatures was inconsistently applied, at best, and was used to reject over 3,000 signatures (Exhibit D at ¶ 31);
- e. He rejected numerous signatures as “Same Handwriting,” which was again inconsistent in its application at best, without clear criteria or expertise in how those decisions were made (Exhibit D at ¶ 32);
- f. Numerous signature rejections appeared to not have a secondary review to ensure their accuracy, leading to widely inconsistent and arbitrary standards of cull determinations; and
- g. At least 2,500 signatures appear to have been culled by Secretary Cole without providing us any documentation or image of the signatures with which to evaluate the Secretary’s determination (Exhibit D at ¶ 23).

31. A table summarizing PAR’s review is shown below and discussed in further detail in Exhibit D.

	Petition Parts	Signatures
Submitted by PAR	19,999	108,837
Counted by Secretary	20,011	Unknown
Petition Parts Culled	2,540	11,900
Estimated Remaining	17,471	96,937
Improperly Eliminated Signatures from Culled Petition Parts		2,738
Estimated Remaining		99,720

Signatures Culled		11,145
Estimated Remaining		88,575
Improperly Culled Individual Signatures		4,677
Estimated Remaining		93,252

32. PAR’s review demonstrates at least 93,252 eligible signatures present for purposes of the Initial Count. Exhibit D at ¶¶ 35 and 36.

F. Popular Name Discrepancy

33. The popular name discrepancy was unintentional, inadvertent, and not done for any intended purpose.²

34. The Secretary of State asserts none of the submitted petition parts “had attached or on its face the ballot title³ approved by the Attorney General, ‘The Arkansas Ballot Measure Rights Amendment,’” in violation of Ark. Code Ann. § 7-9-126(b)(2) and § 7-9-106(a) and are thus appropriately disregarded resulting in an Initial Count of zero. Insufficiency Determination at 1.

35. Both the sample petition and the submitted petition parts refer to the popular name of the proposed amendment as “The Ballot Measure Rights Amendment of 2026” in three places and “The Arkansas Ballot Measure Rights

² *Contrast with* Jester’s aspersion that the discrepancy may have been utilized to “gain an advantage over competing direct democracy amendment...”

³ The Secretary of State conflates the “ballot title” with the “popular name.”

Amendment of 2026” in one place.⁴ It is incorrect that the ballot title approved by the Attorney General failed to appear on the face of the petition part. See again the correct reference in the image below.

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To the Honorable Code Jester, Secretary of State of the State of Arkansas: We, the undersigned registered voters of the State of Arkansas, respectfully propose the following amendment to the Constitution of the State, and by this, our petition, order that an amendment to Article 5 § 1 (Initiative and Referendum) of the Arkansas Constitution of 1874, entitled "THE ARKANSAS BALLOT MEASURE RIGHTS AMENDMENT OF 2026," be submitted to the people of said state, to the end that the same may be approved or rejected by the vote of the registered voters of said state at the regular general election to be held on the 1st day of November, 2026, and each of us for himself or herself says: I have personally signed this petition. I am a registered voter of the State of Arkansas, and my printed name, date of birth, residence, city or town of residence, and date of signing this petition are correctly written after my signature:

1.	SIGNATURE	PRINTED NAME	BIRTH DATE	STREET ADDRESS	CITY / TOWN	DATE SIGNED
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(FOR CANVASSER ONLY)
 State of Arkansas, County of _____ (county where notary signs)
 I, _____ (print name of canvasser), being duly sworn, state under oath that, after I verified each petitioner's identity by viewing his or her photo identification under Arkansas Code Ann. § 7-1-101(4)(b), and after I informed each signer by either verbal or by separate written notification that petition fraud is a criminal offense, each of the foregoing persons signed his or her own name to this petition part in my presence. To the best of my knowledge and belief, each signature is genuine and each signer is a registered voter of the State of Arkansas. At all times during the circulation of this petition part, an exact copy of the popular name, ballot title, and text was attached to the petition part, and each signer read the ballot title of the petition or had the ballot title of the petition read to the signer in my presence. My current address is correctly stated below.

Signature _____
 Current Residence _____
 Indicate one: () Paid Canvasser () Volunteer/Unpaid Canvasser

(FOR NOTARY ONLY)
 State of Arkansas, County of _____ (county where notary signs)
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 20____.
 (Notary Seal Below)

Signature of Notary _____
 My Commission Expires _____
 Residence County of Notary _____

36. Ark. Code Ann. § 7-9-104(a) directs that the form of the petition “substantially” conform to certain prescribed language. It does not dictate formatting specifications or font size for the various required components. In fact, the language prescribed is the following:

⁴ See

https://www.sos.arkansas.gov/uploads/elections/Ballot_Measure_Rights_Amendm ent_of_2026_Oct_1_2025.pdf (accessed 8 Aug. 2026).

"INITIATIVE PETITION

To the Honorable _____

Secretary of State of the State of Arkansas, or County Clerk, or City Clerk

We, the undersigned registered voters of the State of Arkansas, or _____ County, Arkansas, or City of _____, or Incorporated Town of _____, Arkansas (as the case may be), respectfully propose the following amendment to the Constitution of the State or act or ordinance (as the case may be), and by this, our petition, order that the same be submitted to the people of said state, or county, or municipality (as the case may be), to the end that the same may be adopted, enacted, or rejected by the vote of the registered voters of said (state, county, or municipality) at the regular general election to be held on the ____ day of ____, 20 ____, and each of us for himself or herself says:

I have personally signed this petition; I am a registered voter of the State of Arkansas, or _____ County, Arkansas, or City of _____, or Incorporated Town of _____, Arkansas (as the case may be), and my printed name, date of birth, residence, city or town of residence, and date of signing this petition are correctly written after my signature.

(Here insert popular name and ballot title of initiated measure.)

(In the case of a proposed initiated act or ordinance, insert the following:

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, OR _____ COUNTY, ARKANSAS, OR CITY OF _____ OR INCORPORATED TOWN OF _____, ARKANSAS (as the case may be));

(Here insert full text of initiated measure.)"

Image captured from Westlaw on August 9, 2026.

37. PAR's submission substantially conforms to the prescribed form. As discussed above, the certified popular name is present. It is true that it is not at the top in large font, but it is also true that formatting specifications are not dictated.

38. Even if one disregards the above and concludes that the popular name stated on the submitted petition parts is inconsistent with the exact popular name certified by the Attorney General, such is not fatal to PAR's submissions for multiple reasons as discussed below.

39. Ark. Code Ann. § 7-9-126(b)(2) prohibits counting petition parts (and all signatures in those parts) if "[t]he petition does not conform to the version of the *measure* approved and certified under § 7-9-107." Emphasis added. The approval

and certification process under Ark. Code Ann. § 7-9-107 deals with the Attorney General's certification of initiative petitions. Under that provision, the Attorney General certifies "(1) The full text of the proposed measure; (2) A ballot title for the proposed measure; and (3) A popular name for the proposed measure."

40. A plain reading of the statute indicates that the "measure" is the text of the proposed amendment, which is separate from the "ballot title" and "popular name." Ark. Code Ann. § 7-9-126(b)(2) requires strict compliance with the requirement that the full text of the *measure* conforms to the version approved by the Attorney General. PAR meets that requirement and it is not disputed that the full text of the measure contained in the sample petition and attached to the submitted petition parts conforms with the text certified by the Attorney General under Ark. Code Ann. § 7-9-107.

41. It is also not disputed that the ballot title contained in the sample petition and attached to the submitted petition parts conforms with the ballot title certified by the Attorney General under Ark. Code Ann. § 7-9-107, although the Secretary of State's July 30 letter, perhaps mistakenly but perhaps otherwise, conflates the "ballot title" with the "popular name."

42. It should be further noted that Ark. Code Ann. § 7-9-106(a) requires an attachment of "a full and correct copy of the title and the measure proposed." The

popular name is not indicated by the statute here and as stated above both the ballot title and measure are appropriately represented.

43. The Secretary of State further asserts that the sample petition “does not contain a popular name approved by the Arkansas Attorney General,” and that Ark. Code Ann. § 7-9-126(b)(7) therefore prohibits the counting of the submitted petition parts. Insufficiency Determination at 1. As discussed above, this is simply incorrect. The popular name is present on both the sample petition part and the submitted petition parts.

44. Jester reaches his conclusion with reliance on Ark. Code Ann. § 126(b)(7) which prohibits counting petition parts if “[t]he petition fails to comply with § 7-9-104 or § 7-9-105,⁵ including the lack of the *exact popular name* or ballot title for a statewide initiative, a discrepancy in the text of the initiated or referred measure, or the lack of an enacting clause in a statewide petition for an initiated act...” Emphasis added.

45. In order to understand this provision, one must take into account the purpose and text of Ark. Code Ann. § 7-9-104 which, again, provides the *substantial* form for an initiative petition. Two critical observations must be acknowledged. First, the form requirement has a materiality threshold which is evident by the use

⁵ Ark. Code Ann. § 7-9-105 governs referendum petitions and is not relevant here.

of the word “substantial.” Second, subsection 104’s purpose is to make sure that the petitions utilized for canvassing are the same as the sample posted to the Secretary’s website. The “exact popular name” required by Ark. Code Ann. § 126(b)(7) means that the popular name submitted to the Secretary under § 7-9-104(c)(2) should match the popular name used on the petition parts for signature collection.⁶ The sample petition filed with the Secretary of State was “the exact form” used for obtaining signatures with the exception of the canvasser affidavit discussed above. Ark. Code Ann. § 7-9-104(c)(2). Ark. Code Ann. § 126(b)(7) does not prohibit the petition parts from being counted. PAR was compliant and thus the Insufficiency Determination is incorrect.

46. Accepting *arguendo* that PAR’s lack of the “exact popular name” is problematic on the basis of Ark. Code Ann. § 7-9-104(c)(2), Jester completely ignores the more prescriptive instructions present at Ark. Code Ann. § 7-9-107(h). This provision, recently enacted during the 2025 Regular Session of the General Assembly, provides that “[i]f the sponsor of a proposed measure fails to comply with

⁶ "Under principles of statutory construction "*in pari materia*," "exact" in this context does not mean "certified popular name" as determined by the Attorney General. It means the popular name on the sample petition for circulation, which Intervenor did use.

this section, that failure *shall not contribute in any way* to a determination by the Secretary of State that the proposed measure, or any individual signature submitted to the Secretary of State in connection with the proposed measure, is insufficient for any reason.”⁷

47. Even without the very plain directive of Ark. Code Ann. § 7-9-107(h), PAR’s discrepancy is a non-material, *de minimis* difference that does not doom the collective will of the voters signing the petition.

48. The popular name appearing on the submitted petition parts, “The Ballot Measure Rights Amendment of 2026” is three words different from that of the popular name certified by the Attorney General: “Arkansas,” “of,” and “2026.” None of these words, either individually or collectively, change or modify the description of the measure or the ballot title. The operative words, which describe the purpose of the measure, remain consistent and cognizable. Further, neither individually nor collectively do these words mislead the public, employ sloganeering or political coloring.

49. Initiative popular names are a creation of the legislature and not addressed by Article V of the Arkansas constitution. And *Paschall v. Thurston* emphasizes that the popular name must be presented fairly, be sufficient to identify

⁷ Emphasis added.

the proposal for discussion, and any sufficiency evaluation must be liberally construed. 2024 Ark. 155, 9, 699 S.W.3d 352, 358 (2024). While some might argue that *Paschall* provides permission for rejections due to fatal flaws of noncompliance, this discrepancy is not such an instance as Ark. Code Ann. § 7-9-107(h) establishes that a sponsor's mistake is not a fatal flaw of noncompliance.

50. Exclusion of the word “Arkansas” is a non-material omission. It is plainly self-evident that the initiative is applicable to Arkansas. In the first substantive line of text on the submitted petition parts, the word Arkansas is stated twice and the state Constitution is referred to once: “To the Honorable Cole Jester, Secretary of the State of **Arkansas**: We, the undersigned registered voters of the State of **Arkansas**, respectfully propose the following amendment to the **Constitution of the State...**”

51. Inclusion of the phrase “of 2026” is not misleading. First, the measure will be on the 2026 ballot. Second, the phrase does not modify a description of the content of the measure or ballot title. It is an extraneous phrase which is not misleading. Instructive on how year references should be handled is *Becker v. McCuen*. 303 Ark. 482, 484, 798 S.W.2d 71, 72 (1990). *Becker*, while plausibly

distinguishable on certain underlying differences,⁸ concludes that the use of a date is not misleading or partisan coloring and thus not problematic. The same is true with the use of the phrase “of 2026” here.

52. Also instructive here is the Court’s analysis in *Porter v. McCuen* considering the sufficiency of a ballot title—a standard unquestionably steeper than the requirements of a popular name. 310 Ark. 562, 566, 839 S.W.2d 512, 514 (1992). In *Porter*, a ballot title discrepancy resulted in one version being submitted to the Attorney General and a different version submitted to the public. The Court concluded, utilizing liberal construction and interpretation, that the difference lacked “materiality” as it was a “mere appendage.” *Id.* The same materiality standard is appropriately applied here to PAR’s popular name.

53. Importantly, the Plaintiffs aver and affirm in their affidavits that the difference of these three words in no way confused them and they executed the Petition knowingly, intelligently, and with firm conviction.

⁸ *Becker v. McCuen* addresses an amendment referred to the people through the General Assembly rather than the initiative process at issue here. This origin however does not negate the Court’s conclusion regarding use of a date within a popular name.

54. In determining the significance of the popular name, the Court should additionally consider the following facts:

- a. When the measure is publicized via notice in the statewide newspaper, the popular name is not required to be included. An excerpt of the required publication, which occurred on May 24, 2026, is included below and includes only the ballot title and the text of the measure.

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BALLOT TITLE:

This measure amends Article 5, § 1 of the Arkansas Constitution. It gives the people the fundamental right to make and repeal laws by petition. It gives Arkansas registered voters the fundamental right to sign a petition. It gives U.S. citizens who have not been convicted of certain crimes the fundamental right to collect signatures on a petition. It defines "petition fraud." Petition fraud is a criminal offense. The legislature decodes the penalty range for this crime. The measure repeals the legislature's authority to pass other petition fraud laws. The government must notify registered voters before it can reject their signatures. Notice is provided by mail, phone, and email. If possible, it voters timely correct signature problems, their signatures are counted. The government shall not require petition signatures to be from more than 15 counties. The legislature may amend or repeal an initiated act by a 2/3 vote. The legislature shall not amend a constitutional amendment approved by a vote of the people. A county quorum court may amend or repeal an initiated county measure by a 2/3 vote. A city council may amend or repeal an initiated local measure by a 2/3 vote. The ballot title of a referendum shall be "This referendum repeals..." followed by the title of the Act. The Secretary of State must publish a notice that informs the public of a measure's popular name and ballot title. The notice explains how to contest the name and title. The notice shall be made in a statewide newspaper. It will be on the Secretary of State's website too. Any lawsuit against the ballot title must be filed within 10 business days after the notice is published. If the sufficiency of a ballot title or popular name is challenged, the Arkansas Supreme Court has jurisdiction. The Court quickly reviews these lawsuits. Lawsuits against petitions require clear and convincing evidence. If the government discovers a scrivener's or filing error, it notifies the sponsor right away. The sponsor has 10 business days to correct the error. The government shall not reject the measure if the error is timely corrected. The government shall not reject a measure that substantially complies with the law. Any laws affecting this amendment must be denied. Only registered voters' signatures are counted. Previously, canvassers signed an affidavit. This changes the affidavit to a declaration. The declaration is made under penalty of perjury. This measure repeals all inconsistent state laws. This amendment is severable. If part of it is held invalid, the rest is still valid if it can stand on its own.

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

SECTION 1. Underlined language in SECTION 2 is a new language to be added to the Arkansas Constitution, and the language that is stricken through in SECTION 2 should be removed from the Arkansas Constitution.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Constitution, Article 5, § 1 is amended to read as follows:

§ 1. Initiative and Referendum.

(A) The legislative power of the people of this State shall be vested in a General Assembly, which shall consist of the Senate and House of Representatives, but the people reserve to themselves the power and the fundamental right to propose legislative measures, laws and amendments to the Constitution, and to enact or reject the same at the polls independent of the General Assembly, and also reserve the power and the fundamental right, at their own option to approve or reject at the polls any entire act or any item of an appropriation bill.

(B)(1) Every qualified elector of this State has the fundamental rights to:

(A) Sign a petition under this section, and

(B) Have the qualified elector's signature counted once for each petition signed.

(2) A United States citizen has the fundamental right to solicit and obtain signatures on a petition under this section unless the citizen:

(i) Has been convicted of a criminal offense under this section;

(ii) Has been convicted of a criminal offense involving dishonesty or false statement;

(iii) Has been convicted of a felony criminal offense, and the citizen has not had his or her voting rights restored; or

(iv) Is required by law to register on the sex offender registry for any state.

(3) Initiative. The first power reserved by the people is the initiative. Eight per cent of the legal voters may propose any law and ten per cent may propose a constitutional amendment by initiative petition and every such petition shall include the full text of the measure so proposed. Initiative petitions for state-wide measures shall be filed with the Secretary of State not less than four months before the election at which they are to be voted upon, provided, that at least thirty days before the aforementioned filing, the proposed measure shall have been published once, at the expense of the petitioners, in some paper of general circulation.

(4) Referendum. The second power reserved by the people is the referendum, and any number not less than six per cent of the legal voters may, by petition, order the referendum against any general Act, or any item of an appropriation bill, or measure passed by the General Assembly, but the filing of a referendum petition against one or more items, sections or parts of any such act or measure shall not delay the remainder from becoming operative. Such petition shall be filed with the Secretary of State not later than ninety days after the final adjournment of the session at which such Act was passed, except when a recess or adjournment shall be taken temporarily for a longer period than ninety days, in which case such petition shall be filed not later than ninety days after such recess or temporary adjournment. Any measure referred to the people by referendum petition shall remain in abeyance until such vote is taken.

(5) If the referendum is to repeal a general Act or a measure passed by the General Assembly in its entirety, the ballot title shall be the words "This referendum repeals..." followed by the exact title of the Act or measure to be repealed by the referendum.

(6) The total number of votes cast for the office of Governor in the last preceding general election shall be the basis upon which the number of signatures of legal voters upon state-wide initiative and referendum petitions shall be computed.

(7) Upon all initiative or referendum petitions provided for in any of the sections of this article Article 5, Section 1, it shall be necessary to file from at least fifteen of the counties of the State, petitions bearing the signature of not less than one-half of the designated percentage of the electors of such county

by a majority of the votes severally cast for and against the same at the same election, the one receiving the highest number of affirmative votes shall become law.

(i) The Petition and Review of Measures or Titles.

(1)(A)(i) Title. If a government entity is designated by law to approve or certify a ballot title before circulating petitions, then no later than ten (10) days after approval or certification of a ballot title and popular name, the Secretary of State shall publish a notice informing the public of the:

(ii) Popular name;

(iii) Approval or certification of the ballot title; and

(iv) Procedure governing any party who may contest the popular name, ballot title, or approval or certification of the ballot title before the Supreme Court.

(ii) If no such approval or certification of the ballot title is required by law, the sponsor shall notify the Secretary of State of the ballot title and popular name before circulating petitions, and no later than ten (10) days after notification by the sponsor, the Secretary of State shall publish a notice informing the public of the:

(i) Popular name;

(ii) Ballot title; and

(iii) Procedure governing any party who may contest the popular name or ballot title before the Supreme Court.

(iii) Publication by the Secretary of State under this subdivision (1)(i)(A) shall be made in a newspaper of statewide circulation and on the Secretary of State's website.

(B) At the time of filing petitions the exact title to be used on the ballot shall be by the petitioners be submitted with the petition, and on state-wide measures, shall be submitted to the State Board of Election Commissioners, who shall certify such title to the Secretary of State, to be placed upon the ballot, on county and municipal measures such title shall be submitted to the county election board and shall by said board be placed upon the ballot in such county or municipal election.

(2) Limitation. No limitation shall be placed upon the number of constitutional amendments, laws, or other measures which may be proposed and submitted to the people by either initiative or referendum petition as provided in this section. No petition shall be held invalid if it shall contain a greater number of signatures than required herein.

(3)(A) Verification. Only registered voters the signatures of qualified electors shall be counted upon petitions. Petitions may be circulated and presented in parts, but each part of any petition shall have attached thereto the efficient declaration under penalty of perjury of the person circulating the same, that all signatures thereon were made in the presence of the efficient declarant, and that to the best of the efficient declarant's knowledge and belief each signature is genuine, and that the person signing is a registered qualified elector and no other affidavit, declaration, or verification shall be required to establish the genuineness of such signatures.

§ 1. Voter Cure.

(i) The Secretary of State, the county clerk, and city clerk shall not disqualify the signature of a qualified elector, before providing to the qualified elector, whose name is signed on the petition.

(ii) Notice that the qualified elector's signature will be disqualified and will not be counted, and

(iii) An opportunity for the qualified elector whose name is signed to correct any identified misaffirmation.

(iv) Notice under this subdivision (1)(3)(B) shall be sent to the qualified elector by mailing to the qualified elector's last known residential address, by telephone call, if available, and by email or other electronic notification system, if available.

(v) Notice under this subdivision (1)(3)(B) shall be provided immediately after the insufficiency is discovered by the Secretary of State, county clerk, or city clerk, and shall advise the qualified elector.

(vi) Of how to correct any identified misaffirmation, and

(vii) That failure to correct any identified misaffirmation will result in the qualified elector's signature not being counted.

(viii) The Secretary of State, county clerk, or city clerk shall give the voter no less than ten (10) business days to correct any identified misaffirmation in person, or electronically, before disqualification.

(ix) The qualified elector shall have no less than ten (10) business days after the Secretary of State, county clerk, or city clerk delivers notice under this section to correct any identified misaffirmation.

(x) If a qualified elector timely corrects an identified misaffirmation, the signature shall be counted, once.

(4)(A) Sufficiency. The sufficiency of all state-wide petitions shall be decided in the first instance by the Secretary of State, subject to review by the Supreme Court of the State, which shall have original and exclusive jurisdiction over all such causes.

(B) The sufficiency of all local petitions shall be decided in the first instance by the county clerk or the city clerk as the case may be, subject to review by the chancery court.

(C) A government actor reviewing a measure, ballot title, or petition for sufficiency shall determine if to be sufficient if the measure, ballot title, or petition substantially complies with the requirements of laws, rules, or procedures enacted or adopted in furtherance of this Article 5, Section 1.

(5) Court Decisions.

(A) If the sufficiency of any petition is challenged such cause shall be:

(i) Filed with the court of jurisdiction no later than ten (10) business days after approval or denial of the sufficiency of the petition; and

(ii) A preference cause and shall be tried at once, but the failure of the courts to decide prior to the election as to the sufficiency of any such petition, shall not prevent the question from being placed upon the ballot at the election named in such petition, nor mitigate against the validity of such measure, if it shall have been approved by a vote of the people.

(B) If the sufficiency of a ballot title or popular name is challenged, the Supreme Court shall have original and exclusive jurisdiction, and such cause shall be:

(i) Filed with the Supreme Court no later than ten (10) business days after the Secretary of State publishes the ballot title; and

(ii) A preference cause, tried at once, and expeditiously decided.

b. The Secretary publicized the popular name incorrectly on his website for a minimum of eight months. An image of that web publication is included again below for ease of reference.

Overseas Citizens	been certified by the Attorney General. The posting of this information should not be construed as 1). Confirmation that these proposed ballot measures are being actively circulated; or 2). These measures have been certified for placement on the ballot at the next General Election. For more information, please contact the sponsors of the proposed measures.	BUSINESS & COMMERCIAL SERVICES (BCS) Victory Building 1401 W. Capitol Avenue, Suite 250 Little Rock, AR 72201 888-231-0125 or 501-682-3409 corproquest@des.arkansas.gov
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Athlete Agent Registration Information		
More Election Information	The Arkansas Education Rights Amendment of 2026 Petition Sponsor: For ARKids BQC, 501-291-1377, info@forARKids.org	VIEW ON GOOGLE MAPS
For Voters	An Amendment Concerning Constitutional Amendments, Initiated Acts, and Referendums Petition Sponsor: Save AR Democracy, 501-352-2822, david@davidcouchlaw.com	
Combatting Foreign Influence	The Arkansas Ballot Measure Rights Amendment of 2026 Petition Sponsor: Protect Arkansas Rights BQC, 501-291-1377, info@protectARRights.org	
	Helpful Information • 2025-2026 Initiatives & Referenda Handbook • Ballot Question Committee Information from the Arkansas Ethics Commission • Arkansas Ballot Issue Education from the Arkansas Public Policy Center	

55. Jester's Insufficiency Determination on these grounds is thus inappropriate.

CLAIM FOR RELIEF: The Secretary Incorrectly Determined the Petition Was Insufficient

56. Intervenors incorporate into this claim for relief all preceding paragraphs of the complaint.

57. The Secretary has authority to decide the sufficiency of all state-wide petitions in the first instance, "subject to review by the Supreme Court of the State, which shall have original and exclusive jurisdiction over all such causes." Ark. Const. art. V, § 1.

58. The Secretary's insufficiency determination is incorrect, and should be vacated by this Court, for multiple reasons, including but not limited to the following:

59. The Secretary incorrectly culled all signatures under Ark. Code Ann. § 7-9-126(b)(2) (Subclaim 1);

60. The Secretary incorrectly culled all signatures under Ark. Code Ann. § 7-9-126(b)(7) (Subclaim 2);

61. Even if the Secretary had authority under Ark. Code Ann. § 7-9-126(b) to cull signatures, his application of that statute as applied to the Petition violated Article V, § 1 of the Arkansas Constitution (Subclaim 3);

62. Even if the Secretary had authority under Ark. Code Ann. § 7-9-126(b) to cull signatures, his application of that statute as applied to the Petition violated the First and Fourteenth Amendments to the U.S. Constitution (Subclaim 4); and

63. The Secretary's determination that, even if he did not cull all signatures for violations of Ark. Code Ann. § 7-9-126(b)(2), (7), the Petition still fell below 90,704 signatures is incorrect (Subclaim 5).

A. Subclaim 1 – The Secretary Incorrectly Culled All Signatures Under Ark. Code Ann. § 7-9-126(b)(2)

64. The Secretary incorrectly culled all signatures under § 7-9-126(b)(2).

65. As will be explained in more depth in subsequent briefing, Ark. Code Ann. § 7-9-126(b)(2) applies to the text of the proposed amendment (i.e., the measure), not the popular name or ballot title. Under the Arkansas Code, the popular name, ballot title, and measure are three distinct parts of the petition. *See, e.g.,* Ark.

Code Ann. §§ 7-9-107(b)(1), (e)(1). That Ark. Code Ann. § 7-9-126(b)(2) only applies to the text of the proposed amendment is supported by Ark. Code Ann. § 7-9-106 (another section the Secretary incorrectly stated that the Petition violated), which only requires that a “full and correct copy of the **title** and **the measure** proposed” (emphasis added), not the popular name. The Secretary has not asserted that the text of the proposed amendment on the petition parts was different from the text submitted to and certified by the Attorney General. While the Secretary’s letter incorrectly stated that the “ballot title” of the petitions submitted for signature was different from that submitted to the Attorney General, it was not—and it seems clear from the Secretary’s letter that the “ballot title” allegation was a mistake that was meant to refer to the popular name.

66. The Secretary’s determination that all signatures should be culled for violation of Ark. Code Ann. § 7-9-126(b)(2) is therefore contrary to the law and should be vacated.

B. Subclaim 2 – The Secretary Incorrectly Culled All Signatures Under Ark.

Code Ann. § 7-9-126(b)(7)

67. The Secretary incorrectly culled all signatures under § 7-9-126(b)(7).

68. The Secretary’s letter stated that the sample petition part submitted to his office “under Arkansas Code Annotated § 7-9-104(c)(2)” did “not contain a

popular name approved by the Arkansas Attorney General” and, therefore, Ark. Code Ann. § 7-9-126(b)(7) prohibited him from counting all submitted signatures.

69. As will be explained in more depth in subsequent briefing, Ark. Code Ann. § 7-9-104 does not require that the sample petition part submitted to the Secretary include the exact popular name as certified by the Attorney General, and Ark. Code Ann. § 7-9-126(b)(7) only applies to a petition that “fails to comply with § 7-9-104.” Except for the small number of petition parts inadvertently submitted for The Educational Rights Amendment of 2026, the sample petition parts submitted to the Secretary in this matter complied with Ark. Code Ann. § 7-9-104. For that reason, the Petition could not have violated Ark. Code Ann. § 7-9-126(b)(7).

70. The Secretary’s determination that all signatures should be culled for violation of Ark. Code Ann. § 7-9-126(b)(7) is therefore contrary to the law and should be vacated.

C. Subclaim 3 – The Secretary’s Application of Ark. Code Ann. § 7-9-126(b) to the Petition Violates Article 5, § 1, of the Arkansas Constitution

71. The Secretary determined that all 108,837 signatures should be culled because the petition parts used for signature contained a popular name with two or three words that were different from the popular name the Attorney General certified.

72. The difference was inadvertent, and it did not change the popular name in any material way.

73. The Secretary's decision to call the Initiative Amendment "The Arkansas Ballot Measure Rights Amendment of 2026" on his official website reinforces the immateriality of the different wording. The Secretary had access to the Attorney General's certification and the sample petition part submitted by PAR and chose to publish to the public a popular name that was different from the popular name the Attorney General certified.

74. Article 5, § 1, of the Arkansas Constitution prohibits any law from "interfering with the freedom of the people in procuring petitions."

75. As will be explained in more depth in subsequent briefing, the Secretary's application of Ark. Code Ann. § 7-9-126(b) to cull all signatures submitted by the petition interfered with the freedom of the people in procuring petitions because it nullified all signatures obtained by every canvasser. The Secretary did not have a compelling interest in nullifying every signature; and, even if he did, his nullification of every signature was not narrowly tailored to any such interest.

76. Additionally, the Secretary interfered with the freedom of the people in procuring petitions by receiving and accepting the sample petition part—and confirming that the petition "can be circulated"—and waiting for ten months, until

after thousands of hours had been spent by hundreds or thousands of canvassers, to conjure a problem with the petition and nullify, in one fell swoop, all the signatures obtained.

77. Article 5, § 1, which reserves the power of the initiative to the people, also provides, “No legislation shall be enacted to restrict, hamper or impair the exercise of the rights herein reserved to the people.”

78. The Secretary’s actions have nullified the signatures of 108,837 petitioners and have violated their right to propose and petition for initiatives. The Secretary has no compelling interest in doing so; and, even if he did, his actions were not narrowly tailored to any such interest.

79. The Secretary’s determination that all signatures should be culled for violation of Ark. Code Ann. § 7-9-126(b) is therefore contrary to the Arkansas Constitution and should be vacated.

D. Subclaim 4 - The Secretary’s Application of Ark. Code Ann. § 7-9-126(b) to the Petition Violates the First and Fourteenth Amendments to the U.S. Constitution

80. The First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution applies to the State of Arkansas through the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. *See Gitlow v. New York*, 268 U.S. 652, 666 (1925).

81. Initiatives involve “core political speech” protected by the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. *Meyer v. Grant*, 486 U.S. 414, 420-22 (1988).

82. This protected expression includes, but is not limited to, “expression of desire for political change,” embodied by the ballot measure itself, and “discussion of the merits of the proposed change,” embodied by conversations between canvassers and would-be signers during the canvassing process. *Id.* at 421.

83. When a State regulates the ballot-initiative process, it enters into “an area in which the importance of First Amendment protections is at its zenith.” *Id.* at 425.

84. Thus, any regulation infringing on this protected expression must satisfy strict scrutiny—i.e., it must be narrowly tailored to serve a compelling governmental interest.

85. As will be explained in more depth in subsequent briefing, the Secretary’s culling of all signatures for an inadvertent and immaterial change in the popular name of the ballot title does not serve a compelling governmental interest; and, even if it did, it is not narrowly tailored to that interest.

86. The Secretary’s determination that all signatures should be culled for violation of Ark. Code Ann. § 7-9-126(b) is therefore contrary to the U.S. Constitution and should be vacated.

E. Subclaim 5 - The Secretary's Determination That, Even if He Did Not Cull All Signatures for Violations of Ark. Code Ann. §§ 7-9-126(b)(2) and (7), the Petition Still Fell Below 90,704 Signatures Is Incorrect

87. The Secretary's Insufficiency Determination contended that, even if all signatures were not culled in one fell swoop under Ark. Code Ann. § 7-9-126(b)(2) or (7), the initial count would still cull enough signatures—pursuant to other do-not-count provisions in Ark. Code Ann. § 7-9-126—that the Petition would not have sufficient signatures to reach the signature-verification stage of the certification process.

88. That contention is incorrect. If the Secretary did not cull all signatures under Ark. Code Ann. §§ 7-9-126(b)(2) and (7), the Petition would have had more than 90,704 signatures after the initial count.

89. The Secretary's initial count was incorrect, because he culled signatures that should have been counted.

90. As will be explained more in subsequent factual findings and briefing, the Secretary made many errors in his culling decisions.

Prayer for Relief

WHEREFORE, Intervenor's pray that this Court:

- A. Find that the Secretary's determination of insufficiency and rejection of Intervenor's submission of the Initiative Amendment for certification was incorrect;
- B. Vacate the determination of insufficiency;
- C. Order that the Secretary's incorrect Insufficiency Determination cannot prejudice petitioners' rights to a full certification process;
- D. Expedite proceedings and provide emergency relief, including by ordering the Secretary to provisionally certify the Initiative Amendment for the November 2026 general election ballot, provide a provisional 30-day cure period for the Petition, and begin the signature-verification process and by appointing a special master to hear issues of fact, all of which will be requested in a forthcoming motion; and
- E. Provide any other just and proper relief the Court deems necessary.

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Sarah Page Tacker, do hereby certify that on this 10th day of August 2026, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court by using the Court's electronic filing system, which shall send notification of such filing to all counsel of record.

/s/ Sarah Page Tacker
Sarah Page Tacker

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF ARKANSAS

VALERIE HANNA; HERSHEL
HARTFORD;
KRISTI MOSBY; MIKE PIERCE;
BEN POLLOCK; TRICIA A. SPARKS;
and ROY VAUGHN, in their individual
capacities and on behalf of all other persons
similarly situated

PETITIONERS

v. CASE NO. CV-26-543

COLE JESTER, in his official capacity as
Arkansas Secretary of State

RESPONDENT

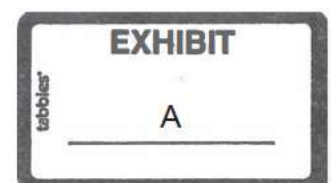
BILL KOPSKY, individually and on behalf of
PROTECT AR RIGHTS, an Arkansas ballot
question committee

INTERVENORS

AFFIDAVIT OF BILL KOPSKY

I, Bill Kopsky, being duly sworn, state under oath as follows:

1. I am over the age of 18, competent to testify, and have personal knowledge of the facts and information set forth in this affidavit.
2. I am an Arkansas citizen, resident, and registered voter.



3. I am the treasurer of Protect AR Rights Ballot Question Committee, an Arkansas ballot question committee and sponsor of a ballot initiative petition (“Petition”) that would amend the Arkansas Constitution to protect the right of the people to propose, sign, petition, and campaign for the passage of ballot measures (the “Amendment”). I also am a member of the Executive Committee of Protect AR Rights.

4. In my capacity as treasurer and Executive Committee member of Protect AR Rights Ballot Question Committee, I helped to shepherd the petition through the laborious process of submitting signatures in support of the Amendment to the Arkansas Secretary of State (“Secretary”).

5. That process includes, among other things, obtaining certification of the Amendment—and of the popular name and ballot title for the Amendment—from the Arkansas Attorney General, creating and printing petition parts that will be circulated for signatures, submitting a sample petition part to the Secretary, training canvassers, working with hundreds of canvassers to obtain signatures, working to raise money for the process, and doing countless other tasks.

6. On July 28, 2025, the Attorney General certified the Amendment, as well as the ballot title and popular name for the Amendment. The popular name that the Attorney General certified was “The Arkansas Ballot Measure Rights

Amendment.” Attachment 1 to this affidavit is a true and correct copy of the Attorney General’s certification.

7. On October 1, 2025, Protect AR Rights submitted a printed petition part with the Secretary in the exact form that was going to be used for obtaining signatures. Attachment 2 to this affidavit is a true and correct file-marked copy of the submitted petition part.

8. The petition part submitted on October 1, 2025, referred to the Amendment, at the top of the first page, in bold letters, as “The Ballot Measure Rights Amendment of 2026.” Below that, on the first page, in smaller font, it referred to the Amendment as “The Arkansas Ballot Measure Rights Amendment of 2026.” On the second page, it referred to the popular name for the Amendment as “The Ballot Measure Rights Amendment of 2026.”

9. Two days later, the Secretary’s office acknowledged the filing of the sample petition part and stated that the Petition “can be circulated.” Attachment 3 to this affidavit is a true and correct copy of the October 3, 2025, email from the Secretary’s office to Protect AR Rights stating that the Petition “can be circulated.”

10. On November 25, 2025, Protect AR Rights submitted a new sample petition part to the Secretary’s office. This sample petition part was the same as the petition part submitted in October, except it removed from the canvasser affidavit attestations related to compliance with laws that had been preliminarily enjoined

on November 19, 2025, by the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Arkansas, and thus no longer applied to canvassers petitioning to place the Amendment on the ballot.

11. Ten days later, on December 5, 2025, the Secretary's office filed the updated petition part.

12. The petition parts that were circulated for signatures contained the text of the Amendment and the text of the ballot title that were certified by the Attorney General and submitted in the sample petition parts to the Secretary.

13. The petition parts that were circulated for signatures contained the same popular name as the sample petition parts submitted to the Secretary.

14. On July 3, 2025, I submitted the Petition to the Secretary's office for placement of the Amendment on the November 2026 general election ballot. In addition to submitting required paperwork, I submitted 19,999 petition parts with 108,837 signatures in support of placing the Amendment on the ballot.

15. On July 30, 2026, the Secretary sent Protect AR Rights a letter notifying Protect AR Rights that the Petition was insufficient under Ark. Code Ann. § 7-9-126(d). According to the Secretary, after performing his initial count of signatures, he determined that Protect AR Rights did not submit sufficient signatures. Attachment 4 to this affidavit is a true and correct copy of the Secretary's letter.

16. The Secretary's letter provided three independent reasons for declaring the Petition insufficient at the initial-count stage. For the first two reasons, in which he threw out all signatures collected, he relied on the difference in the popular name certified by the Attorney General—"The Arkansas Ballot Measure Rights Amendment"—and the references to the Amendment in the sample petition parts submitted to his office—"The Ballot Measure Rights Amendment of 2026" and "The Arkansas Ballot Measure Rights Amendment of 2026."

17. Those differences—the exclusion of "Arkansas" and addition of "of 2026"—were inadvertent and not made for any purpose.

18. In the Secretary's letter, he inadvertently refers to the popular name for the Amendment as the "ballot title." This seems to have been a mistake on the Secretary's part.

19. I also understand that, when I submitted the Petition to the Secretary on July 3, 2026, his official website referred to the Amendment as "The Arkansas Ballot Measure Rights Amendment of 2026." I understand he has since changed that reference to "The Arkansas Ballot Measure Rights Amendment."

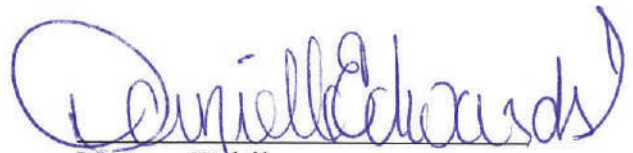


Bill Kopsky

STATE OF ARKANSAS)
)
COUNTY OF PULASKI)

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a notary public, on August 10, 2026.


Notary Public

My commission expires:

DANIELLE EDWARDS
Notary Public-Arkansas
Pulaski County
My Commission Expires 06-23-2036
Commission # 00011540



Opinion No. 2025-056

July 28, 2025

Jennifer Waymack Standerfer
Protect AR Rights
Via email only: jwaystand@gmail.com

Dear Ms. Standerfer:

I am writing in response to your request, made under A.C.A. § 7-9-107, that I certify the popular name and ballot title for a proposed constitutional amendment. In Attorney General Opinion Nos. 2025-037 and 2025-046, I rejected prior versions of your proposed initiated amendment to the Arkansas Constitution. You have now revised the language of your proposal and submitted it for certification.

My decision to certify or reject a popular name and ballot title is unrelated to my view of the proposed measure's merits. I am not authorized to consider the measure's merits when considering certification.

1. Request. Under A.C.A. § 7-9-107, you have asked me to certify the following popular name and ballot title for a proposed initiated amendment to the Arkansas Constitution:

Popular Name

The Arkansas Ballot Measure Rights Amendment

Ballot Title

This measure amends the Arkansas Constitution. It gives the people the fundamental right to make and repeal laws by petition. It gives Arkansas registered voters the fundamental right to sign a petition. It gives U.S. citizens who have not been convicted of certain crimes the fundamental right to collect signatures on a petition. It makes "petition fraud" a crime. The legislature will decide the penalty range for criminals who defraud petitions. The government will notify registered voters before it rejects their signatures. The government will count the signature of registered voters who timely correct problems with their signature. The government will not require signatures on petitions to be from more than fifteen counties. The legislature may amend or repeal an initiated act by a two-thirds vote. The legislature shall not amend a constitutional amendment. A county or city government may

amend or repeal a county or local measure by a two-thirds vote. The ballot title of a referendum will be “This referendum repeals...” followed by the title of the Act. The Secretary of State must publish a notice that explains how the name or title can be challenged. A lawsuit against the ballot title must be filed within ten days after the notice is published. The courts will quickly review of lawsuits against a petition or title. Lawsuits against petitions shall be proven by clear and convincing evidence. The government will not reject a measure for a filing or clerical error that is timely corrected. The government will not reject a measure that substantially complies with the law. Any laws affecting this amendment must be clerical. It clarifies that only registered voters’ signatures will be counted. Previously, canvassers signed an affidavit. This changes the affidavit to a declaration under penalty of perjury. This measure repeals all inconsistent state laws. If part of the amendment is held invalid, the rest of it can stand on its own.

2. Rules governing my review. In Attorney General Opinion No. 2025-037, issued in response to your previous request for review and certification, I described the rules and legal standards that govern my review of popular names and ballot titles. I rely on those same rules and legal standards outlined in that opinion and incorporate them here by reference.

3. Application. Having reviewed the text of your proposed constitutional amendment, as well as your proposed popular name and ballot title, my statutory duty at this stage is to certify your popular name as submitted and to substitute and certify the ballot title indicated below.

In Attorney General Opinion No. 2025-037, I explained that I could not approve your ballot title because it ranked at grade level 11.5 on the Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level formula. And because of the significant discrepancy between the reading level of that ballot title and the eighth-grade reading level required by Act 602, I would have had to compose an entirely new ballot title to meet the requirements of the Act. Consequently, I rejected your submission.

In Attorney General Opinion No. 2025-046, you submitted a ballot title for my review that ranked at 9.3 on the Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level formula—much closer to an eighth-grade reading level. Yet I still could not substitute and certify your ballot title because of a key ambiguity in the text of your proposed measure.¹ As a result, I rejected that submission as well.

But you have now corrected the ambiguity in your proposal and submitted a ballot title that ranks at 9.2 on the Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level formula. Accordingly, I have made a few minor changes to the ballot title that enable it to meet the requirements of Act 602. I have also made several changes to your ballot title so that it more clearly and accurately reflects the contents of your

¹ This ambiguity pertained to the number of counties from which signatures of qualified electors would be required.

proposed amendment.² With these changes incorporated, your popular name is certified as submitted, and the following ballot title is substituted and certified:

This measure amends Article 5, § 1 of the Arkansas Constitution. It gives the people the fundamental right to make and repeal laws by petition. It gives Arkansas registered voters the fundamental right to sign a petition. It gives U.S. citizens who have not been convicted of certain crimes the fundamental right to collect signatures on a petition. It defines “petition fraud.” Petition fraud is a criminal offense. The legislature decides the penalty range for this crime. The measure repeals the legislature’s authority to pass other petition fraud laws. The government must notify registered voters before it can reject their signatures. Notice is provided by mail, phone, and email, if possible. If voters timely correct signature problems, their signatures are counted. The government shall not require petition signatures to be from more than 15 counties. The legislature may amend or repeal an initiated act by a 2/3 vote. The legislature shall not amend a constitutional amendment approved by a vote of the people. A county quorum court may amend or repeal an initiated county measure by a 2/3 vote. A city council may amend or repeal an initiated local measure by a 2/3 vote. The ballot title of a referendum shall be “This referendum repeals...” followed by the title of the Act. The Secretary of State must publish a notice that informs the public of a measure’s popular name and ballot title. The notice explains how to contest the name and title. The notice shall be made in a statewide newspaper. It will be on the Secretary of State’s website too. Any lawsuit against the ballot title must be filed within 10 business days after the notice is published. If the sufficiency of a ballot title or popular name is challenged, the Arkansas Supreme Court has jurisdiction. The Court quickly reviews these lawsuits. Lawsuits against petitions require clear and convincing evidence. If the government discovers a scrivener’s or filing error, it notifies the sponsor right away. The sponsor has 10 business days to correct the error. The government shall not reject the measure if the error is timely corrected. The government shall not reject a measure that substantially complies with the law. Any laws affecting this amendment must be clerical. Only registered voters’ signatures are counted. Previously, canvassers signed an affidavit. This changes the affidavit to a declaration. The declaration is made under penalty of perjury. This measure repeals

² These changes include the following: stating which section of the Constitution your measure amends; rewording the provision regarding petition fraud so that voters are not misled into thinking petition fraud is not currently a crime (Arkansas statutes already criminalize petition fraud); clarifying the measure’s limitations on legislative power; specifying the methods by which the government must provide notice; adding “approved by a vote of the people” to the provision limiting the legislature’s power to amend or repeal amendments; clarifying that the ten-day time limit refers to ten “business” days; stating that the Arkansas Supreme Court has jurisdiction when the sufficiency of a popular name or ballot title is challenged; and explaining that the government must notify the sponsor if it discovers a scrivener’s or filing error, after which the sponsor has ten business days to correct the error.

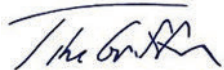
all inconsistent state laws. This amendment is severable. If part of it is held invalid, the rest is still valid if it can stand on its own.

While I have certified your popular name and ballot title as submitted, I believe that, in light of the significance of the subject matter undertaken and the potential complexity and far-reaching effects of this proposal, a few cautionary notes are warranted. You should be aware that experience has shown a correlation between the length and complexity of constitutional amendments and their susceptibility to a successful ballot-title challenge. Any ambiguity in the text of a measure could lead to a successful court challenge. Significant changes in law often have unintended consequences that, if known, would give voters serious ground for reflection. As several of my predecessors have noted when certifying certain lengthy and complex ballot titles, the Arkansas Supreme Court has repeatedly warned sponsors of statewide measures about their ballot titles' length and complexity.³

Under A.C.A. § 7-9-108, instructions to canvassers and signers must precede every petition, informing them of the privileges granted by the Arkansas Constitution and the associated penalties for violations. I have included a copy of the instructions that should be incorporated into your petition before circulation.

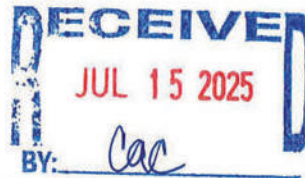
Senior Assistant Attorney General Kelly Summerside prepared this opinion, which I hereby approve.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tim Griffin", with a horizontal line drawn above it.

TIM GRIFFIN
Attorney General

³ *E.g.*, Ark. Att’y Gen. Ops. 2023-038, 2007-160, 2005-212, 2000-137.



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POPULAR NAME: **The Arkansas Ballot Measure Rights Amendment**

ATTORNEY GENERAL
OF
ARKANSAS

BALLOT TITLE:

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THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT:

SECTION 1. Underlined language in SECTION 2 is new language to be added to the Arkansas Constitution, and the language that is stricken through in SECTION 2 should be removed from the Arkansas Constitution.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Constitution, Article 5, § 1 is amended to read as follows:

§ 1. Initiative and Referendum.

(a) The legislative power of the people of this State shall be vested in a General Assembly, which shall consist of the Senate and House of Representatives, but the people reserve to themselves the power and the fundamental right to propose legislative measures, laws and amendments to the Constitution, and to enact or reject the same at the polls independent of the General Assembly; and also reserve the power and the fundamental right, at their own option to approve or reject at the polls any entire act or any item of an appropriation bill.

(b)(1) Every qualified elector of this State has the fundamental rights to:

(A) Sign a petition under this section; and

(B) Have the qualified elector's signature counted once for each

petition signed.

(2) A United States citizen has the fundamental right to solicit and obtain signatures on a petition under this section unless the citizen:

(i) Has been convicted of a criminal offense under this section;

(ii) Has been convicted of a criminal offense involving dishonesty or false statement;

(iii) Has been convicted of a felony criminal offense, and the citizen has not had his or her voting rights restored; or

(iv) Is required by law to register on the sex offender registry for any state.

(c) Initiative. The first power reserved by the people is the initiative. Eight per cent of the legal voters may propose any law and ten per cent may propose a constitutional amendment by initiative petition and every such petition shall include the full text of the measure so proposed. Initiative petitions for state-wide measures shall be filed with the Secretary of State not less than four months before the election at which they are to be voted upon; provided, that at least thirty days before the aforementioned filing, the proposed measure shall have been published once, at the expense of the petitioners, in some paper of general circulation.

(d)(1) Referendum. The second power reserved by the people is the referendum, and any number not less than six per cent of the legal voters may, by petition, order the referendum against any general Act, or any item of an appropriation bill, or measure passed by the General Assembly, but the filing of a referendum petition against one or more items, sections or parts of any such act or measure shall not delay the remainder from becoming operative. Such petition shall be filed with the Secretary of State not later than ninety days after the final adjournment of the session at which such Act was passed, except when a recess or adjournment shall be taken temporarily for a longer period than ninety days, in which case such petition shall be filed not later than ninety days after such recess or temporary adjournment. Any measure referred to the people by referendum petition shall remain in abeyance until such vote is taken.

(2) If the referendum is to repeal a general Act or a measure passed by the General Assembly in its entirety, the ballot title shall be the words "This referendum repeals..." followed by the exact title of the Act or measure to be repealed by the referendum.

(e)(1) The total number of votes cast for the office of Governor in the last preceding general election shall be the basis upon which the number of signatures of legal voters upon state-wide initiative and referendum petitions shall be computed.

(2) Upon all initiative or referendum petitions provided for in ~~any of the sections of this article~~ Article 5, Section 1, it shall be necessary to file from at least fifteen of the counties of the State, petitions bearing the signature of not less than one-half of the designated percentage of the electors of such county.

(3) Initiative or referendum petitions provided for under this Article 5, Section 1 shall not be required to be filed from more than fifteen (15) counties.

(f) Emergency. If it shall be necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety that a measure shall become effective without delay, such necessity shall be stated in one section, and if upon a yea and nay vote two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, or two-thirds of all the members elected to city or town councils, shall vote upon separate roll call in favor of the measure going into immediate

operation, such emergency measure shall become effective without delay. It shall be necessary, however, to state the fact which constitutes such emergency. Provided, however, that an emergency shall not be declared on any franchise or special privilege or act creating any vested right or interest or alienating any property of the State. If a referendum is filed against any emergency measure such measure shall be a law until it is voted upon by the people, and if it is then rejected by a majority of the electors voting thereon, it shall be thereby repealed. The provision of this sub-section shall apply to city or town councils.

(g)(1) Local for Municipalities and Counties. The initiative and referendum powers of the people are hereby further reserved to the legal voters of each municipality and county as to all local, special and municipal legislation of every character in and for their respective municipalities and counties, but no local legislation shall be enacted contrary to the Constitution or any general law of the State, and any general law shall have the effect of repealing any local legislation which is in conflict therewith.

(2) Municipalities may provide for the exercise of the initiative and referendum as to their local legislation. General laws shall be enacted providing for the exercise of the initiative and referendum as to counties. Fifteen per cent of the legal voters of any municipality or county may order the referendum, or invoke the initiative upon any local measure. In municipalities the number of signatures required upon any petition shall be computed upon the total vote cast for the office of mayor at the last preceding general election; in counties upon the office of circuit clerk. In municipalities and counties the time for filing an initiative petition shall not be fixed at less than sixty days nor more than ninety days before the election at which it is to be voted upon; for a referendum petition at not less than thirty days nor more than ninety days after the passage of such measure by a municipal council; nor less than ninety days when filed against a local or special measure passed by the General Assembly.

(3) Every extension, enlargement, grant, or conveyance of a franchise or any rights, property, easement, lease, or occupation of or in any road, street, alley or any part thereof in real property or interest in real property owned by municipalities, exceeding in value three hundred dollars, whether the same be by statute, ordinance, resolution, or otherwise, shall be subject to referendum and shall not be subject to emergency legislation.

(h) General Provisions.

(1) Definition. The word "measure" as used herein includes any bill, law, resolution, ordinance, charter, constitutional amendment or legislative proposal or enactment of any character.

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(A) If the sufficiency of any petition is challenged such cause shall be a:

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~~(2)~~(ii) For a state-wide petition, correction or amendment of an insufficient petition shall be permitted only if the petition contains valid signatures of legal-voters qualified electors equal to:

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~~(iii)~~ The government shall make no law, rule, procedure, or practice which requires signatures of qualified electors from more than fifteen (15) counties.

~~(b)(B)~~ In the event of legal proceedings to prevent giving legal effect to any petition upon any grounds, the burden of proof shall be ~~upon~~ clear and convincing evidence presented by the person or persons attacking the validity of the petition.

~~(C)~~ If a government actor discovers a scrivener's or filing error concerning the measure, ballot title, or petition, the government actor:

~~(i)~~ Shall immediately notify the sponsor of the scrivener's or filing error:

~~(ii)~~ Shall allow the sponsor ten (10) business days after delivery of notice to the sponsor to correct the scrivener's or filing error; and

~~(iii)~~ Shall not disqualify a measure, ballot title, or petition that has been timely corrected.

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~~(A)~~ No law shall be passed to prohibit any person or persons from giving or receiving compensation for circulating petitions, nor to prohibit the circulation of petitions, nor in any manner interfering with the freedom of the people in procuring petitions; but laws shall be enacted ~~prohibiting and penalizing perjury, forgery, and all other felonies or other fraudulent practices, in the securing of signatures or filing of petitions~~ designating the classification of and penalty range for the criminal offenses of petition fraud under this subdivision (i)(7).

~~(B)~~ Petition fraud is a criminal offense.

~~(C)~~ It is petition fraud if a person:

~~(i)~~ With the purpose to have an invalid signature counted, knowingly signs another person's name to a petition;

~~(ii)~~ Knowingly pays a person anything of value in exchange for his or her signature on a petition;

~~(iii)~~ Purposely and materially misrepresents the content of a measure with the intent to deceive another person, and the other person signed the petition or declined to sign the petition in reliance on that misrepresentation; or

~~(iv)~~ Who is the sponsor of the measure or the designated representative of the sponsor submits invalid signatures to the Secretary of State, county clerk, or city clerk for verification with actual knowledge that the signatures were obtained in violation of this Article 5, Section 1, and without advising the Secretary of State, county clerk, or city clerk that those signatures may be invalid.

~~(E)~~ The Secretary of State, county clerk, or city clerk shall not invalidate a signature for a criminal violation under this subdivision (i)(7) unless the Secretary of State, county clerk, or city clerk provided notice to the qualified elector under subdivision (i)(3)(B) of this section, and the qualified elector did not correct an identified insufficiency.

(F) If a procedural practice, rule, or law is adopted or enacted by a government actor concerning the administration of the provisions of this section, the practice, rule, or law shall be clerical in nature.

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SECTION 3. Inconsistent provisions inapplicable. All provisions of the Constitution, statutes, and common law of this State to the extent inconsistent or in conflict with any provision of this Amendment are expressly declared null and void.

SECTION 4. Severability. If any provision or section of this amendment or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any other provision or application of the amendment that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this amendment are declared to be severable.

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THE BALLOT MEASURE RIGHTS AMENDMENT OF 2026
VOTERS REGISTERED IN _____ COUNTY

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To the Honorable Cole Jester, Secretary of State of the State of Arkansas: We, the undersigned registered voters of the State of Arkansas, respectfully propose the following amendment to the Constitution of the State, and by this, our petition, order that an amendment to Article 5 § 1 (Initiative and Referendum) of the Arkansas Constitution of 1874, entitled "THE ARKANSAS BALLOT MEASURE RIGHTS AMENDMENT OF 2026," be submitted to the people of said state, to the end that the same may be approved or rejected by the vote of the registered voters of said state at the regular general election to be held on the 3rd day of November, 2026, and each of us for himself or herself says: I have personally signed this petition; I am a registered voter of the State of Arkansas, and my printed name, date of birth, residence, city or town of residence, and date of signing this petition are correctly written after my signature.

	SIGNATURE	PRINTED NAME	BIRTH DATE	STREET ADDRESS	CITY / TOWN	DATE SIGNED
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(FOR CANVASSER ONLY)

State of Arkansas, County of _____ (county where notary signs)

I, _____, (print name of canvasser), being duly sworn, state under oath that, after I verified each petitioner's identity by viewing his or her photo identification under Arkansas Code Ann. § 7-1-101(40), and after I informed each signer by either verbal or by separate written notification that petition fraud is a criminal offense, each of the foregoing persons signed his or her own name to this petition part in my presence. To the best of my knowledge and belief, each signature is genuine and each signer is a registered voter of the State of Arkansas. At all times during the circulation of this petition part, an exact copy of the popular name, ballot title, and text was attached to the petition part, and each signer read the ballot title of the petition or had the ballot title of the petition read to the signer in my presence. My current address is correctly stated below.

Signature _____

Current Residence _____

Indicate one: () Paid Canvasser () Volunteer/Unpaid Canvasser

(FOR NOTARY ONLY)

State of Arkansas, County of _____ (county where notary signs)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

[Notary Seal Below]

Signature of Notary _____

My Commission Expires _____

Residence County of Notary _____

EXHIBIT

A

Attachment 2

(POPULAR NAME)	(BALLOT TITLE)
"THE BALLOT MEASURE RIGHTS AMENDMENT OF 2026"	This measure amends Article 5, § 1 of the Arkansas Constitution. It gives the people the fundamental right to make and repeal laws by petition. It gives Arkansas registered voters the fundamental right to sign a petition. It gives U.S. citizens who have not been convicted of certain crimes the fundamental right to collect signatures on a petition. It defines "petition fraud." Petition fraud is a criminal offense. The legislature decides the penalty range for this crime. The measure repeals the legislature's authority to pass other petition fraud laws. The government must notify registered voters before it can reject their signatures. Notice is provided by mail, phone, and email, if possible. If voters timely correct signature problems, their signatures are counted. The government shall not require petition signatures to be from more than 15 counties. The legislature may amend or repeal an initiated act by a 2/3 vote. The legislature shall not amend a constitutional amendment approved by a vote of the people. A county quorum court may amend or repeal an initiated county measure by a 2/3 vote. A city council may amend or repeal an initiated local measure by a 2/3 vote. The ballot title of a referendum shall be "This referendum repeals..." followed by the title of the Act. The Secretary of State must publish a notice that informs the public of a measure's popular name and ballot title. The notice explains how to contest the name and title. The notice shall be made in a statewide newspaper. It will be on the Secretary of State's website too. Any lawsuit against the ballot title must be filed within 10 business days after the notice is published. If the sufficiency of a ballot title or popular name is challenged, the Arkansas Supreme Court has jurisdiction. The Court quickly reviews these lawsuits. Lawsuits against petitions require clear and convincing evidence. If the government discovers a scrivener's or filing error, it notifies the sponsor right away. The sponsor has 10 business days to correct the error. The government shall not reject the measure if the error is timely corrected. The government shall not reject a measure that substantially complies with the law. Any laws affecting this amendment must be clerical. Only registered voters' signatures are counted. Previously, canvassers signed an affidavit. This changes the affidavit to a declaration. The declaration is made under penalty of perjury. This measure repeals all inconsistent state laws. This amendment is severable. If part of it is held invalid, the rest is still valid if it can stand on its own.

(TEXT OF THE BALLOT MEASURE RIGHTS AMENDMENT OF 2026)

(Stricken language would be deleted from, and underlined language would be added to, present law.)

SECTION 1. Underlined language in SECTION 2 is new language to be added to the Arkansas Constitution, and the language that is stricken through in SECTION 2 should be removed from the Arkansas Constitution.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Constitution, Article 5, § 1 is amended to read as follows:

§ 1. Initiative and Referendum.

- (a) The legislative power of the people of this State shall be vested in a General Assembly, which shall consist of the Senate and House of Representatives, but the people reserve to themselves the power and the fundamental right to propose legislative measures, laws and amendments to the Constitution, and to enact or reject the same at the polls independent of the General Assembly; and also reserve the power and the fundamental right, at their own option to approve or reject at the polls any entire act or any item of an appropriation bill.

(b)

- (1) Every qualified elector of this State has the fundamental rights to:
- (A) Sign a petition under this section; and
 - (B) Have the qualified elector's signature counted once for each petition signed.
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- (A) Has been convicted of a criminal offense under this section;
 - (B) Has been convicted of a criminal offense involving dishonesty or false statement;
 - (C) Has been convicted of a felony criminal offense, and the citizen has not had his or her voting rights restored; or
 - (D) Is required by law to register on the sex offender registry for any state.

(c)

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(d)

(1) **Referendum.** The second power reserved by the people is the referendum, and any number not less than six per cent of the legal voters may, by petition, order the referendum against any general Act, or any item of an appropriation bill, or measure passed by the General Assembly, but the filing of a referendum petition against one or more items, sections or parts of any such act or measure shall not delay the remainder from becoming operative. Such petition shall be filed with the Secretary of State not later than ninety days after the final adjournment of the session at which such Act was passed, except when a recess or adjournment shall be taken temporarily for a longer period than ninety days, in which case such petition shall be filed not later than

ninety days after such recess or temporary adjournment. Any measure referred to the people by referendum petition shall remain in abeyance until such vote is taken.

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(e)

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(f)

Emergency. If it shall be necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety that a measure shall become effective without delay, such necessity shall be stated in one section, and if upon a yea and nay vote two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, or two-thirds of all the members elected to city or town councils, shall vote upon separate roll call in favor of the measure going into immediate operation, such emergency measure shall become effective without delay. It shall be necessary, however, to state the fact which constitutes such emergency. Provided, however, that an emergency shall not be declared on any franchise or special privilege or act creating any vested right or interest or alienating any property of the State. If a referendum is filed against any emergency measure such measure shall be a law until it is voted upon by the people, and if it is then rejected by a majority of the electors voting thereon, it shall be thereby repealed. The provision of this subsection shall apply to city or town councils.

(g)

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(A)

- (i) Amendment of Petition, Measure, or Title. ~~(a)~~(1) If the Secretary of State, county clerk or city clerk, as the case may be, shall decide any petition to be insufficient, he or she shall without delay notify the sponsors of such petition, and permit at least

thirty (30) days from the date of such notification, in the instance of a state-wide petition, or ten (10) days in the instance of a municipal or county petition, for correction or amendment.

- (2)(ii) For a state-wide petition, correction or amendment of an insufficient petition shall be permitted only if the petition contains valid signatures of legal-voters qualified electors equal to:
 - (A)(a) At least seventy-five percent (75%) of the number of state-wide signatures of legal voters qualified electors required; and
 - (B)(b) At least seventy-five percent (75%) of the required number of signatures of legal voters qualified electors from each of at least fifteen (15) counties of the state.
- (iii) The government shall make no law, rule, procedure, or practice which requires signatures of qualified electors from more than fifteen (15) counties.
- (b)(B) In the event of legal proceedings to prevent giving legal effect to any petition upon any grounds, the burden of proof shall be upon clear and convincing evidence presented by the person or persons attacking the validity of the petition.
- (C) If a government actor discovers a scrivener's or filing error concerning the measure, ballot title, or petition, the government actor:
 - (i) Shall immediately notify the sponsor of the scrivener's or filing error;
 - (ii) Shall allow the sponsor ten (10) business days after delivery of notice

to the sponsor to correct the
scrivener's or filing error; and

- (iii) Shall not disqualify a measure, ballot
title, or petition that has been timely
corrected.

(7) **Unwarranted Restrictions and Petition Fraud
Prohibited.**

- (A) No law shall be passed to prohibit any person
or persons from giving or receiving
compensation for circulating petitions, nor to
prohibit the circulation of petitions, nor in any
manner interfering with the freedom of the
people in procuring petitions; but laws shall be
enacted ~~prohibiting and penalizing perjury,
forgery, and all other felonies or other
fraudulent practices, in the securing of
signatures or filing of petitions designating the
classification of and penalty range for the
criminal offenses of petition fraud under this
subdivision (i)(7).~~
- (B) Petition fraud is a criminal offense.
- (C) It is petition fraud if a person:
- (i) With the purpose to have an invalid
signature counted, knowingly signs
another person's name to a petition;
- (ii) Knowingly pays a person anything of
value in exchange for his or her
signature on a petition;
- (iii) Purposely and materially
misrepresents the content of a
measure with the intent to deceive
another person, and the other person
signed the petition or declined to sign
the petition in reliance on that
misrepresentation; or
- (iv) Who is the sponsor of the measure or
the designated representative of the
sponsor submits invalid signatures to
the Secretary of State, county clerk,

or city clerk for verification with
actual knowledge that the signatures
were obtained in violation of this
Article 5, Section 1; and without
advising the Secretary of State,
county clerk, or city clerk that those
signatures may be invalid.

- (E) The Secretary of State, county clerk, or city
clerk shall not invalidate a signature for a
criminal violation under this subdivision (i)(7)
unless the Secretary of State, county clerk, or
city clerk provided notice to the qualified
elector under subdivision (i)(3)(B) of this
section, and the qualified elector did not
correct an identified insufficiency.
- (F) If a procedural practice, rule, or law is adopted
or enacted by a government actor concerning
the administration of the provisions of this
section, the practice, rule, or law shall be
clerical in nature.
- (8) **Publication.** All measures submitted to a vote of the
people by petition under the provisions of this section
shall be published as is now, or hereafter may be
provided by law.
- (9) **Enacting Clause.** The style of all bills initiated and
submitted under the provisions of this section shall be,
"Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Arkansas,
(municipality or county, as the case may be)." In
submitting measures to the people, the Secretary of
State and all other officials shall be guided by the
general election laws or municipal laws as the case may
be until additional legislation is provided therefor.
- (10) **Self-Executing.** This section shall be self-executing,
and all its provisions shall be treated as mandatory, but
laws may be enacted to facilitate its operation. No
legislation shall be enacted to restrict, hamper or impair
the exercise of the rights herein reserved to the people.

SECTION 3. Inconsistent provisions inapplicable. All provisions of the
Constitution, statutes, and common law of this State to the extent
inconsistent or in conflict with any provision of this Amendment are
expressly declared null and void.

SECTION 4. Severability. If any provision or section of this amendment
or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid,
such invalidity shall not affect any other provision or application of the
amendment that can be given effect without the invalid provision or
application, and to this end the provisions of this amendment are declared
to be severable.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANVASSERS AND SIGNERS

1. Under the Arkansas Constitution, citizens have the power to (a) initiate legislation by petition of 8% of the legal voters, (b) initiate constitutional amendments by petition of 10% of legal voters, or (c) order a referendum on any general act or any item of an appropriation bill or measure passed by the General Assembly by petition of 6% of legal voters. A proposed measure must be submitted at a regular election. Referendum petitions may be referred at special elections on petition of 15% of the registered voters. Any measure submitted to the people becomes law when approved by a majority of the votes cast upon such measure.

2. Only registered voters may sign. All signatures must be in the signer's own handwriting and in the presence of the person circulating the petition. Each petition part should contain only the signatures of voters residing in a single county. The signature is not valid if it is obtained after the next general election following the ballot title certification under A.C.A. § 7-9-107.

3. A signer must provide his or her photo identification as defined in A.C.A. § 7-1-101(40), printed name, date of birth, residence, city or town of residence, and date of signing. If, due to a disability, a petition signer needs help providing this information, another person may print the signer's information, and that person must sign and print her or her name in the petition's margin.

4. A canvasser must be both a citizen of the United States and a resident of the State of Arkansas. Paid canvassers must also hold domicile in the State of Arkansas. Each canvasser must file a true affidavit, described in A.C.A. § 7-9-111, with the Secretary of State.

5. Under A.C.A. § 7-9-103, a person commits a Class A misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to \$2,500 and confinement of up to one year in jail, if the person:

- Knowingly:
 - Signs a name other than his or her name to a petition;
 - Signs his or her name more than once on a petition;
 - Signs a petition when he or she is not legally entitled to do so;
 - Prints a name, address, or birth date other than his or her own to a petition; or
 - Prints the date of signing for another person, unless the signer requires assistance due to disability and the person complies with A.C.A. § 7-9-103.
- While acting as a canvasser, notary, sponsor as defined under A.C.A. § 7-9-101, or as a sponsor's agent:
 - Knowingly misrepresents the purpose and effect of the petition or the measure for the purpose of causing a person to sign a petition;
 - Solicits or obtains a petition signature knowing that the person signing is not qualified to sign the petition;
 - Knowingly pays a person any form of compensation for signing a petition as a petitioner; or
 - Accepts or pays money or anything of value for obtaining petition signatures when the person acting as a canvasser, sponsor, or agent of a sponsor knows that the person acting as a canvasser's name or address is not included on the sponsor's list filed with the Secretary of State under A.C.A. § 7-9-601.
- While acting as a canvasser, knowingly accepts a petition signature, and prior to the signing:
 - Fails to either (a) witness the signer read the petition's ballot title, or (b) read aloud the petition's ballot title to the signer; or

- Fails to either (a) verbally disclose or (b) provide written notice separate from the petition to the potential signer that petition fraud is a criminal offense;

- While acting as a sponsor or as sponsor's agent:

- Knowingly hires a paid canvasser who is not both a resident of this state and domiciled in this state; or

- Files a petition part with the official verifying signatures knowing that the petition part contains one or more false or fraudulent signatures, unless the sponsor clearly strikes each false or fraudulent signature before filing.

6. Under A.C.A. §§ 5-55-601 and 7-9-109, a person commits a Class D FELONY, punishable by a fine of up to \$10,000 and up to six years imprisonment, if the person:

- While acting as a canvasser,

- Knowingly makes a false statement on a petition verification form; or

- Witnesses signatures on a petition part but knowingly allows another canvasser who did not witness all signatures on a petition part to execute a false verification affidavit with respect to that petition part.

- While acting as a sponsor, sponsor's agent, or representative:

- Knowingly pays a canvasser for petitioner signatures on a petition part not personally witnessed by that paid canvasser; or

- Knowingly submits to the Secretary of State a petition part where the verifying canvasser has not witnessed each signature on that petition part.

7. Under A.C.A. § 7-9-127, a person commits a Class A misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to \$2,500 and confinement of up to one year in jail, if the person:

- Knowingly:

- Changes, erases, intentionally destroys, or discards a petition signature other than his or her own petition signature;

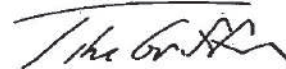
- Pays a person any form of compensation for not signing a petition as a petitioner or for destroying a petition signature;

- Accepts or pays money or anything of value for not obtaining signatures on a petition when the person is included on the sponsor's list filed with the Secretary of State under A.C.A. § 7-9-601;

- When acting as a canvasser,

- Misrepresents the purpose and effect of the petition or measure affected to cause a person not to sign the petition.

8. Under A.C.A. § 7-9-601, a person commits a Class A misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to \$2,500 and up to one year in jail, if the person pays or offers to pay a person, or receives payment or agrees to receive payment, on a basis related to the number of signatures obtained on a statewide petition.



Tim Griffin
Attorney General of Arkansas
Revised 05/29/25



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Fwd: Petition Part Submissions for Certification

From Kwami Abdul-Bey <kwami@arpanel.org>**Date** Thu 7/30/2026 12:32 PM**To** Bill Kopsky <bill@arpanel.org>; Emma Olson Sharkey <eolsonsharkey@elias.law>; Lauren Cowles <lauren@arcore.us>; Peter Shults <pshults@ShultsLaw.com>

2 attachments (815 KB)

Ballot Measure Rights Amendment of 2026 Oct 1 2025.pdf; Educational Rights Amendment of 2026 (For AR Kids)revised Oct 1.pdf;



External (kwami@arpanel.org)

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Here is the original "certification. "

Yours in Movement Work towards Electoral Justice for All,

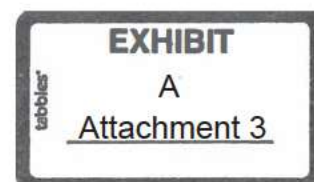
Kwami Abdul-Bey
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Arkansas Public Policy Panel1308 West Second Street
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Email: kwami@arpanel.org
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From: Aaron McNeil <aaron.mcneil@sos.arkansas.gov>**Date:** Fri, Oct 3, 2025 at 2:54 M**Subject:** RE: Petition Part Submissions for Certification**To:** Kwami Abdul-Bey <kwami@arpanel.org>**Cc:** Laura Wiles <laura.wiles@sos.arkansas.gov>

Good afternoon,

Both of these petitions parts have been filed in office and can be circulated.



Have a great day,

Aaron McNeil

Election Coordinator

Arkansas Secretary of State

P: 501-435-3291

M: 501- 607-1648



From: Kwami Abdul-Bey [<mailto:kwami@arpanel.org>]

Sent: Wednesday, October 1, 2025 10:13 AM

To: Laura Wiles <laura.wiles@sos.arkansas.gov>

Subject: Petition Part Submissions for Certification

External Message

Greetings, Laura:

Please find attached the updated petition parts for the forARKids BQC (Arkansas Educational Rights Amendment of 2026) and the Protect AR Rights BQC (Arkansas Ballot Measure Rights Amendment of 2026).

As the campaign manager for both BQCs, I am updating these petition parts to include the new Instructions for Canvassers and Signers that the AG Office recently uploaded to their website. We have also redesigned the BQC box in the upper left-hand corner of the front pages to create space that will assist our team with tracking and verifying.

Please certify these ASAP so that we can begin collecting signatures as early as today.

Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this matter.

Yours in Movement Work towards Electoral Justice for All,

Kwami Abdul-Bey

Elections Coordinator/Organizer

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COLE JESTER
ARKANSAS SECRETARY OF STATE

July 30, 2026

Dear Sponsor,

On July 3, 2026, your organization made its final submission to my office regarding a proposed constitutional amendment. With this letter, I am notifying you that your submission is insufficient under Arkansas Code Annotated § 7-9-126(d). Further, the petition you submitted contains many troubling irregularities.

Notably, 87 petition parts were for a different constitutional amendment, The Educational Rights Amendment of 2026, but were submitted with your petition. Two thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine (2,779) signatures were from individuals whose names were on the petition more than one time, whether due to them illegally signing multiple times or due to forgery. Fifteen times a notary appears to have notarized a canvasser's blank signature line. Most troubling, in 504 occurrences someone appears to have forged another's information or signature.

On its face, your petition is insufficient under Arkansas law for the following independently sufficient reasons.

1. Of the pages of signatures submitted to my office, 87 pages had attached the popular name "The Educational Rights Amendment of 2026." Nineteen-thousand, nine hundred and twenty-four (19,924) pages had the attached popular name "The Ballot Measure Rights Amendment of 2026." No petition part had attached or on its face the ballot title approved by the Attorney General, "The Arkansas Ballot Measure Rights Amendment." The addition of "of 2026" whether done to gain an advantage over the competing direct democracy amendment, or for other reasons, causes every petition part to violate Arkansas Code Annotated § 7-9-126(b)(2) and § 7-9-106(a). The removal of "Arkansas" also causes every petition part to violate Arkansas Code Annotated § 7-9-126(b)(2) and § 7-9-106(a). No petition part contained the language approved by the Arkansas Attorney General. Therefore, you have submitted zero countable signatures under Arkansas Code Annotated § 7-9-126(b).
2. The sample petition submitted to my office under Arkansas Code Annotated § 7-9-104(c)(2) does not contain a popular name approved by the Arkansas Attorney General. Therefore, Arkansas Code Annotated § 7-9-126(b)(7) prohibits the counting of the submitted petition parts.

3. If the correct popular name had been submitted and properly attached, excluding The Arkansas Educational Rights Amendment of 2026 pages, you would have turned in 19,924 petition pages. Of those pages, at least 2,453 pages could not be counted under Arkansas Code Annotated § 7-9-126(b) due to notary or canvasser defects. The remaining 17,471 pages would contain 83,211 signatures for the purpose of the initial count required under Arkansas Code Annotated § 7-9-126(a). A signature was not countable if it was illegible, forgery/transcription, a duplicate, from outside the county stated, contained missing or impossible information, or had any other facially material defect. The signatures submitted would therefore still fall at least 7,493 signatures short of the 90,704 signatures required begin verification.

If the above reasons had not independently disqualified the petition, Arkansas Code Annotated § 7-9-103(g)(1) would prohibit my office from counting signatures from any canvassers who have violated "Arkansas laws regarding canvassing, perjury, forgery, or fraudulent practices in the procurement of petition signatures." The petition submitted to my office contains evidence of such laws being violated.

Please see the attached appendix for a set of examples.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cole Jester", with a stylized, cursive script.

Cole Jester
Secretary of State of Arkansas

BALLOT QUESTION COMMITTEE (BQC)* STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION

To be filed with:
Arkansas Ethics Commission
Post Office Box 1917
Little Rock, AR 72203
Phone (501) 324-9600
Fax (501) 324-9606

(Arkansas Ethics Commission File Stamp)

FILED

JAN 15 2026

ARKANSAS ETHICS
COMMISSION

BY

☒ Check if this is an amendment to a previously filed statement of organization

Section One: BQC Name

Name of BQC (in full): Protect AR Rights

Section Two: BQC Address & Phone Number

If BQC has no office address, use the address of the BQC officer authorized to receive notices on behalf of the BQC.

Address: PO Box 7641

City: Little Rock State: AR Zip: 72217 Telephone Number: 501-307-9562

Section Three: BQC Officers and Directors

Provide the name, title, address, and telephone number of the treasurer and other principal officers and directors of the BQC.

Name: Bill Kopsky Title: Treasurer

Address: 1308 W 2nd St City: Little Rock State: AR Zip: 72201

Telephone Number: 501-658-8815

Name: Lauren Cowles Title: Officer

Address: 200 W Capitol #1600 City: Little Rock State: AR Zip: 72201

Telephone Number: 501-307-9562

Name: April Reisma Title: Officer

Address: 1308 W 2nd St City: Little Rock State: AR Zip: 72201

Telephone Number: 501-658-8815

Name: Barry Jefferson Title: Director

Address: 1308 W 2nd St City: Little Rock State: AR Zip: 72201

Telephone Number: 501-658-8815

* The term "ballot question committee" is defined in Ark. Code Ann. § 7-9-402(2) and 7 CAR § 7-101(3) Rules on ballot and legislative question committees.

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Section Three: BQC Officers and Directors (PAGE TWO)

Provide the name, title, address, and telephone number of the treasurer and other principal officers and directors of the BQC.

Name: Bobby Howard Title: Director

Address: 1308 W 2nd St City: Little Rock State: AR Zip: 72201

Telephone Number: 501-658-8815

Name: Gennie Diaz Title: Director

Address: 200 W Capitol #1600 City: Little Rock State: AR Zip: 72201

Telephone Number: 501-307-9562

Name: Keesa Smith Title: Director

Address: 1308 W 2nd St City: Little Rock State: AR Zip: 72201

Telephone Number: 501-658-8815

Name: Kymara Seals Title: Director

Address: 1308 W 2nd St City: Little Rock State: AR Zip: 72201

Telephone Number: 501-658-8815

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Section Four: Financial Information

Provide the name and address of each financial institution in which the BQC deposits money or anything else of monetary value.

Name of Financial Institution: Centennial Bank

Address: 718 Broadway St City: Little Rock State: AR Zip: 72201

Name of Financial Institution: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Section Five: Members

Provide the name of each person who is a member of the committee. A person that is not an individual may be listed by its name without also listing its own members, if any.

Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families; Arkansas Appleseed; Arkansas Citizens First Congress;

Arkansas Public Policy Panel; For AR People; NAACP Arkansas State Conference; Arkansas Education

Association

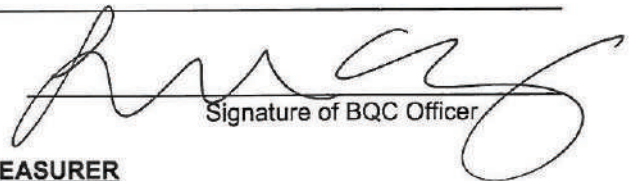
Section Six: Brief Statement

Provide a brief statement identifying the substance of each ballot question as to which the BQC will expressly advocate the qualification, disqualification, passage, or defeat, and, if known, the date each ballot question shall be presented to a popular vote at an election.

Protect AR Rights will advocate for the qualification of the Arkansas Ballot Initiative Amendment of
2026 and to protect the people of Arkansas's right to propose, sign, petition and campaign for ballot initiatives
to improve their communities.

Jan 15, 2026

Date


Signature of BQC Officer

CERTIFICATION BY TREASURER

In my capacity as BQC Treasurer, I certify that no preliminary activity was directly funded by a prohibited source, whether directly or indirectly. Further, the BQC shall not knowingly or willfully receive, solicit, or accept contributions or expenditures from a prohibited source, whether directly or indirectly.[†]

Jan 15, 2026

Date


Signature of BQC Treasurer

[†] The terms "directly or indirectly," "preliminary activity," and "prohibited source" are defined in Ark. Code Ann. 7-9-402. (Act 999 of 2025, 95th General Assembly, regular session).

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3 FAYETTEVILLE DIVISION

4 LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF ARKANSAS,
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6 MILLER, and DANIELLE QUESNELL

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1 designed and connected to the voter registration program for
2 the State, and they'll begin the verification after we have
3 completed all of our signature checks -- I'm sorry, supervisor
4 checks. And then they'll begin to actually verify the petition
5 by the -- that they are registered voter in the county they
6 were gathered in.

7 Q. So is that process broken down into parts, or how would
8 you explain that process?

9 A. Yes. We basically call it stations. We have a training
10 where each station does a little bit different thing. So we
11 have -- you know, Station 1 begins with making sure that it's
12 an original, that the back is attached. We do employ some of
13 the temp help on that kind of stuff that doesn't involve any
14 kind of a judgment call. And then if they find something that
15 they think needs to be what we call culled, which means
16 segregated until we can determine if there's something wrong
17 with the petition part or just a signature line, they are
18 involved -- mainly, just that kind of stuff.

19 Q. Okay. And is there an initial review of the signatures
20 that are submitted?

21 A. Yeah. After intake is done and -- we will -- basically,
22 each petition part at the top of the page has, you know, one of
23 whatever number. Usually, it's ten. There's ten lines. So if
24 we number that so we'll know what the initial intake -- or what
25 we call our raw count is.

1 Q. Okay. And what types -- well, let me ask this.

2 At that initial count stage, are there ever signatures
3 that are culled at that stage?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. What types of defects would cause signatures to be
6 excluded at that stage?

7 A. At that stage, it would mostly be what we call
8 transcription or similar handwriting. If we look and we can
9 tell like a whole page might have -- you know, you distinctly
10 can tell that every "a" in "AR" is the same or something like
11 that. We will cull that page until further review. And also
12 just if like a voter hasn't maybe necessarily filled out the
13 entire line, so it's not something we can verify, we will cull
14 that, that type of stuff.

15 And if the notary is not a good standing or didn't sign or
16 if the canvasser had some kind of defect, whether they, you
17 know, didn't sign or they didn't -- you know, sometimes we have
18 to segregate if they don't mark if they are paid or unpaid if
19 we know a sponsor is using both. That's the kind of stuff that
20 we will cull. Sometimes we throw culs back in after further
21 review between two or three staff members, and sometimes it's
22 enough that we leave it culled out.

23 Q. Okay. And you mentioned transcriptions, and I think you
24 explained generally what they are.

25 But can you define for me what transcriptions are?

1 A. So a transcription will look like -- maybe if I'm looking
2 at a whole page, and every "Fayetteville" looks the same. The
3 "F" is the same. The -- it's enough to make us take a second
4 look at it, that maybe one person wrote all the information,
5 and that's what a transcription is. And there can be just
6 transcriptions that aren't culled pages. There might be --
7 suppose like a husband or wife and family member signed and you
8 can tell it's not the same handwriting -- or you can tell it is
9 the same handwriting. I'm sorry. My apologies.

10 Q. So whenever you're looking for those transcriptions, are
11 they typically -- are you typically only finding them on the
12 same page?

13 A. Yes. That's what we are looking for is for them to be on
14 the same page.

15 Q. Is it possible that there could be a transcription
16 elsewhere in another petition part that is not caught because
17 they are on two separate pages?

18 A. It would be possible. You know, in so many pages, it
19 would be very hard to find that type of transcription.

20 Q. Do you encounter duplicate signatures in the review
21 process?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Can you tell me what those are?

24 A. Generally, duplicates are after we start the verification
25 process if we catch that -- our system will catch -- if you're

1 a registered voter and we have verified you, the system will
2 catch that you have already signed it and even tell us what
3 page that you signed it on. So that allows us to cull that.
4 Sometimes it's just once that somebody does it, and sometimes
5 it may be five or six times that they signed it.

6 Q. I think I may be hearing things, but did you use the
7 phrase "petition part"?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Okay. What is a petition part?

10 A. The individual pages. So if you turn in 1,000, you know,
11 pages, every page of the petition itself is called a petition
12 part. That's the page that we Bates stamp so that we can
13 follow it, and that's what -- the petition part is each
14 individual page.

15 Q. Okay. And what -- separate from individuals' signatures
16 being culled, what types of defects could cause a petition part
17 to be excluded at that initial review stage?

18 A. Are you talking about a whole page being excluded?

19 Q. Yes.

20 A. Okay. Something wrong with a notary. Like if the notary
21 stamped it but didn't sign it. If the notary is not in good
22 standing within our business and commercial services website.
23 The canvasser, if they -- well, just say like, for instance, if
24 they were an out-of-state canvasser at this point, we would
25 cull that whole page.

1 Q. Is that an exhaustive list of all the reasons that it
2 might be considered defective?

3 A. No. I'm probably forgetting something.

4 Q. Okay. So after that initial review, what happens to the
5 signatures that remain?

6 A. We begin the verification process where it basically
7 tracks it from the VR system and gives them a cumulative total.
8 And it also has reporting for the duplicates we find. If we
9 need to move something from one county -- like, if it was in a
10 wrong county folder, White County was in a Washington County,
11 we will track even that petition part of where we are moving
12 it.

13 Q. And just for clarity of the record, when you say "VR
14 system," you mean voter registration system?

15 A. Yeah, I'm sorry.

16 Q. It's fine.

17 At that verification stage, you're checking to see whether
18 a signer is a registered voter?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Okay. So how does the office verify those signatures at
21 that second stage?

22 A. We use the program that has been designed. There was a
23 program built for us to track, you know, the petition numbers.
24 It also adds every single voter that is valid to the list.

25 Q. Okay. And do petition sponsors have access to the voter

1 registration system?

2 A. They can use our VoterView. It's on the website. So you
3 just basically have to have that voter's name, address, and
4 date of birth. And then we have sponsors that request the
5 database sometimes more than once because the voter
6 registration database is very static. Every day, it changes as
7 counties put in people.

8 And that's another thing we look for is like were you a
9 registered voter at the time you signed. You might be a
10 registered voter, but not at the date that you signed the
11 petition. So that's why we utilize the voter registration
12 system. And, yes, the sponsors are more than welcome in many
13 ways to have access to that.

14 Q. And what information is used to determine whether a
15 signature belongs to a registered voter?

16 A. We don't necessarily verify the signatures. We are
17 looking for the information to match, like name and date of
18 birth matches the address and the county. That's the type of
19 information we are looking for.

20 Q. And so after that verification process, can you tell me
21 what happens next?

22 A. We generally just complete that same process until we are
23 at the end and get a full count, a final count, and that
24 determines, you know, whether the sponsor met the signature
25 requirements or not. And then we reach out to the sponsor.

1 Q. So when you're reviewing the petition parts, are you
2 taking them one at a time? How does that work?

3 A. Basically, yes.

4 Q. At that stage, how important is it to the integrity of the
5 initiative process, based on your experience, that the
6 signature verification is accurate?

7 A. It's imperative. I mean, we don't just have the
8 sponsor -- and we want to do a good job for the sponsor. They
9 put a lot of hard work into that gathering, but there's also
10 opposing groups that will look at our work. So we have to be
11 very careful about our accuracy.

12 Q. Whenever a signature is determined to be invalid or is
13 suspected of fraud, is there somebody to double-check that
14 determination?

15 A. Yeah. Generally, we segregate it. Like especially if,
16 say, a temp finds something we didn't find, we will move what
17 the temporary employee found to a folder. Two or three SOS
18 employees will look at it, and sometimes it goes to the degree
19 that we have our legal division look at it.

20 Q. So at minimum, would you say there's approximately four
21 people looking at signatures that are potentially invalid or
22 fraudulent?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. What would you consider an invalid signature?

25 A. There's several things that can make it invalid. If they

1 didn't fill out the signature -- the line all of the way across
2 where we can verify who they say they are. If they were
3 gathered in the wrong county. If they didn't sign it. We have
4 that sometimes, that they'll fill out everything, but they'll
5 forget to sign it.

6 I'm trying to think. I'm sorry. Those are the main
7 things that -- you know, or if we just can't find them, they
8 are just not a registered voter.

9 Q. I'd like to talk a little bit about canvassers in this
10 process.

11 So what role does the canvasser play in this initiative
12 process?

13 A. I think the canvasser plays a crucial role. They are the
14 ones -- you know, kind of the boots on the ground that are
15 gathering the signatures. I think it's just as imperative that
16 they follow the rules and gather the signatures in a way to
17 help us verify them to get on the ballot. I think they are
18 mainly the meat of the whole thing to get the signatures turned
19 in for the sponsors.

20 Q. And does the Secretary directly supervise canvassers in
21 the field?

22 A. No.

23 Q. Who does that?

24 A. That would be the sponsor or the company the sponsor has
25 hired.

1 basically that it never left their eyesight, you know, their
2 hands.

3 Q. Okay. And based on your experience with the office, what
4 sorts of irregularities arise concerning canvassers in the
5 signature gathering process?

6 A. Some of the main stuff we see with canvassers might simply
7 be that maybe they didn't sign the page, the attestation on the
8 page, that maybe they were a paid canvasser that was not on the
9 paid canvasser list. That's the most typical two things that
10 we'll look at for a canvasser. We also -- you know, we check
11 their -- that a background check was passed and that it
12 actually was turned -- their signature card was turned in.
13 Because there are certain things the sponsor has to turn in to
14 us, and the signature card has to be verified back to that
15 canvasser.

16 So that's the things we're looking at for a canvasser.

17 Q. Would you say those are all sort of tangible things that
18 can be identified in the process?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Are there other instances of canvasser misconduct that the
21 office might be aware of?

22 A. Generally, it would just be some form of a complaint that
23 a canvasser didn't tell them what the measure was really about
24 or the canvasser was leaving the page unattended, those type of
25 things that we don't have any way to verify.

1 A. I'm sorry. Rephrase. I don't --

2 Q. Yes. We'll take it one by one. When a petition submits
3 signatures for review, is the same process employed for each
4 petition when counting the signatures?

5 A. As far as a petition that deals with a sponsor, yes.
6 Candidate petitions are different.

7 Q. Okay. We'll just stay on ballot initiatives.

8 A. Okay.

9 Q. And then, relatedly, regarding those complaints that the
10 Secretary's office receives, does the process there change with
11 each petition that's being complained of?

12 A. I would say each petition can be some different because
13 the issues we find may be different. But the standard that we
14 use is the same.

15 Q. And can you explain for me what that same standard is for
16 all petitions?

17 A. It's our intake process and our verification process. The
18 only time we really change that is if a law changes or an issue
19 with the petition itself might change to where we don't follow
20 that complete procedure through all the way. Like, if we are
21 not going to count it for some material defect, if we found
22 them to be facially inaccurate, we wouldn't follow through with
23 the counting, the verification process.

24 Q. So you mentioned earlier that sometimes you'll receive
25 complaints where there is not enough information to necessarily

1 activity?

2 A. Absolutely. Yes.

3 Q. All right. We'll look at Number 7.

4 And, again, Number 7 is another criminal statute that
5 makes it a misdemeanor, but it also doubles down and prohibits
6 misrepresentation -- misrepresenting the purpose and effect of
7 a petition to cause a person to sign; is that correct?

8 A. Correct.

9 Q. So those allegations that you made that someone may have
10 misrepresented the nature of the petition, there were two
11 separate criminal offenses that a prosecutor, should they
12 choose to prosecute someone, could use; correct?

13 A. They could.

14 Q. Okay. All right. Now, let's talk a little bit about the
15 intake process.

16 So when a sponsor delivers the petition parts to you, all
17 the parts together are called the petition; is that correct?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Okay. And the other parts are petition parts?

20 A. Right.

21 Q. Okay. And so when you get a truckload of petition parts
22 at your office, what's the first thing you do?

23 A. Generally, the sponsor and their attorney will sit down at
24 the table with me and one of our attorneys. And we'll go
25 through the intake process. We take their submission

1 paperwork, and then I have a bit of paperwork. Basically, it's
2 called the petition receipt where I'm taking custody of their
3 product.

4 Q. The sponsor has to provide you with the final canvasser
5 list?

6 A. Final canvasser list, signature card, sponsor statements.
7 I'm trying to think if I'm missing anything. I call it their
8 submission packet.

9 Q. Right.

10 And then the receipt that they fill out that you give back
11 lists the -- their -- an estimate of the total number of
12 signatures that they've collected?

13 A. Correct.

14 Q. The number of counties that they've collected those
15 signatures in, their qualifying counties?

16 A. Correct.

17 Q. Okay. And it's either 15 or 50?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. And then how many actually petition parts or pages there
20 are?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Okay. And is there anything else on that affidavit?

23 A. I can't think of anything. We sign it, and they sign it.
24 And then it's notarized.

25 Q. Okay. And then, once you do that, the sponsor leaves, and

1 you have custody of the petition parts?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. All right. The first thing you said you do is Bates
4 number every one of them?

5 A. Yes. We start sorting by county if it isn't already done.
6 A lot of sponsors do that for us, and then we begin the process
7 of pulling the pages out. We are looking first before we do
8 anything to make sure the measure is attached, and then we
9 start to Bates stamp it after that.

10 Q. And then do you actually remove the other pages from the
11 original petition, or do you keep the petition completely
12 intact to scan?

13 A. We generally remove it and then start, you know, working
14 off doing the copies as we finish the rest of the intake
15 process.

16 Q. And so once you have Bates numbered all of the petition
17 parts, you do what you call a facial review?

18 A. Yeah. Basically, it's the raw count. So we'll do our
19 initial intake process, which I said is like we are looking for
20 the measure to be attached, signature, and then we do a
21 signature count off that raw number. And that is what is up in
22 the top right-hand portion.

23 Q. Right. Right.

24 MR. COUCH: And so if you will pull up Exhibit --
25 since we are talking about the petition, I think it's 6.

1 Q. (Mr. Couch continued.) Well, it doesn't have the box up
2 there, but this is a sample of the form that's in the
3 initiative referendum handbook; is that correct?

4 A. That's correct.

5 Q. Okay. One of the things the form doesn't have is in the
6 upper right-hand corner is a column that says, blank of blank
7 and blank ballot of blank; is that correct?

8 A. Yeah. It'll have the signature like, you know, you said
9 the blank of blank. And then we have them initial who did the
10 page.

11 Q. Yes. Okay.

12 And so once you have those signature pages together -- and
13 they are all turned in by county; is that correct?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. So they are already segregated by county?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. You do what's called a facial review of these petitions?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Okay. And so what are you looking for there?

20 A. I believe, like I said previously, we are looking for any
21 notary defect, canvasser defect, signature defect, or
22 incomplete -- what we call like an incomplete line, similar
23 handwriting. I'm trying to make sure it's in the right county.
24 I think that -- I may be missing something, David, but I think
25 that's it.

1 Q. Okay. And under Arkansas law, there are certain statutes
2 that list reasons why signatures or signature pages are not
3 counted for any purpose; is that correct?

4 A. Correct.

5 Q. Okay. And so that's what you're looking for on your
6 facial review, those reasons under the do not count; correct?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Like if a measure is not attached?

9 A. Correct.

10 Q. Photocopy?

11 A. Correct.

12 Q. Canvasser didn't sign it?

13 A. Correct.

14 Q. Notary didn't sign it or affix the seal?

15 A. Correct.

16 Q. You would look for what you call transcriptions in those?

17 A. True, yes.

18 Q. So you get the page or a particular signature on that
19 instance, couldn't you?

20 A. You could, yes.

21 Q. So once you complete your facial review of all the
22 petitions, if you notice a defect, is that when you, quote,
23 "cull" the petition?

24 A. Yes, if we notice it ahead of time, yeah, we'll cull it,
25 and then we don't take it into that initial raw count.

1 Q. And you put those in a separate box file called "the
2 culled file"?

3 A. We do, we segregate those, yes.

4 Q. And then what is left remaining, you then count the
5 numbers of signatures that appear on the remaining petitions;
6 correct?

7 A. True. We begin the verification process, is what we call
8 it.

9 Q. And so for a constitutional amendment, it is 90,704
10 signatures; correct?

11 A. Correct.

12 Q. This year?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And after you do your cull file, if there is not 90,704
15 signatures remaining, did that petition fail to initiate?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Which means that it didn't have the requisite number of
18 signatures turned in?

19 A. Exactly.

20 Q. And one of the other reasons why -- this is going back to
21 one of these other exhibits -- if a canvasser's name is not on
22 the paid canvasser list, that's another reason that it's not
23 counted for any purpose; correct?

24 A. The paid canvasser is not turned in or we don't have their
25 signature card, you know, that would cull that canvasser's

1 signatures.

2 Q. So in 2022, when Redistricting and Open Primaries and Safe
3 Surgery was a referendum, there were three --

4 A. Right.

5 Q. -- issues that submitted signatures in 2020; correct?

6 A. Correct.

7 Q. All of those measures were removed from the ballot or not
8 even certified for the ballot because of an error on the paid
9 canvasser list; is that correct? The certification?

10 A. Yes, I believe so, yes, uh-huh.

11 Q. And so all of those signatures, whether they were
12 registered voters or not, were discarded?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. All right. Now, Plaintiffs' Exhibit 6, the form for
15 petition, that is set by statute but also laid out by the
16 Secretary of State; is that correct?

17 A. True, yes.

18 Q. So the first thing a sponsor has to do in order to begin
19 the process is get the ballot title approved from the Attorney
20 General; is that correct?

21 A. That's correct.

22 Q. Once that process is done, the Attorney General sends you
23 a copy of the letter?

24 A. We get a copy of the letter, and then usually the sponsor
25 provides us their notification as well.

1 Q. And then the sponsor's obligation, before they collect
2 signatures, is to take that petition form and file it with the
3 Secretary of State?

4 A. Correct.

5 Q. And that's all that's needed for a citizen or anybody to
6 begin the initiative process?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Okay.

9 MR. COUCH: Pull up Exhibit 3 but page 57.

10 Q. (Mr. Couch continued.) That's the election handbook?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And do you recognize page 57, the "Petition Independent
13 Candidate Federal/State/District Office"?

14 A. I do.

15 Q. That does have the form in the upper right-hand corner,
16 the box?

17 A. I saw that, yes.

18 Q. So do candidates who are petitioning to get on the ballot
19 have to get any sort of approval from the Attorney General
20 before they begin their petitioning process?

21 A. They do not.

22 Q. Do they have to notify you in any manner that they are
23 starting the process of collecting signatures to qualify for
24 the ballot?

25 A. They do not.

1 A. We had abortion turned in. They had an issue with their
2 sponsor statement. And then we had a marijuana one, and they
3 had enough. I believe later it was kicked off the ballot.
4 Q. Yeah, for ballot title.
5 A. Yeah. And then the casino repealed.
6 Q. Yes. Okay.
7 And of those measures, one was actually voted on by the
8 people?
9 A. Yes.
10 Q. Okay. Back to your process now, I kind of skipped around
11 a little bit.
12 A. You're fine.
13 Q. You have your cull file --
14 A. Yes.
15 Q. -- with all of the petitions that you are not even going
16 to attempt to validate the signatures on; correct?
17 A. Uh-huh.
18 Q. Okay. Now, the sponsor has the ability to come in and
19 correct those if they want to and resubmit if they get it
20 cured; correct?
21 A. Yes.
22 Q. So you give the sponsor the opportunity to look at those
23 files?
24 A. We do.
25 Q. Okay. And to try to convince you you're maybe wrong about

1 a transcription?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Okay. And so then once you get the culls out and you have
4 counted and they have more than 90,704 signatures, there's also
5 another requirement, though, isn't there, other than 90,704?
6 There's a geographic requirement?

7 A. Oh, yes. The 15 or 50-county requirement through the
8 years.

9 Q. Let's say it's 50 just for ease.

10 So they actually have to have a minimum number of
11 signatures from 50 counties in addition to having 90,704
12 signatures?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Okay. And so if they have all of those numbers, raw
15 numbers, then that's when you proceed with the validation?

16 A. Yes, that's when we start the verification and then make
17 sure you have your final count.

18 Q. So then your staff and the temporary workers go through
19 the petitions one by one, again, looking at them for other
20 errors, transcription errors, you said, or other
21 irregularities.

22 But then actually, they just verify whether or not those
23 individuals on that petition are a registered voter; is that
24 correct?

25 A. Mostly when we get to the verification stage, it moves

1 much faster because all of the preliminary inspections have
2 been done. So that's mainly when the temporary employees just
3 simply start verifying by the voter database.

4 Q. But if a temporary employee sees something suspicious,
5 they have the ability to like, "Ms. Bellamy, can you look at
6 this?"

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Okay. And so you go through that, and that's when you
9 verify the number of signatures that are on the petition are
10 actually registered voters?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Okay. And is that what that little box in the upper
13 right-hand corner is for?

14 A. That's correct.

15 Q. Okay. So if there are eight signatures on that page and
16 there are six valid, then it's going to have a "6 of 8"?

17 A. That's correct.

18 Q. Okay. Then and as you said, the system catches
19 duplicates?

20 A. It does.

21 Q. Okay. So if I signed the petition more than once, my
22 second signature is not going to count --

23 A. No.

24 Q. -- correct?

25 And so that doesn't have any -- the fact that someone

1 signs it twice does not benefit the sponsor in any manner?

2 A. No. Generally, I think we are very good at catching that.

3 Q. Okay. And then the forgeries and the technical errors
4 have already been removed before you get to that process;
5 correct?

6 A. For the most part, yes.

7 Q. And then, if you -- after you have all of your signatures,
8 how many -- you know, you have the final number, what do you do
9 with that final number?

10 A. If they have made their final number, we basically get a
11 letter ready to send them for certification of sufficiency to
12 the sponsor.

13 Q. Okay. So if they had 90,704 valid signatures and they met
14 the minimum geographic requirements from the county, they would
15 be certified; correct?

16 A. Correct.

17 Q. What if they are below 90,704 registered voters?

18 A. There could be two situations. One is they didn't make
19 it, and they didn't qualify for what we call a cure.
20 75 percent of the 90,000 is required. I think it's 68,000
21 something. My math may be off. But if they qualify for the
22 cure, we do basically the same process as the certification.
23 We let them know they qualify for the cure. They have 30 more
24 days to collect, and then we start the process all over for a
25 second submission.

C E R T I F I C A T E

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PETITIONERS

v.

CASE NO. CV-26-543

COLE JESTER, in his official capacity as
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RESPONDENT

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question committee

INTERVENORS

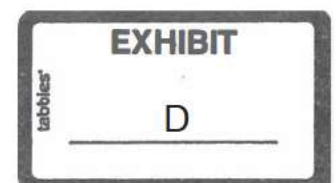
AFFIDAVIT OF CHRISTOPHER GALLAWAY

STATE OF Maryland §

COUNTY OF Montgomery §

Before me personally, appeared, Christopher Gallaway, who being known to
me and first duly sworn, deposes and says as follows:

1. My name is Chris Gallaway. I am over the age of 18 and am competent
to testify to the matters set forth herein; and make this Declaration based on my
personal knowledge.



2. I am one of the two co-owners (members) of FieldWorks, LLC, a District of Columbia limited liability company (“FieldWorks”) and serve as managing member of the company.

3. FieldWorks’ business is providing field services to nonprofit advocacy organizations, ballot measure committees, labor organizations, and political committees and organizations across the nation. The services offered by the company include political organizing, signature gathering, petition management, and canvassing for or against particular candidates, causes, initiatives and referenda.

4. FieldWorks was retained to collect signatures on the Protect AR Rights (“PAR”) ballot initiative.

5. FieldWorks has a national reputation for upholding the highest standards of quality control and ethical conduct in the gathering of voter signatures on candidate and ballot petitions – work it has performed very successfully for over 20 years.

6. FieldWorks has reviewed the information presented by the Secretary of State to attempt to understand their provided signature counts, and review their culling decisions for accuracy. In total, FieldWorks was able to identify at least 2,783 erroneous signature culls from the Secretary’s whole petition part exclusions, and at least 4,677 erroneous signature culls from the Secretary of State’s individual

signature culls. The number of erroneous signature culls, from both the whole petition part exclusions and the individual signature exclusions, is certainly incomplete because the Secretary did not respond to numerous requests to supply missing information about portions of both culls.

7. FieldWorks reviewed the following groups of documents and information to arrive at the preceding conclusion:

- a. The Secretary of State's July 30, 2026 letter concluding that PAR's submission was insufficient (the "Insufficiency Determination");
- b. The appendix to the Insufficiency Determination which included limited examples of signature and page level issues;
- c. A spreadsheet titled "2026 ballot measure rights.xlsx" (referred to throughout as "Jester Spreadsheet") from the Secretary's office listing every petition part submitted by unique numerical identifier, identifying the number of signatures on each page *after* signature culls were removed, and stating whether or not the petition part was culled;
- d. A spreadsheet titled "2026-07-30 Culls.xlsx" (referred to throughout as "Jester Culls Spreadsheet") identifying 2,540 petition parts culled in their entirety;

- e. A Dropbox folder named “SOS Petitions_2026” containing 19,774 scanned pdf documents of petition parts or their placeholders (“Petition Part Dropbox”); and
 - f. A Dropbox folder named “SOS Petition 26 Culls” containing 2,502 scanned pdf documents of petitions parts culled (“Culls Dropbox”).
8. FieldWorks reviewed each of the 2,540 culled petition parts to identify any possible errors in the Secretary’s cull reasons. Each page in the Jester Culls Spreadsheet was reviewed and compared to the correlating scanned pdf document in the Culls Dropbox. The following concerns were revealed:
- a. 226 petition parts noted as Culled in the Jester Culls Spreadsheet did not have correlating images in the Culls Dropbox and the missing pages were neither acknowledged nor explained;
 - b. Many of the reasons stated on the face of the culled petition parts do not correlate to the reasons stated in the Jester Culls Spreadsheet;
 - c. Over one quarter of the culled petition parts (679) were coded as “other” rather than assigned a legal reason for rejection from Arkansas statute or the Secretary’s own checklist of 13 justifications for rejection of entire petition parts;
 - d. Factual inaccuracies in the secretary’s reasoning leading to an improper cull; and

e. Inconsistent application of legal standards leading to an improper cull.

9. FieldWorks' review of the culled petition parts (including 11,900 individual signatures) showed at least 2,783 signatures were improperly culled by the erroneous elimination of an entire petition part. This review was incomplete due to the missing images. The image below lists the Secretary's justification for a petition part cull, the number of petitions parts classified with such a justification, the number of signatures cumulatively present on those culled petition parts, and a count of the number of signatures that were improperly excluded by the petition part cull.

SOS Cull Justification	SOS Petition Part Count	SOS Signature Count	Signatures Improperly Excluded
Canvasser did not designate paid or unpaid for signatures	135	898	4
Canvasser printed name and signature do not match	33	129	52
Canvasser verification day is before the date(s) petitioners signed	97	578	115
Date of Signing	2	9	
Entire test of measure is not legible or not attached	2	4	
No canvasser address/address is a P.O. Box	688	3,063	33
No canvasser signatures or more than one canvasser signature	118	513	29
No notary seal or seal contains the seal of AR	145	850	464
No notary signature or more than one notary signature	35	145	18
Notary is not registered or has expired	5	22	5
Other	679	2,975	1,200
Paid Canvasser not on Canvasser List	558	2,561	799
Paid Canvasser not registered before collecting signatures	33	114	25
Petition Part was placed in the wrong folder	10	39	39
TOTAL	2,540	11,900	2,783

10. For example, using a cull code of "Canvasser did not designate paid or unpaid for signatures," petition part # 7953 was fully excluded but as evidenced from the image below, the canvasser did provide the required indication.

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To the Honorable Cole Foster, Secretary of State of the State of Arkansas: We, the undersigned registered voters of the State of Arkansas, respectfully propose the following amendment to the Constitution of the State, and by this, our petition, order that an amendment to Article 5 § 1 (Initiative and Referendum) of the Arkansas Constitution of 1874, entitled "THE ARKANSAS BALLOT MEASURE RIGHTS AMENDMENT OF 2026," be submitted to the people of said state, to the end that the same may be approved or rejected by the vote of the registered voters of said state at the regular general election to be held on the 3rd day of November, 2026, and each of us for himself or herself says: I have personally signed this petition; I am a registered voter of the State of Arkansas, and my printed name, date of birth, residence, city or town of residence, and date of signing this petition are correctly written after my signature.

	SIGNATURE	PRINTED NAME	BIRTH DATE	STREET ADDRESS	CITY / TOWN	DATE SIGNED
1.		William Coward	12/24/96	198 Stone Flag Rd	Batesville	6/18/26
2.		Lauren Gunderman	05/12/94	1910 Stone Flag Road	Batesville	6/18/26
3.		Hunter G. Lawson	02/23/98	17600 N. Highway Rd.	Batesville	6/18/26
4.		Sarah Stevens	04/20/95	7600 N. Highway Rd	Batesville	6/18/26
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(FOR CANVASSER ONLY)
State of Arkansas, County of Craighead (county where notary signs)
I, William Gunderman, (print name of canvasser), being duly sworn, state under oath that, each of the foregoing persons signed his or her own name to this petition part in my presence. To the best of my knowledge and belief, each signature is genuine, and each signer is a registered voter of the State of Arkansas. At all times during the circulation of this petition part, an exact copy of the petition name, ballot title, and text was attached to the petition part. My current address is correctly stated below.
Signature: W
Current Residence: 915 Gunderman Rd, Pottsville, AR 72450
Indicate one: ☒ Paid Canvasser () Volunteer/Unpaid Canvasser

(FOR NOTARY ONLY)
State of Arkansas, County of Craighead (county where notary signs)
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6 day of June, 2026.
(Notary Seal Below)
Signature of Notary: Cheryl X
My Commission Expires: Sep 14 2030
Residence County of Notary: Craighead

CHERYL L. JONES
Notary Public - Arkansas
Craighead County
Commission # 12713842
My Commission Expires Sep 14, 2030

11. Three examples below show that the petition part culls for # 6247, 13031, and 8666, were improperly eliminated due to "Canvasser printed name and signature do not match" with each example showing that the same names are both printed and signed.

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THE BALLOT MEASURE RIGHTS AMENDMENT OF 2026
VOTERS REGISTERED IN Garland COUNTY

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To the Honorable Cole Foster, Secretary of State of the State of Arkansas: We, the undersigned registered voters of the State of Arkansas, respectfully propose the following amendment to the Constitution of the State, and by this, our petition, order that an amendment to Article 5 § 1 (Initiative and Referendum) of the Arkansas Constitution of 1874, entitled "THE ARKANSAS BALLOT MEASURE RIGHTS AMENDMENT OF 2026," be submitted to the people of said state, to the end that the same may be approved or rejected by the vote of the registered voters of said state at the regular general election to be held on the 1st day of November, 2026, and each of us for himself or herself says I have personally signed this petition; I am a registered voter of the State of Arkansas, and my printed name, date of birth, residence, city or town of residence, and date of signing this petition are correctly written after my signature.

	SIGNATURE	PRINTED NAME	BIRTH DATE	STREET ADDRESS	CITY / TOWN	DATE SIGNED
1	<i>Amy Robertson</i>	Amy Robertson	4-21-74	1 Roscalin	Hot Springs AR	6-22-26
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(FOR CANVASSER ONLY)

State of Arkansas, County of Washington (county where notary signs)

I, Reagan Burkhardt (print name of canvasser), being duly sworn, state under oath that, each of the foregoing persons signed his or her own name to this petition part in my presence. To the best of my knowledge and belief, each signature is genuine, and each signer is a registered voter of the State of Arkansas. At all times during the circulation of this petition part, an exact copy of the popular name, birth date, and text was attached to the petition part. My current address is correctly stated below.

Signature Reagan Burkhardt

Current Residence 2015 S. Smith Ave Fayetteville AR 72701

Indicate one: ☒ Paid Canvasser ☐ Volunteer/ unpaid Canvasser

(FOR NOTARY ONLY)

State of Arkansas, County of Washington (county where notary signs)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22 day of June, 2026
(Notary Seal Below)

Signature of Notary Lisa Enge

My Commission Expires August 28, 2026

Residence County of Notary Washington

Lisa Enge
Washington County
Notary Public - Arkansas
My Commission Expires August 28, 2026
Commission No. 12508573

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THE BALLOT MEASURE RIGHTS AMENDMENT OF 2026
VOTERS REGISTERED IN Pulaski COUNTY

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	SIGNATURE	PRINTED NAME	BIRTH DATE	STREET ADDRESS	CITY / TOWN	DATE SIGNED
1	<i>Natalie Johnson</i>	Natalie Johnson	11/12/79	5709 Pin Oak Lane, ^{North Little}	North Little Rock	6/22/2022
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(FOR CANVASSER ONLY)

State of Arkansas, County of Pulaski (county where notary signs)

I, Natalie Johnson (print name of canvasser), being duly sworn, state under oath that, each of the foregoing persons signed his or her own name to this petition part in my presence. To the best of my knowledge and belief, each signature is genuine, and each signer is a registered voter of the State of Arkansas. At all times during the circulation of this petition part, an exact copy of the popular name, birth date, and text was attached to the petition part. My current address is correctly stated below.

Signature Natalie Johnson

Current Residence 1522 Silver Hills Conway AR 72032

(FOR NOTARY ONLY)

State of Arkansas, County of Pulaski (county where notary signs)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23 day of June, 2026
(Notary Seal Below)

Signature of Notary Betsy Lynn

My Commission Expires 04/08/2026

Residence County of Notary Saline



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THE BALLOT MEASURE RIGHTS AMENDMENT OF 2026

VOTERS REGISTERED IN Jefferson COUNTY

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To the Honorable Cole Jester, Secretary of State of the State of Arkansas: We, the undersigned registered voters of the State of Arkansas, respectfully propose the following amendment to the Constitution of the State, and by this, our petition, order that an amendment to Article 5 § 1 (Initiative and Referendum) of the Arkansas Constitution of 1874, entitled "THE ARKANSAS BALLOT MEASURE RIGHTS AMENDMENT OF 2026," be submitted to the people of said state, to the end that the same may be approved or rejected by the vote of the registered voters of said state at the regular general election to be held on the 3rd day of November, 2026, and each of us for himself or herself says: I have personally signed this petition, I am a registered voter of the State of Arkansas, and my printed name, date of birth, residence, city or town of residence, and date of signing this petition are correctly written after my signature.

	SIGNATURE	PRINTED NAME	BIRTH DATE	STREET ADDRESS	CITY / TOWN	DATE SIGNED
1.	<i>[Signature]</i>	Isiah D. Mays	05/21/2001	1413 W 23rd Ave	Pine Bluff	6/26/26
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(FOR CANVASSER ONLY)
State of Arkansas, County of Pulaski (county where notary signs)
I, Aysia T. Pusey, (print name of canvasser), being duly sworn, state under oath that each of the foregoing persons signed his or her own name to this petition part in my presence. To the best of my knowledge and belief, such signatures in person, and each signed by a registered voter of the State of Arkansas. At all times during the circulation of this petition part, an exact copy of the petition name, ballot title, and text was attached to the petition part. My current address is correctly stated below.
Signature: *[Signature]*
Current Residence: 6 W. 1st St. OKT. OK Little Rock AR 72205
Indicate one: (X) Paid Canvasser () Volunteer Unpaid Canvasser

(FOR NOTARY ONLY)
State of Arkansas, County of Pulaski (county where notary signs)
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th day of June, 2026.
(Notary Seal Below)
Signature of Notary: *[Signature]*
My Commission Expires: March 31, 2028
Residence County of Notary: Pulaski



12. Likewise, petition parts were inappropriately culled due to “Canvasser verification day is before the date(s) petitioners signed.” Petition part #377 shows signatures of June 4, 2026 and a canvasser verification on June 4, 2026 while petition part # 2142 shows signatures dated June 4th, 10th, and 13th and a canvasser verification dated June 22, 2026.

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THE BALLOT MEASURE RIGHTS AMENDMENT OF 2026
VOTERS REGISTERED IN Benton COUNTY

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BY 20 DATE 7/9/26

To the Honorable Cole Tester, Secretary of State of the State of Arkansas: We, the undersigned registered voters of the State of Arkansas, respectfully propose the following amendment to the Constitution of the State, and by this, our petition, order that an amendment to Article 5 § 1 (Initiative and Referendum) of the Arkansas Constitution of 1874, entitled "THE ARKANSAS BALLOT MEASURE RIGHTS AMENDMENT OF 2026," be submitted to the people of said state, to the end that the same may be approved or rejected by the vote of the registered voters of said state at the regular general election to be held on the 3rd day of November, 2026, and each of us for himself or herself says I have personally signed this petition, I am a registered voter of the State of Arkansas, and my printed name, date of birth, residence, city or town of residence, and date of signing this petition are correctly written after my signature.

	SIGNATURE	PRINTED NAME	BIRTH DATE	STREET ADDRESS	CITY / TOWN	DATE SIGNED
1.		Jeffrey Vanderslice	11-1-65	903 Sycamore Trace	Lowell, AR	6-4-26
2.		Marina Vanderslice	2-25-02	903 Sycamore Trace	Lowell, AR	6-4-26
3.		CHRISTINA VANDERSLICE	2-15-68	903 SYCAMORE TRACE	LOWELL, AR	6-4-26
4.		Marvin Kullgren	8-12-1960	644 Colorado St	Farmington, AR	6-4-26
5.		Dana Burns	8-14-1971	1002 N. Crown	Fayetteville, AR	6-4-26
6.		Peggy S Bulla	8-1-53	11597 Ash Skyline Rd	Hindsdale, AR	6-4-26
7.		Ashley Wallace	7-22-85	4003 S Old Wire Rd	Rogers, AR	6-4-26
8.		Rhannon Wallace	4-12-06	4003 S Old Wire Rd	Rogers, AR	6-4-26
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(FOR CANVASSER ONLY)
State of Arkansas, County of Benton (County where voters sign)
I, JACKSON HIGGINS, (print name of canvasser), being duly sworn, subscribe and swear to before me this 4 day of June, 2026.
At all times during the conclusion of this petition part, an exact copy of the popular name, ballot title, and text was attached to the petition part. My current address is correctly stated below.
Signature:
Current Residence: 3190 WOODBRIDGE RD SPRINGDALE, AR 72762
Indicate one: () Paid Canvasser () Volunteer/Unpaid Canvasser

(FOR NOTARY ONLY)
State of Arkansas, County of Washington (County where notary signs)
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4 day of June, 2026.
Signature of Notary: Lisa Enge
My Commission Expires: August 28, 2026
Residence County of Notary: Washington

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THE BALLOT MEASURE RIGHTS AMENDMENT OF 2026
VOTERS REGISTERED IN Carroll COUNTY

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VALID OF 48
BY 20 DATE June 26, 26

To the Honorable Cole Tester, Secretary of State of the State of Arkansas: We, the undersigned registered voters of the State of Arkansas, respectfully propose the following amendment to the Constitution of the State, and by this, our petition, order that an amendment to Article 5 § 1 (Initiative and Referendum) of the Arkansas Constitution of 1874, entitled "THE ARKANSAS BALLOT MEASURE RIGHTS AMENDMENT OF 2026," be submitted to the people of said state, to the end that the same may be approved or rejected by the vote of the registered voters of said state at the regular general election to be held on the 3rd day of November, 2026, and each of us for himself or herself says I have personally signed this petition, I am a registered voter of the State of Arkansas, and my printed name, date of birth, residence, city or town of residence, and date of signing this petition are correctly written after my signature.

	SIGNATURE	PRINTED NAME	BIRTH DATE	STREET ADDRESS	CITY / TOWN	DATE SIGNED
1.		Ashley Antonio Ochoa	7-7-86	6 Apache dr	Holiday Island	6-4-26
2.		Joe Edward Faust	11-17-41	864 Cr 206	Eureka Springs, AR	6-10-26
3.		Sheila Rose	1-26-37	1647 CR 418	Berryville	6-13-26
4.		Morgan Evans	10-19-82	1601 E Church Ave	Berryville, AR	6-13-26
5.		Sheila Evans	3-08-74	819 CR B2B	Green Forest, AR	6-13-26
6.		LeeAnn Sisca Felte	5-16-73	511 Huntsville St	Berryville, AR	6-13-26
7.		Ann Lee Lewis Wingate	6-20-20	1458 Hwy 63 W	Berryville, AR	6-13-26
8.		Ann Lee Lewis Wingate	2-11-71	1458 Hwy 63 W	Berryville, AR	6-13-26
9.		Kaylyn Brianna Smith	8-4-07	129 County Road 513	Berryville, AR	6-13-26
10.		Amy Roberts	11-14-83	260 CR 935	Green Forest	6-13-26

(FOR CANVASSER ONLY)
State of Arkansas, County of Carroll (County where voters sign)
I, Laura Jean Reed, (print name of canvasser), being duly sworn, subscribe and swear to before me this 22 day of June, 2026.
At all times during the conclusion of this petition part, an exact copy of the popular name, ballot title, and text was attached to the petition part. My current address is correctly stated below.
Signature: Laura Jean Reed
Current Residence: 30 Eureka Street, Eureka Springs, AR 72632
Indicate one: () Paid Canvasser () Volunteer/Unpaid Canvasser

(FOR NOTARY ONLY)
State of Arkansas, County of Carroll (County where notary signs)
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22 day of June, 2026.
Signature of Notary: Linda Fowler
My Commission Expires: April 3rd, 2031
Residence County of Notary: Carroll

13. Petition part # 1544 was culled entirely because “No canvasser address/address is a P.O. Box” but that is clearly not the case.

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THE BALLOT MEASURE RIGHTS AMENDMENT OF 2026
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	SIGNATURE	PRINTED NAME	BIRTH DATE	STREET ADDRESS	CITY / TOWN	DATE SIGNED
D	<i>Sabrina Rountree</i>	Sabrina Rountree	07/06/84	24 Eversham Ln	Bella Vista	6/5
	<i>Seamus Brown</i>	Seamus Brown	11/01/03	24 Eversham Ln	Bella Vista	6/5
	<i>Richard Gordon</i>	Richard Gordon	12/07/77	8984 Crest Ln	Springdale	6/5-26
	<i>Kathryn Gordon</i>	Kathryn Gordon	12/10/55	8984 Crest Ln	Springdale	6-5-26
	<i>Melissa Whiting</i>	Melissa Whiting	7-17-92	741 Tamaran Dr	Centerton	6/5/26
	<i>Benjamin Whiting</i>	Benjamin Whiting	4/18/92	701 Tamaran Dr	Centerton	6/5/26
	<i>Amber Earley</i>	Amber Earley	12/13/99	301 E Harris St	Rea Ridge	6/5/26
NL	<i>Anna Zhang</i>	Anna Zhang	07/11/1980	335 NW 12th Cir, Unit 2	Bentonville	06/05/2026
	<i>Ariel Buwili's</i>	Ariel Buwili's	1/17/90	5900 W. Henry Boulevard	Rogers	6/5/26
	<i>Madalyn Lynch</i>	Madalyn Lynch	7/24/94	2407 Westmore Loop	Rea Ridge	6/5/26

(FOR CANVASSER ONLY)
State of Arkansas, County of Benton
I, Stephen Little (print name of canvasser), being duly sworn, state under oath that each of the foregoing persons signed his or her own name to this petition part in my presence. To the best of my knowledge and belief, each signature is genuine, and each signer is a registered voter of the State of Arkansas. At all times during the circulation of this petition part, an exact copy of the popular name, ballot title, and text was attached to the petition part. My current address is correctly stated below.

Signature Stephen Little
Current Residence 2905 SE S Rogers AR 72758
Indicate one: () Paid Canvasser (X) Volunteer () Local Canvasser

(FOR NOTARY ONLY)
State of Arkansas, County of Benton
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22 day of June, 2026.
(Notary Seal Below)
Signature of Notary [Signature]
My Commission Expires 8/18/31
Residence County of Notary Benton

Notary Seal: NOTARY PUBLIC
BENTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS

14. Petition parts # 1820 and 9316 demonstrate the Secretary’s incorrect cull for “No notary seal or seal contains the seal of AR” where the notary seal is clearly present.

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VOTERS REGISTERED IN Bradley COUNTY

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	SIGNATURE	PRINTED NAME	BIRTH DATE	STREET ADDRESS	CITY / TOWN	DATE SIGNED
1.	<i>Maxwell Dailey</i>	Maxwell Dailey	9-7-74	81 N. Martin Warren, AR	Warren, AR 71671	6-20-26
2.	<i>Kimberley Thomas</i>	Kimberley Thomas	3-1-76	420 Alexander St	Warren, AR 71671	6-20-26
3.	<i>Shelley Puett</i>	Shelley Puett	9-21-73	303 Maria St	Warren, AR 71671	6-20-26
4.	<i>Keith Thompson</i>	Keith Thompson	7-23-81	1455 Bradley RD 33	Warren, AR 71671	6-20-26
5.	<i>Lawrence</i>	Lawrence	1959	1455 Bradley	Warren, AR 71671	6-20-26
6.	<i>Cordelia Patton</i>	Cordelia Patton	2-5-24	1325 S. Martin	Warren, AR 71671	6-20-26
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(FOR CANVASSER ONLY)
State of Arkansas, County of Pulaski (county where notary signs)
I, John Dwyer (print name of canvasser, being duly sworn, state under oath that, each of the foregoing persons signed his or her own name to this petition prior to my presence. To the best of my knowledge and belief, each signature is genuine, and each signer is a registered voter of the State of Arkansas. At all times during the circulation of this petition, an exact copy of the popular name, ballot title, and text was attached to the petition part. My current address is correctly stated below.
Signature: John Dwyer
Current Residence: 157 Chalk St Hot Springs AR 71901
Indicate one: () Paid Canvasser () Volunteer/Unpaid Canvasser

(FOR NOTARY ONLY)
State of Arkansas, County of Pulaski (county where notary signs)
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of June, 2026 (Notary Seal Below)
Signature of Notary: Kandice Johnson
My Commission Expires: 09/10/2030
Residence County of Notary: Pulaski

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VOTERS REGISTERED IN Lee COUNTY

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	SIGNATURE	PRINTED NAME	BIRTH DATE	STREET ADDRESS	CITY / TOWN	DATE SIGNED
1.	<i>Carl Montague</i>	Carl Montague	09/09/55	8328 HWY 29 W	More	6-18-26
2.	<i>Calvin King</i>	Calvin King	8-11-72	978 HWY 121 South	McBride, AR	6-18-26
3.	<i>Sandra Cooper</i>	Sandra Cooper	9/8/1977	119 S Alabama Street	More	6/18/26
4.	<i>Shirley MBE DUKES</i>	Shirley MBE DUKES	9/14/1949	3692 Hwy 121W	More, Ark 72365	6/18/26
5.	<i>Linda Moore</i>	Linda Moore	12-12-51	423 Lee Rd 317	More, Ark 72360	6/18/26
6.	<i>Isaac Bearden Jr</i>	Isaac Bearden Jr	5/22/44	9344 Hwy 19 West	More	6/18/26
7.	<i>Elvin Smith</i>	ELVIN SMITH	9/17-67	502 Cribb Rd	More	6-18-26
8.	<i>Dennis Freeman</i>	Dennis Freeman	9/3/53	454 Fern St	More	6/18/26
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(FOR CANVASSER ONLY)
State of Arkansas, County of Pulaski (county where notary signs)
I, Karama Neal (print name of canvasser, being duly sworn, state under oath that, each of the foregoing persons signed his or her own name to this petition prior to my presence. To the best of my knowledge and belief, each signature is genuine, and each signer is a registered voter of the State of Arkansas. At all times during the circulation of this petition, an exact copy of the popular name, ballot title, and text was attached to the petition part. My current address is correctly stated below.
Signature: Karama Neal
Current Residence: 613 East 16th Street Little Rock, AR 72202
Indicate one: () Paid Canvasser () Volunteer/Unpaid Canvasser

(FOR NOTARY ONLY)
State of Arkansas, County of Pulaski (county where notary signs)
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day of June, 2026 (Notary Seal Below)
Signature of Notary: Kandice Johnson
My Commission Expires: 6-19-2030
Residence County of Notary: Pulaski

15. Petition part # 13752 was eliminated due to “No notary signature or more than one notary signature” but the scanned image contradicts the Secretary’s conclusion.

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VOTERS REGISTERED IN Jefferson COUNTY

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To the Honorable Cole Jesar, Secretary of State of the State of Arkansas: We, the undersigned registered voters of the State of Arkansas, respectfully propose the following amendment to the Constitution of the State, and by this, our petition, order that an amendment in Article 5 § 1 (Initiative and Referendum) of the Arkansas Constitution of 1874, entitled "THE ARKANSAS BALLOT MEASURE RIGHTS AMENDMENT OF 2026," be submitted to the people of said state, to the end that the same may be approved or rejected by the vote of the registered voters of said state at the regular general election to be held on the 3rd day of November, 2026, and each of us for himself or herself says I have personally signed this petition, I am a registered voter of the State of Arkansas, and my printed name, date of birth, residence, city or town of residence, and date of signing this petition are correctly written after my signature:

	SIGNATURE	PRINTED NAME	BIRTH DATE	STREET ADDRESS	CITY / TOWN	DATE SIGNED
1.	<i>[Signature]</i>	Sometime Black	4/17/92	3 Lanark Dr	Little Rock	3/28/26
2.	<i>[Signature]</i>	Tyisha Charles	7-23-78	90 Rensdale Cir	Markham	3/28/26
3.	<i>[Signature]</i>	Nicholas Williams	8-5-80	2615 LENIGH DR	LITTLE ROCK	4/18/26
4.	<i>[Signature]</i>	Edwina Briggs-Smith	5/7/73	11005 Shenandoah Drive	Markham	4/18/26
5.	<i>[Signature]</i>	Bernadette Hendrix	12/15/55	1015 S. Monroe St	LITTLE ROCK, AR	4/18/26
6.	<i>[Signature]</i>	Barbara Williams-Drian	9-9-53	11 Rachel Ct	LITTLE ROCK, AR	4/18/26
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(FOR CANVASSER ONLY)
State of Arkansas, County of Jefferson (county where notary signs)
I, Darryl Y. Humphrey, (print name of canvasser, being duly sworn under oath that each of the foregoing persons signed this or her name in this petition part in my presence. To the best of my knowledge and belief, each signature is genuine, and each signer is a registered voter in the State of Arkansas. At all times during the circulation of this petition part, an exact copy of the popular name, ballot title, and text was attached to the petition part. My current address is correctly stated below.)
Signature: *[Signature]*
Current Residence: 2805 W. 35th Ave Pine Bluff, AR 71603
Indicate one: () Paid Canvasser (x) Volunteer/Unpaid Canvasser

(FOR NOTARY ONLY)
State of Arkansas, County of Jefferson (county where notary signs)
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10 day of April, 2026.
(Notary Seal Below)
Signature of Notary: *[Signature]*
My Commission Expires: 12/31/27
Residence County of Notary: Jefferson
VANDERBILT BARBIE
Notary Public
Law County
Commission # 12181412
My Commission Expires Jan. 8, 2032

16. Other incorrect eliminations include exclusions for “Paid Canvasser not on a Canvasser list. Petition part # 2300 is a prime example showing a canvasser named Darryl Wilson who also appears on the list of paid canvassers.

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THE BALLOT MEASURE RIGHTS AMENDMENT OF 2026

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To the Honorable Code Interpreter, Secretary of State of the State of Arkansas: We, the undersigned registered voters of the State of Arkansas, respectfully propose the following amendments to the Constitution of the State, and by this, our petition, order that an amendment to Article 5 § 1 (Initiative and Referendum) of the Arkansas Constitution of 1874, entitled "THE ARKANSAS BALLOT MEASURE RIGHTS AMENDMENT OF 2026," be submitted to the people of said state, to the end that the same may be approved or rejected by the vote of the registered voters of said state in the regular general election to be held on the 3rd day of November, 2026, and each of us for himself or herself says: I have personally signed this petition, I am a registered voter of the State of Arkansas, and my printed name, date of birth, residence, city or town of residence, and date of signing this petition are correctly written after my signature.

	SIGNATURE	PRINTED NAME	BIRTH DATE	STREET ADDRESS	CITY / TOWN	DATE SIGNED
1.	<i>Makisha Price</i>	Makisha Price	10/1/1980	508 Meadowbrook Dr.	Guendon	06/19/2026
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(FOR CANDIDATE ONLY)

State of Arkansas, County of Pulaski (County where notary signs)

I, Darryl Wilson (print name of candidate's notary duly sworn, state under oath that each of the foregoing persons signed, has or has not, come to this petition part in my presence. In the presence of my knowledge and belief, each signature is genuine, and each signer is a registered voter of the State of Arkansas. At all times during the circulation of this petition part, an exact copy of the popular name, ballot title, and text was attached to the petition part. My current address is correctly stated below.

Signature: *Darryl Wilson*

Current Residence: 3012 Millbrook Rd, Little Rock, AR 72227

Indicate one: ☒ Paid Conveyer ☐ Volunteer ☐ Armed Conveyer

(FOR NOTARY ONLY)

State of Arkansas, County of Pulaski (County where notary signs)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19 day of June, 2026

Signature of Notary: *D. Bullock*

My Commission Expires: 04/08/2036

Residence County of Notary: Saline

1	Initially Submitted Name to State	First Name	Last Name	Current Residential Address
259	05/09/2026	Charles	W.	10812 W. ... D., Little Rock, AR 72209-8330
261	06/09/2026	Darryl	Wilson	3019 Millbrook Rd, Little Rock, AR 72227-3041
262	05/09/2026	Cody	Can	2467 Cynthia Dr, Little Rock, AR 72205-1623
263	06/09/2026	Jamiahlavke	Davis	102 Pickwick Ln, North Little Rock, AR 72118-4171

And Mr. Daryl Penkalski’s work on petition part # 10567 should likewise not have been excluded.

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VOTERS REGISTERED IN Monroe COUNTY

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To the Honorable Cole Jasper, Secretary of State of the State of Arkansas: We, the undersigned, registered voters of the State of Arkansas, respectfully propose the following amendment to the Constitution of the State, and by this, our petition, order that an amendment to Article 5 § 1 (Initiative and Referendum) of the Arkansas Constitution of 1874, entitled "THE ARKANSAS BALLOT MEASURE RIGHTS AMENDMENT OF 2026," be submitted to the people of said state, so the end that the same may be approved or rejected by the vote of the registered voters of said state at the regular general election to be held on the 3rd day of November, 2026, and each of us for himself or herself say: I have personally signed this petition, I am a registered voter of the State of Arkansas, and my printed name, date of birth, residence, city or town of residence, and date of signing this petition are correctly written after my signature.

	SIGNATURE	PRINTED NAME	BIRTH DATE	STREET ADDRESS	CITY / TOWN	DATE SIGNED
1.	<i>[Signature]</i>	Darren Sloate	1/5/74	501 West Hemlock St	Brinkley AR	6/9/26
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(FOR CANVASSER ONLY)
State of Arkansas, County of Pulaski
I, Daryl Michael Penkalski, (print name of canvasser), being duly sworn, state under oath that each of the foregoing persons signed his or her own name to this petition part in my presence. To the best of my knowledge and belief, each signature is genuine, and each signer is a registered voter of the State of Arkansas. At all times during the collection of this petition part, and each copy, of the petition, name, address, city, and text was attached to the petition part. My current address is correctly stated below.
Signature: D. Penkalski
Current Residence: 114 College Park Circle N L R AR 72114
Indicate one: ☒ Paid Canvasser ☐ Volunteer / unpaid Canvasser

(FOR NOTARY ONLY)
State of Arkansas, County of Pulaski
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9 day of June, 2026.
Notary Seal Below
Signature of Notary: [Signature]
My Commission Expires: 04/08/2034
Residence County of Notary: Saline



	Initially Submitted Name to State	First Name	Last Name	Current Residential Address
8	06/05/2026	Sheldricka	Morgan	3208 E 4th St, North Little Rock, AR 72114-5215
9	06/05/2026	Daryl	Penkalski	114 College Park Cir, North Little Rock, AR 72114-2750
10	06/05/2026	Mathew	Mosby	2300 Richmond Dr, Little Rock, AR 72206-2716
11	06/05/2026	Jarrell	Jones	77 Evergreen St, Dumas, AR 71639-2955

17. Some petition parts were culled for "Paid Canvasser not registered before collecting signatures." Petition part # 9789 was one such inappropriate cull as evidenced by the two images below.

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THE BALLOT MEASURE RIGHTS AMENDMENT OF 2026
VOTERS REGISTERED IN Lonoke COUNTY

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To the Honorable Governor, Secretary of State of the State of Arkansas: We, the undersigned registered voters of the State of Arkansas, respectfully propose the following amendment to the Constitution of the State, and by this our petition, order that an amendment to Article 5 § 1 (Initiative and Referendum) of the Arkansas Constitution of 1874, entitled "THE ARKANSAS BALLOT MEASURE RIGHTS AMENDMENT OF 2026," be submitted to the people of said state, to the end that the same may be approved or rejected by the vote of the registered voters of said state at the regular general election to be held on the 3rd day of November, 2026, and each of us for himself or herself says: I have personally signed this petition, I am a registered voter of the State of Arkansas, and my printed name, date of birth, residence, city or town of residence, and date of signing this petition are correctly written after my signature.

	SIGNATURE	PRINTED NAME	BIRTH DATE	STREET ADDRESS	CITY / TOWN	DATE SIGNED
1.	<i>[Signature]</i>	Vabe Anderson	2/15/2002	75 Sycamore circle	Cabot	6/12
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(FOR CANVASSEES ONLY)
State of Arkansas, County of Polk
I, Kaunecia McCoy, (print name of canvasser, being duly sworn, state under oath that each of the foregoing persons signed this or her own name to this petition part in my presence. To the best of my knowledge and belief, each signer is genuine, and each signer is a registered voter of the State of Arkansas. At all times during the circulation of this petition part, an exact copy of the petition name, ballot title, and text was attached to the petition part. My current address is correctly stated below.

Signature *[Signature]*
Current Residence 4116 E KIRK AVE APT 1012 SHERWOOD, AR 72120
Indicate one: ☒ Paid Canvasser ☐ Volunteer/ unpaid Canvasser

(FOR NOTARY ONLY)
State of Arkansas, County of Polk
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17 day of June, 2026.
Signature of Notary *[Signature]*
My Commission Expires 04/08/2026
Residence County of Notary Saline

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STATE OF ARKANSAS

1	Initially Submitted Name to State	First Name	Last Name	Current Residential Address
06/12/2026	Marquisha	Raywood	23 Dover Cir Apt 155, Little Rock, AR 72201-1156	
06/12/2026	Kaunecia	McCoy	101 Westwood Dr, Jacksonville, AR 72076-4027	
06/12/2026	Christian	Ellison	815 W 6th St Apt C11, Brinkley, AR 72021-2885	
06/12/2026	Th	Ell	1023 E. ... AR 72021-2885	

18. Misclassifications of culled petition parts as “other” rather than appropriate classification pursuant to statute or the Secretary’s own list of 13 other justifications presented a significant challenge to FieldWorks’ understanding of the Secretary’s conclusions.

19. Of additional concern are instances where the Secretary culled an entire petition part when he should have only culled certain signatures from a petition part. An example image is shown below where the county notated at the top of the petition

part is Benton County and three of the signatures are from Benton County but the entire petition part was eliminated.

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THE BALLOT MEASURE RIGHTS AMENDMENT OF 2026
VOTERS REGISTERED IN Benton COUNTY

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To the Honorable Cole Jesen, Secretary of State of the State of Arkansas: We, the undersigned registered voters of the State of Arkansas, respectfully propose the following amendments to the Constitution of the State, and by this petition, order that an amendment to Article 5 § 1 (Initiative and Referendum) of the Arkansas Constitution of 1874, entitled "THE ARKANSAS BALLOT MEASURE RIGHTS AMENDMENT OF 2026," be submitted to the people of said state, to the end that the same may be approved or rejected by the vote of the registered voters of said state at the regular general election to be held on the 3rd day of November, 2026, and each of us for himself or herself says: I have personally signed this petition. I am a registered voter of the State of Arkansas, and my printed name, date of birth, residence, city or town of residence, and date of signing this petition are correctly written after my signature.

	SIGNATURE	PRINTED NAME	BIRTH DATE	STREET ADDRESS	CITY / TOWN	DATE SIGNED
	<i>[Signature]</i>	Cameron Keck	01/23/48	502 W. S. Resse + Dr	Rogers	9/1/26
NV	<i>[Signature]</i>	RA Anderson	12/16/51	502 S 11th Pl	Rogers	07
VL	<i>[Signature]</i>	Danilo Lee Harding	01/16/72	30145 E. Main St.	St. Louis	7-2-26
PL	<i>[Signature]</i>	Halvey Price	07/24/40	775 W. Sycamore St	Fayetteville	7-2-26
NL	<i>[Signature]</i>	Travis Spikes	08/24/90	615 E. Main St	Rogers	7-2-26
	<i>[Signature]</i>	Britany Spikes	07/15/94	605 E. Main St	Rogers	7-2-26
	<i>[Signature]</i>	Kathryn Whitaker	7/29/79	3106 Patterson Rd	Pear Ridge	7/2/26
NL	<i>[Signature]</i>	Kevin Pippins	22/13/85	5302 N. Dierckson Rd	Rogers	7/2/26
NL	<i>[Signature]</i>	Christian Humphreys	5/5/02	6008 E. Dyke	Rogers	7/2/26
PL	<i>[Signature]</i>	Naggle Piretalo	9/30/80	180 Wagon Trl	Parie Grove	7/2/26

(FOR CANVASSER ONLY)
State of Arkansas, County of Washington (county where notary signs)
I, Joyce Brannan (print name of canvasser), being duly sworn, state under oath that, each of the foregoing persons signed the or her own name to this petition part in my presence. To the best of my knowledge and belief, each signature is genuine, and each signer is a registered voter of the State of Arkansas. At all times during the circulation of this petition part, an exact copy of the petition name, full title and text was attached to the petition part. My current address is correctly stated below.
Signature Joyce Brannan
Current Residence 336 N. Lacer Place, Fayetteville, Ar 72701
Indicate one ☒ Paid Canvasser () Volunteer/Unpaid Canvasser

(FOR NOTARY ONLY)
State of Arkansas, County of Washington (county where notary signs)
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2 day of July, 2026.
Signature of Notary Caitlyn Elora Kinger
My Commission Expires 01/24/2032
Residence County of Notary Washington

CAITLYN ELORA KINGER
COMM # 127486
NOTARY PUBLIC
WASHINGTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS
EXP. 01/24/2032

20. These examples are illustrative only and not a comprehensive accounting of the inappropriate petition part culls. FieldWorks identified at least 2,783 signatures which should not have been culled.

21. FieldWorks attempted to undertake a review of the culled signatures. This review was complicated and stymied by the lack of counts, logs, or reports to verify individual signature culls. Extrapolating from other information, Fieldworks estimates that the Secretary culled approximately 13,726 signatures.

22. FieldWorks reviewed the 19,774 scanned pdf documents in the Petition Part Dropbox for handwritten notations on each petition part which would indicate

whether and why a signature was culled. The handwritten notations, representing a signature cull code, included “D” for Duplicate, “DC” for Different County”, “NI” for No Information, “NL” for Not Legible, and “SH” for Same Handwriting. The handwritten notation would appear alongside the signature line it culled. FieldWorks created a master log of these handwritten signature culls which included the signature line and the numerical identifier for the petition part upon which the signature appeared.

23. Through the process of reviewing the Secretary’s handwritten cull notations, FieldWorks was able to identify 11,145 signatures that were culled. Based on the estimate noted above, at least 2,500 signatures were culled by the Secretary but such culls were not substantiated with any logs, counts, handwritten notations, or other verifiable documentation. The missing information was requested and not provided and FieldWorks was unable to evaluate those decisions.

24. FieldWorks’ review of the culled signature notations revealed the following concerns:

- a. Incorrect coding of signature cull codes;
- b. Inconsistent application of signature cull codes;
- c. Subjective application of handwriting and legibility criteria; and
- d. Lack of secondary review to ensure consistency with the application of cull codes or other standards.

25. Of the 11,145 signatures culled by the Secretary's office, FieldWorks identified 4,677 that should not have been eliminated from the initial count.

26. Importantly, handwritten notations of "D" for Duplicate could not be reviewed in the time afforded prior to this filing without a log or report of which other petition part and line number the Secretary claims the duplicate signature to be on. Handwritten notations show 1,343 signatures coded as "D" but the Insufficiency Determination says that 2,779 signatures were duplicates.

27. Even when a duplicate is identified, one of the two signatures should be counted as valid. The Insufficiency Determination's appendix provided one such example where the signer, who obviously made a mistake on the first signature line, crossed it out, initialed it and signed again without the mistake, but both signature lines were excluded from the count. The image is duplicated below for ease of reference. Only one should have been culled.

1	Steven Thomas	LARSON MISS	05/05	24 005 TO ROBERT	ADP 5/5/12	5/13/12
2	Steven Thomas	LARSON MISS	10/1/12	24 005 TO	ADP 5/5/12	5/13/12

28. Signatures were culled as "Different County" when the city of the petition is clearly within the county notated at the top of the petition part. Petition part #19970 shows a petitioner from Ola, Arkansas signing a petition part for Yell County. But the signature was culled even though Ola is in Yell County.

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VOTERS REGISTERED IN Yell County COUNTY

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To the Honorable Luke Keate, Secretary of State of the State of Arkansas: We, the undersigned registered voters of the State of Arkansas, respectfully propose the following amendment to the Constitution of the State, and by this, our petition, under that an amendment to Article 5 § 1 (Initiative and Referendum) of the Arkansas Constitution of 1874, entitled "THE ARKANSAS BALLOT MEASURE RIGHTS AMENDMENT OF 2026," be submitted to the people of said state, to the end that the same may be approved or rejected by the vote of the registered voters of said state at the regular general election to be held on the 3rd day of November, 2026, and each of us, for himself or herself says that he or she signs the petition as a registered voter of the State of Arkansas and his or her printed name, date of birth, residence, and date of signing this petition are correctly written and are legible.

	SIGNATURE	PRINTED NAME	BIRTH DATE	STREET ADDRESS	CITY / TOWN	DATE SIGNED
DC 1	<i>Catherine Mobley</i>	Catherine Mobley	03/14/01	4242 Hwy 10 012, Arkansas	012	6/23/26
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(FOR CANVASSER ONLY)
State of Arkansas, County of Fulton (County where petition signs)
I, Jessica Lockhart (print name of canvasser), being duly sworn, state under oath that each of the foregoing petitioners signed his or her own name to this petition part in my presence. To the best of my knowledge and belief, each signature is genuine, and each signer is a registered voter of the State of Arkansas. At all times during the circulation of this petition part, an exact copy of the popular name, ballot title, and text was attached to the petition part. My current address is currently stated below.
Signature: *Jessica Lockhart*
Current Residence: 2510 S Broadway Little Rock, AR 72206
Initiate one (1) and Canvasser () Voluntary Unpaid Canvasser

(FOR NOTARY ONLY)
State of Arkansas, County of Fulton (County where notary signs)
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23 day of June, 2026.
Signature of Notary: *Indira Brown Edwards*
My Commission Expires: October 1, 2028
Residence County of Notary: Fulton
(Notary Seal Below)

INDIRA BROWN EDWARDS
Notary Public - Arkansas
Fulton County
Commission # 123-06273
My Commission Expires Jul 1, 2028

Likewise, petition part # 15975 was for Saline County but the signature from a Traskwood petitioner was culled.

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To the Honorable Cate Zester, Secretary of State of the State of Arkansas: We, the undersigned registered voters of the State of Arkansas, respectfully propose the following amendment to the Constitution of the State, and by this petition, order that an amendment to Article 5 § 1 (Initiative and Referendum) of the Arkansas Constitution of 1874, entitled "THE ARKANSAS BALLOT MEASURE RIGHTS AMENDMENT OF 2026," be submitted to the people of said state, to the end that the same may be approved or rejected by the vote of the registered voters of said state at the regular general election to be held on the 3rd day of November, 2026, and each of us for (myself or herself) say: I have personally signed this petition. I am a registered voter of the State of Arkansas, and my printed name, date of birth, residence, city or town of residence, and date of signing this petition are correctly written after my signature.

	SIGNATURE	PRINTED NAME	BIRTH DATE	STREET ADDRESS	CITY / TOWN	DATE SIGNED
1	<i>[Signature]</i>	LaKisha Gilmore	02/14/87	871 Belle Grove Loop	Benton	6/13/26
2	<i>[Signature]</i>	Maranda Apperson	07/01/1966	6211 Hwy 229	Traskwood	6/15/26
3	<i>[Signature]</i>	Michelle Shelton	04/24/48	44888 E. 1st St	Benton	6/15/26
4	<i>[Signature]</i>	ARMANDO FRANKLIN	03/17/1961	1117 WINTER ST	BENTON	6/15/26
5	<i>[Signature]</i>	Armando Melchor	04/14/94	3025 Hwy 5	Benton, AR	6/13/26
6	<i>[Signature]</i>	Dedra Ryn	05/16/84	6701 B. Mark Rd	Benton, AR	6/15/26
7	<i>[Signature]</i>	Jarrod Burchard	02/01/1988	15002 Madenridge Dr	Benton, AR	6/13/26
8	<i>[Signature]</i>	Shirleyann Hammond	04/14/60	42415 W. Katie Dr	Brighton	6/14/26
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(FOR CANVASSER ONLY)
State of Arkansas, County of PULASKI (County where petition signed)
1. CATHERINE FAYE
I, CATHERINE FAYE, being duly sworn, state under oath that each of the foregoing persons signed this petition in my presence. To the best of my knowledge and belief, each signature is genuine, and each signer is a registered voter of the State of Arkansas. At all times during the execution of this petition, I am present and each copy of the petition, name, birth date, and last name attached to the petition was correctly stated below.
Signature: *[Signature]*
Catherine Faye
Indicate one: ☒ Paid Canvasser ☐ Volunteer/Unpaid Canvasser

(FOR NOTARY ONLY)
State of Arkansas, County of PULASKI (County where notary signs)
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14 day of JUNE, 2026.
(Notary Seal Below)
Signature of Notary: Catherine Faye
My Commission Expires: 2-28-2030
Residence County of Notary: PULASKI

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Catherine Faye
2026 EXPIRES 2-28-2030

And on petition part # 8077 for Izard County, an address within Izard County in Oxford, Arkansas was culled.

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VOTERS REGISTERED IN IZARD COUNTY

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To the Honorable Clerk Jester, Secretary of State of the State of Arkansas: We, the undersigned registered voters in the _____ of Arkansas, respectfully propose the following amendment to the Constitution of the State, and by this, our petition, order this amendment to Article 5 § 1 (Initiative and Referendum) of the Arkansas Constitution of 1872 entitled "THE ARKANSAS BALLOT MEASURE RIGHTS AMENDMENT OF 2026," be submitted to the people of said state, to the end that the same may be approved or rejected by the vote of the registered voters of said state at the regular general election to be held on the 3rd day of November, 2026, and each of us for himself or herself says I have personally signed this petition: I am a registered voter of the State of Arkansas, and my printed name, last or both residence, city or town of residence, and date of signing this petition are correctly written after my signature.

	SIGNATURE	PRINTED NAME	DOB DATE	STREET ADDRESS	CITY / TOWN	DATE SIGNED
1.	<i>Franc Evans</i>	Franc Evans	11/17	3770 Zier Rd	Evening Shade	7/1/26
2.	<i>Bonita A.B. Harris</i>	Bonita A.B. Harris	11/26/31	206 Tapaz Ln.	Horseshoe Bend	7-1-26
3.	<i>Jacqueline Williams</i>	Jacqueline Williams	5/28/67	300 Maple Ln	Horseshoe Bend	7-1-26
4.	<i>Stephan Stevenson</i>	Stephan Stevenson	4/2/52	122 Stevenson Ln	Oxford	7-1-26
5.	<i>Michelle Tibbets</i>	Michelle Tibbets	11/1/68	1890 Dry Hollow Rd	Oxford	7/1/26
6.	<i>Sherry L. Gourdane</i>	Sherry L. Gourdane	7/26/67	103 Tapaz Ln	Horseshoe Bend	7/1/26
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(FOR CANVASSER ONLY)
State of Arkansas, County of Craighead (County where entry signs)
I, Sadie Mae Watson (print name of canvasser), being duly sworn, state under oath that each of the foregoing persons signed his or her own name to this petition part to my presence. To the best of my knowledge and belief, each signature is genuine, and each signer is a registered voter of the State of Arkansas at a time during the circulation of this petition part. An exact copy of the popular name, ballot title, and text was attached to the petition part. My current address is correctly stated below.
Signature: Sadie Mae Watson
Current Residence: 2808 Broadside Circle Paragould AR 72450
Indicate one (1) Field Canvasser () Volunteer/Temp Canvasser

(FOR NOTARY ONLY)
State of Arkansas, County of Craighead (County where entry signs)
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of July, 2026 (Notary Seal Below)
Signature of Notary: Janette McBrown
My Commission Expires: 10-18-2026
Residence County of Notary: Craighead

ARKANSAS NOTARY PUBLIC
JANETTE MCBROWN
CRAIGHEAD COUNTY, ARKANSAS
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29. By FieldWorks' review 1,434 signatures were culled for "Different County" with at least 84 of those signatures being incorrectly eliminated.

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THE BALLOT MEASURE RIGHTS AMENDMENT OF 2026

VOTERS REGISTERED IN Isle of Wight COUNTY

NO. USE ONLY BY 11/11 DATE 11/11/24

VALID FOR 33 DAYS

To the Honorable Clerk Jemey, Secretary of State of the State of Arkansas: We, the undersigned registered voters of the State of Arkansas, respectfully propose the following amendments to the Constitution of the State, and by this, we petition, order that an amendment to Article 5 § 1 (Initiative and Referendum) of the Arkansas Constitution of 1874, entitled "THE ARKANSAS BALLOT MEASURE RIGHTS AMENDMENT OF 2026," be submitted to the people of said state, so that at the next may be approved or rejected by the vote of the registered voters of said state in the regular general election to be held on the 3rd day of November, 2026, and each of us for himself or herself says I have personally signed this petition. I am a registered voter of the State of Arkansas, and my printed name, date of birth, residence, city or town of residence, and date of signing this petition are correctly written after my signature.

	SIGNATURE	PRINTED NAME	BIRTH DATE	STREET ADDRESS	CITY / TOWN	DATE SIGNED
1	<i>Max Standard</i>	Max Standard	7-6-81	4504 W Goldenacre Ln	Rogers	6/6/24
2	<i>Julie Stahl</i>	Julie Stahl	9-24-62	2102 SE White Birch	Scrantonville	6/16/24
3	<i>Robert C. Stahl</i>	Robert C. Stahl	7-18-71	101 Stone Circle	Pennington	6/16/24
4	<i>Dunbar Williams</i>	Dunbar Williams	8-2-19	807 Onychia	Frankie	11/16/24
5	<i>NABIMINI DILLIPALLI</i>	NABIMINI DILLIPALLI	2/1/20	1826 PARK PLACE LN	CAPE SPURTON	6/16/24
6	<i>Ilene Smither</i>	Ilene Smither	8-8-39	2703 NW A St.	Bentonville	6-16-24
7	<i>Christopher Luke</i>	Christopher Luke	8-7-19	1507 SW Hillview	Bentonville	6-16-24
8	<i>Jonathan Obare</i>	Jonathan Obare	11/7/61	1216 Spring Hill Rd	Bentonville	6-16-24
9	<i>Carson Elizabeth Luke</i>	Carson Elizabeth Luke	4/19/94	4110 NW Home St Bentonville	Bentonville	6/16/24
10	<i>Christopher Luke</i>	Christopher Luke	8/26/91	"	"	6/16/24

(FOR CANVASSER ONLY)
State of Arkansas, County of Washington (county where notary signs)

I, Max Stahl (print name of canvasser), being duly sworn, state under oath that, each of the foregoing persons signed before me and were to this petition part of my capacity. To the best of my knowledge and belief, each signature is genuine, and each signer is a registered voter of the State of Arkansas. At all times during the execution of this petition part, an exact copy of the popular name, birth date, and first and last name, attached to the petition part. My current address is correctly stated below.

Signature Max Stahl

County Residence 1704 W. COUSINE DR #206 Fayetteville, AR

Indicate use of Paid Canvasser () Volunteer/Unpaid Canvasser

(FOR NOTARY ONLY)
State of Arkansas, County of Washington (county where notary signs)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of June 2024.

Signature of Notary Alicia Shepherd
My Commission Expires 06/11/2031
Residence (County of) Washington

Notary Seal: ALICIA SHEPHERD, Notary Public, State of Arkansas, Commission Expires 06/11/2031

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THE BALLOT MEASURE RIGHTS AMENDMENT OF 2026

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To the Honorable Clerk Jeter, Secretary of State of the State of Arkansas: We, the undersigned registered voters of the State of Arkansas, respectfully propose the following amendment to the Constitution of the State, and by this act petition, under this amendment to Article 5 (1) Initiative and Referendum of the Arkansas Constitution of 1874, entitled "THE ARKANSAS BALLOT MEASURE RIGHTS AMENDMENT OF 2026," be submitted to the people of said state, to the end that the same may be approved or rejected by the vote of the registered voters of said state in the regular general election to be held on the 3rd day of November, 2026, and each of us for himself or herself says I have personally signed this petition; I am a registered voter of the State of Arkansas, and my printed name, date of birth, residence, city or town of residence, and date of signing this petition are correctly written after my signature.

SIGNATURE	PRINTED NAME	BIRTH DATE	STREET ADDRESS	CITY / TOWN	DATE SIGNED
	Amy Marshall	3/24/77	319 Springdale Drive	Bella Vista	5/25/26
	Kelly Sisk	4/14/15	313 Lorraine Drive	Bentonville	4/25/26
	Brandy Bikel	1/6/89	1202 SW Nightal Trail	Bentonville	3/25/26
	Roland Pinault	5/27/1978	303 2nd St	Bentonville	5/22/26
	Lisa Orault	5-03-59	23001 Woodlark Circle	Stearns Springs	5/25/26
	Saylor Bailey	2-16-85	3880 Lockwood Dr.	Bentonville	5/25/26
	CLAUDIA KENSI-MUR	3-1-51	2446 Grandview Dr	Bella Vista	5-28-26
	Richard Kensi-Mur	2-1-49	2446 Grandview Dr	Bella Vista	5-28-26
	Audra Peterson	9/25/69	314 SW 14th St	Bentonville	3/25/26
	Connie Jones	11/4/48	1109 N Cardinal Dr	Rogers	5/28/26

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(FOR CANVASSER ONLY)
State of Arkansas, County of Benton (County where notary signs)
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31 day of June, 2026.
(Notary Seal Below)

Signature of Notary [Signature]
My Commission Expires 10/10/31
Residence County of Notary Benton

Current Residence 114 DE H ST #201 Bentonville, AR 72712
Indicate one: () Paid Canvasser (X) Volunteer/Unpaid Canvasser

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To the Honorable Clerk Jeter, Secretary of State of the State of Arkansas: We, the undersigned registered voters of the State of Arkansas, respectfully propose the following amendment to the Constitution of the State, and by this act petition, under this amendment to Article 5 (1) Initiative and Referendum of the Arkansas Constitution of 1874, entitled "THE ARKANSAS BALLOT MEASURE RIGHTS AMENDMENT OF 2026," be submitted to the people of said state, to the end that the same may be approved or rejected by the vote of the registered voters of said state in the regular general election to be held on the 3rd day of November, 2026, and each of us for himself or herself says I have personally signed this petition; I am a registered voter of the State of Arkansas, and my printed name, date of birth, residence, city or town of residence, and date of signing this petition are correctly written after my signature.

SIGNATURE	PRINTED NAME	BIRTH DATE	STREET ADDRESS	CITY / TOWN	DATE SIGNED
	BEN LANGFORD	12/16/82	15043 PLEASANT RIDGE RD	ROGERS	6/15/26
	JACOB SCOTT	11/1/93	7411 W ARLINGTON DR	ROGERS	6/16/26
	Melinda Clark	11/2/80	2 Andislope Ln	Bella Vista	6/25/26
	Emmanuel Estrada	11/13/1981	901 Sunflower St	Bentonville	6/25/26
	Noah Gettare	10-2-1998	1 Bombride Ln	Bella Vista	6-25-26
	Thomas Waller	5/1/02	508 NW J St	Bentonville	6/24/26

NI

(FOR CANVASSER ONLY)
State of Arkansas, County of Washington (County where notary signs)
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25 day of June, 2026.
(Notary Seal Below)

Signature of Notary [Signature]
My Commission Expires August 28, 2026
Residence County of Notary Washington

Current Residence 876 Macy Ln Elkins AR 72727
Indicate one: () Paid Canvasser (X) Volunteer/Unpaid Canvasser

31. It is not clear what criteria or standard the Secretary applied for the “Not Legible” culls but the criteria does appear to have been applied inconsistently. From FieldWorks’ individual review of each of the 4,198 signatures culled for “Not Legible,” at least 3,009 of those culls were not appropriate. Examples of the erroneous determinations are shown below.

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THE BALLOT MEASURE RIGHTS AMENDMENT OF 2026
VOTERS REGISTERED IN Baxter COUNTY

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I, the Honorable C. J. Jeter, Secretary of State of the State of Arkansas, do hereby certify that the following amendment to the Constitution of the State, and by this, one petition, under that an amendment to Article 5 § 1 (Initiative and Referendum) of the Arkansas Constitution of 1874, entitled "THE ARKANSAS BALLOT MEASURE RIGHTS AMENDMENT OF 2026," be submitted to the people of said state, to the end that the same may be approved or rejected by the vote of the registered voters of said state at the regular general election to be held on the 1st day of November, 2026, and each of us for myself or herself say: I have personally signed this petition; I am a registered voter of the State of Arkansas, and my printed name, date of birth, residence, city or town of residence, and date of signing this petition are correctly written after my signature.

	SIGNATURE	PRINTED NAME	BIRTH DATE	STREET ADDRESS	CITY / TOWN	DATE SIGNED
1	<i>Sandra Quirk</i>	Sandra Quirk	6/16/1942	77 Gray St	Mtn Home	5/10/2026
2	<i>Melby Elders</i>	Melby Elders	10/9/1990	644 Crest Loop	Crossville	5/12/26
3	<i>Stephanie Thomas</i>	Stephanie Thomas	2-20-94	644 Crest Loop	Crossville	5/12/26
4	<i>Anna Grace Freeman</i>	Anna Grace Freeman	1-18-08	528 Tracy Ferry Rd	Mountain Home	5/12/26
5	<i>Lake Popeman</i>	Lake Popeman	11-26-1999	528 Tracy Ferry Rd	Mountain Home	5/12/26
6	<i>Kathy Mansfield</i>	Kathy Mansfield	2-2-57	3760 Dent Ferry Rd	Cotter	5-2-26
7	<i>Tiffany Jones</i>	Tiffany Jones	10-20-85	312 Country Lake Dr	Ellettsville	5-2-26
8	<i>Charles Jones</i>	Charles Jones	10-10-85	312 Country Lake Dr	Ellettsville	5-2-26
9	<i>Peterson Stough</i>	Peterson Stough	9/27/67	1117 Overlook Dr N	Mountain Home	5-2-26
10	<i>Sandra Garmel</i>	Sandra Garmel	8/24/40	104 Oldlanding Rd #11	Cotter	5/12/26

FOR CANVASSER ONLY: State of Arkansas, County of Baxter (County where canvasser signs)
I, Clenda Huffine, signed name of canvasser, being duly sworn, state under oath that each of the foregoing persons signed his or her own name to this petition part in my presence. To the best of my knowledge and belief, each signature is genuine, and each signer is a registered voter of the State of Arkansas. At all times during the circulation of this petition part, an exact copy of the popular name, ballot title, and text was attached to the petition part. My current address is correctly stated below.
Signature: Clenda Huffine
Current Residence: 146 RR 1000 Mountain Home AR 72653
Indicate one: ☐ Paid Canvasser ☐ Volunteer Unpaid Canvasser

FOR NOTARY ONLY: State of Arkansas, County of Baxter (County where notary signs)
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of May, 2026.
Signature of Notary: Jessica Workman
My Commission Expires: 09-02-2031
Residence County of Notary: Baxter

JESSICA WORKMAN
NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF ARKANSAS
BAXTER COUNTY
My Commission Expires 09-02-2031
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Contrast here the excluded line with the inclusion of line 5.

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VOTERS REGISTERED IN Benton COUNTY

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To the Honorable Cole Lewis, Secretary of State of the State of Arkansas: We, the undersigned registered voters of the State of Arkansas, respectfully propose the following amendment to the Constitution of the State, and by this act petition, under that an amendment to Article 1 § 1 (Initiative and Referendum) of the Arkansas Constitution of 1874, entitled "THE ARKANSAS BALLOT MEASURE RIGHTS AMENDMENT OF 2026," be submitted to the people of said state, in the end that the same may be approved or rejected by the vote of the registered voters of said state at the regular general election to be held on the 3rd day of November, 2026, and each of us for himself or herself says: I have personally signed this petition, I am a registered voter of the State of Arkansas, and my printed name, date of birth, residence, city or town of residence, and date of signing this petition are correctly written after my signature.

	SIGNATURE	PRINTED NAME	BIRTH DATE	STREET ADDRESS	CITY / TOWN	DATE SIGNED
1		Anders Donald Olsen	3/16/94	41 Gore Ln.	Bella Vista	6-6-26
2		Amanda Kaye Marsee	5/21/91	1405 Carleek Dr	Pen Ridge	6/6/26
3		Lauren Craig	1/11/88	11700 Hickory Dr.	Bentonville	6-6-26
4		Victor Lee Craig Jr	4/25/68	1700 Hickory Dr.	BENTONVILLE	6-6-26
5		Clayton Robertson	9/21/76	910 SW King Rd	Bentonville	6-6-26
6		Sean Robertson	3/9/67	910 SW King Rd	Bentonville	6-6-26
7		Patricia Anne Sims	4/16/84	204 NW Linsinger Ln	Bentonville	6-6-26
8		Alex Peoples	8/22/88	10442 GAGE RIDGE LANE	Bentonville	6-6-26
9		Justin Brown	5/11/71	249 Blake Dr	Center town	6-6-26
10		Anthony Brown	7/24/71	249 Blake Dr	Center town	6-6-26

(FOR CANVASSER ONLY)
State of Arkansas, County of Washington (county where entry signs)
I, Laura K Villegas (print name of canvasser, being duly sworn, state under oath that, each of the foregoing persons signed his or her own name to this petition part in my presence. To the best of my knowledge and belief, each signature is genuine, and each signer is a registered voter of the State of Arkansas. At all times during the circulation of this petition part, an exact copy of the petition name, birth date, and text was attached to the petition part. My current address is correctly stated below.
Signature: Laura K Villegas
Current Residence: 5005 Bonita Place, Springdale AR 72722
Indicate me: ☒ Paid Canvasser () Volunteer/ unpaid Canvasser

(FOR NOTARY ONLY)
State of Arkansas, County of Washington (county where notary signs)
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6 day of June, 2026
Signature of Notary: Caitlyn Elise Kunder
My Commission Expires: 01/24/2032
Residence County of Notary: Washington

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VOTERS REGISTERED IN Benton COUNTY

DATE
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To the Honorable Cole Lewis, Secretary of State of the State of Arkansas: We, the undersigned registered voters of the State of Arkansas, respectfully propose the following amendment to the Constitution of the State, and by this act petition, under that an amendment to Article 1 § 1 (Initiative and Referendum) of the Arkansas Constitution of 1874, entitled "THE ARKANSAS BALLOT MEASURE RIGHTS AMENDMENT OF 2026," be submitted to the people of said state, in the end that the same may be approved or rejected by the vote of the registered voters of said state at the regular general election to be held on the 3rd day of November, 2026, and each of us for himself or herself says: I have personally signed this petition, I am a registered voter of the State of Arkansas, and my printed name, date of birth, residence, city or town of residence, and date of signing this petition are correctly written after my signature.

	SIGNATURE	PRINTED NAME	BIRTH DATE	STREET ADDRESS	CITY / TOWN	DATE SIGNED
1		Rodrigo Plouzon	8/14/63	6604 W Valley View Dr	Fogers	6/9/26
2		Tiffany Graham	10/11/92	4301 NE Blue Spruce	Bentonville	6/9/26
3		Holly Williams	7/11/1980	12409 Bridge Ridge Ln	Bentonville	6/9/26
4		James R Erskine	11/1/1953	441 Strogers Dr	Center town	6/9/26
5		MARK J. Smedema	4/16/42	4 KIRKSWOOD LN	Bella Vista	6/9/26
6		LATONY D Wakefield	9/9/78	5800 W Springset St	Rogers	6/9/26
7		FRANKIE E BOWMAN	7/50/51	805 Dollar St	Cave Springs	6/9/26
8		Wendy Jones	10/10/72	6401 SW Shalstone Ln	Bentonville	6/9/26
9		JAMES C. BOWMAN	10/21/36	407 NW D St	Bentonville	6/9/26
10		Patrick K Bowman	10/18/50	805 Dollar St	Cave Springs	6/9/26

(FOR CANVASSER ONLY)
State of Arkansas, County of Washington (county where entry signs)
I, Laura K Villegas (print name of canvasser, being duly sworn, state under oath that, each of the foregoing persons signed his or her own name to this petition part in my presence. To the best of my knowledge and belief, each signature is genuine, and each signer is a registered voter of the State of Arkansas. At all times during the circulation of this petition part, an exact copy of the petition name, birth date, and text was attached to the petition part. My current address is correctly stated below.
Signature: Laura K Villegas
Current Residence: 5005 Bonita Place, Springdale AR 72722
Indicate me: ☒ Paid Canvasser () Volunteer/ unpaid Canvasser

(FOR NOTARY ONLY)
State of Arkansas, County of Washington (county where notary signs)
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9 day of June, 2026
Signature of Notary: Lisa Erango
My Commission Expires: August 28, 2026
Residence County of Notary: Washington

Similarly, contrast the exclusion of line 2, although the signature is legible, with the inclusion of line 9.

32. The Secretary culled 997 signatures as "Same Handwriting." Fieldworks has determined that at least 94 of these exclusions were inappropriately culled. FieldWorks is unaware of the training afforded to the reviewing staff but believes it unlikely that they are handwriting experts or trained in handwriting analysis allowing such conclusions to be drawn. Petition parts # 574, 11791, and 12700 are all instances where the signatures are clearly distinct but the Secretary claims "Same Handwriting."

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	SIGNATURE	PRINTED NAME	BIRTH DATE	STREET ADDRESS	CITY / TOWN	DATE SIGNED
1	<i>[Signature]</i>	IMY Kalinin	12/14/92	414 Abundance Lane	Decatur	6/13/26
2	<i>[Signature]</i>	JUAN ROBLES	11-12-91	405 ROSE GARDEN LN APT D	BENTONVILLE	6-13-26
3	<i>[Signature]</i>	Stephany VanHornel	9-24-89	1114 PAUL ST	Bentonville	6-13-26
4	<i>[Signature]</i>	David VanHornel	7-18-88	1114 ALVA ST	Bentonville	6-13-26
5	<i>[Signature]</i>	Alyshia Roberts	07/09/91	601 D. C. BELL ST	Bentonville	6-13-26
6	<i>[Signature]</i>	Katie Langley	06/18/04	4804 LANTANA DR S.W.	Bentonville	6/13/26
7	<i>[Signature]</i>	Tanya King	5/26/2007	1232 Cedar St	Bentonville	6/13/26
8	<i>[Signature]</i>	Maya Benford	7/7/1999	2005 Dobbs St	Pea Ridge	6/13/26
9	<i>[Signature]</i>	Leah Benford	5/13/71	2005 Dobbs St	Pea Ridge	6/13/26
10	<i>[Signature]</i>	Leah Benford	9/5/63	2005 Dobbs St	Pea Ridge	6/13/26

(FOR CANVASSER ONLY)
State of Arkansas, County of Washington (insert where proper, please)

I, Alyssa Kimball (print name of canvasser), being duly sworn, consider each and each of the foregoing persons signed this petition in my presence; I, for each of my knowledge and belief, each canvasser is genuine, and each signer is a registered voter of the State of Arkansas. At all times during the execution of this petition, and on each copy of the petition, I will have been reached at the petition part. My current address is correctly stated below.

Signature: Alyssa Kimball

Current Residence: 510 E Southpointe Ave Rogers, AR 72758

Indicate use: ☐ Paid Canvasser ☐ Volunteer/Unpaid Canvasser

(FOR NOTARY ONLY)
State of Arkansas, County of Washington (insert where proper, please)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13 day of June, 2026

Signature of Notary: Caitlyn Elna Woods

My Commission Expires: 01/24/2032

Residence County of Notary: Washington

Notary Seal: CAITLYN ELSA WOODS, Notary Public, Washington County, Arkansas

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To the Honorable Clerk Jester, Secretary of State of the State of Arkansas: We, the undersigned registered voters of the State of Arkansas, respectfully propose the following amendment to the Constitution of the State, and by this, our petition, order that an amendment to Article 5 § 1 (Initiative and Referendum) of the Arkansas Constitution of 1874, entitled "THE ARKANSAS BALLOT MEASURE RIGHTS AMENDMENT OF 2026," be submitted to the people of said state, so that said amendment may be approved or rejected by the vote of the registered voters of said state at the regular general election to be held on the 1st day of November, 2026, and each of us for himself or herself says I have personally signed this petition, I am a registered voter of the State of Arkansas, and my printed name, date of birth, residence, city or town of residence, and date of signing this petition are correctly written after my signature.

	SIGNATURE	PRINTED NAME	BIRTH DATE	STREET ADDRESS	CITY / TOWN	DATE SIGNED
1		GARY M BARNES	10-12-1944	612 TURRENTINE WAY	RUSSELLVILLE	03/23/26
2		JANE BARNES	04/21/1947	612 TURRENTINE WAY	RUSSELLVILLE	03/23/26
3		Charlotte D. Welch	01/07/1940	1400 Brindley Court	Russellville	03/23/26
4		Danielle J. Smith	09/08/1999	303 Milky Way Lane	London	03/26/2026
5		STEVEN L. SMITH	08/18/1948	303 MILKY WAY LANE	LONDON	03/26/2026
6		Betty Lou Sorrells	03/13/1984	1008 F G St	Russellville	03/28/26
7		Betty Lou Sorrells	03/13/1984	3011 WEST 9TH ST	Russellville	03/28/26
8		Lisa K. Kille	10/19/1959	1102 Shiloh Rd	Russellville	3-28-2026
9		Kimberly K. Molinaro	01/09/1961	05 SCENIC ACRES LANE WEST	Russellville	3-28-2026
10		Barbara D. Hughes	04/19/1952	4 Pine Forest Drive	Russellville	3-28-2026

(FOR CANVASSER ONLY)
State of Arkansas, County of Pope (county where voters sign)
I, Carl A Lee, (print name of canvasser, being duly sworn, state under oath that each of the foregoing persons signed his or her own name to this petition part in my presence. To the best of my knowledge and belief, each signature is genuine, and each signer is a registered voter of the State of Arkansas. At all times during the circulation of this petition part, an exact copy of the popular name, date of birth, and last four digits of the voter's identification number, as shown on the voter's registration card, was attached to the petition part. My current address is correctly stated as follows:

Signature: Carl A Lee
Current Residence: 2314 Hwy 100 Russellville, AR 72801
Indicate only: ☒ Paid Canvasser ☐ Volunteer/Unpaid Canvasser

(FOR NOTARY ONLY)
State of Arkansas, County of Pope (county where notary signs)
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of March, 2026.
(Notary Seal Below)
Signature of Notary: Shelbie C. Jeddler
My Commission Expires: 11/1/2031
Residence County of Notary: Pope
OFFICIAL SEAL
SHELBY C. JEDDER
NOTARY PUBLIC - ARKANSAS
My Commission Expires 11-1-2031
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To the Honorable Clerk Jester, Secretary of State of the State of Arkansas: We, the undersigned registered voters of the State of Arkansas, respectfully propose the following amendment to the Constitution of the State, and by this, our petition, order that an amendment to Article 5 § 1 (Initiative and Referendum) of the Arkansas Constitution of 1874, entitled "THE ARKANSAS BALLOT MEASURE RIGHTS AMENDMENT OF 2026," be submitted to the people of said state, so that said amendment may be approved or rejected by the vote of the registered voters of said state at the regular general election to be held on the 1st day of November, 2026, and each of us for himself or herself says I have personally signed this petition, I am a registered voter of the State of Arkansas, and my printed name, date of birth, residence, city or town of residence, and date of signing this petition are correctly written after my signature.

	SIGNATURE	PRINTED NAME	BIRTH DATE	STREET ADDRESS	CITY / TOWN	DATE SIGNED
1		Carol Morris	10/23	3024 W. Ireland	Colton AR	01/15/26
2		Rhonda G. Jones	5-6-59	212 W. Valentine Rd	Jacksonville AR	6/15/26
3		Angela Burleson	5/14/67	28 Dove Creek Cir.	North Little Rock	6/15/26
4		Robin Reed	1/18/60	2018 E. Magnolia Dr	North Little Rock	6/15/26
5		Paula R. Smith	3-4-68	145 Wilshire Ave	Rockyview	6/15/26
6		Valerie Roberts	1/10/74	1109 W. Valley Loop	Marshall	6/15/26
7		Mildred Greer	12/16/16	709 Hagerburg St	Jacksonville, AR	6/15/26
8		Rebecca Morris	01/28/52	6655 KLE RD	Colton A	6/15/26
9		Rebecca Morris	10/27/67	2910 Jackson Dr.	Springwood AR	6/15/26
10		Deborah Winston	01/06/55	3217 Meridian Dr	Springwood AR	6/15/26

(FOR CANVASSER ONLY)
State of Arkansas, County of Indian (county where voters sign)
I, Georgiane Baker, (print name of canvasser, being duly sworn, state under oath that each of the foregoing persons signed his or her own name to this petition part in my presence. To the best of my knowledge and belief, each signature is genuine, and each signer is a registered voter of the State of Arkansas. At all times during the circulation of this petition part, an exact copy of the popular name, date of birth, and last four digits of the voter's identification number, as shown on the voter's registration card, was attached to the petition part. My current address is correctly stated as follows:

Signature: Georgiane Baker
Current Residence: 23 Silver Ridge Cove, North Little Rock AR 72118
Indicate only: ☒ Paid Canvasser ☐ Volunteer/Unpaid Canvasser

(FOR NOTARY ONLY)
State of Arkansas, County of Delaware (county where notary signs)
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of June, 2026.
(Notary Seal Below)
Signature of Notary: Bilger W. J.
My Commission Expires: 04/06/2031
Residence County of Notary: Sauvage
OFFICIAL SEAL
BILGER WILLIAMS
NOTARY PUBLIC - ARKANSAS
My Commission Expires 04-06-2031
Commission No. 12715802

33. These examples are illustrative only and not a comprehensive accounting of the inappropriate signature culls. A summary of FieldWorks' conclusions regarding the individual signature culls is stated in the table below.

Objection Code	# Culled by SOS	# Inappropriately Culled
D	1,343	32
DC	1,434	84
NI	4,198	1,458
NL	3,173	3,009
SH	997	94
TOTAL	11,145	4,677

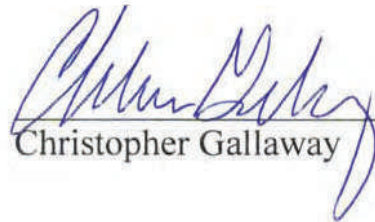
34. The Petition Parts Dropbox was missing at least 320 scanned pdf documents which may have contained individual signature codes that FieldWorks was unable to review or verify.

35. The table below summarizes FieldWorks' comprehensive review.

	Petition Parts	Signatures
Submitted by PAR	19,999	108,837
Counted by Secretary	20,011	Unknown
Petition Parts Culled	2,540	11,900
Estimated Remaining	17,471	96,937
Improperly Eliminated Signatures from Culled Petition Parts		2,738
Estimated Remaining		99,720
Signatures Culled		11,145
Estimated Remaining		88,575
Improperly Culled Individual Signatures		4,677
Estimated Remaining		93,252

36. The number of signatures which should have been appropriately included in the Secretary's Initial Count is at least 93,252 not the purported 83,211 stated in the Insufficiency Declaration. FieldWorks believes additional erroneous culls would be identified if the missing information were provided and reviewed.

DONE AND EXECUTED this 10th day of August, 2026.


Christopher Gallaway

VERIFICATION

STATE OF Maryland §
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COUNTY OF Montgomery §
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SWORN to and subscribed before me on this 10th day of August, 2026.


Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

October/20/28

