

1332. Bonds. Alternative Fuel Vehicles and Renewable Energy. Statute.

COUNTY	PETITION FILED W/COUNTY	SOS REC'D RAW	SOS REC'D RANDOM		RAW COUNT	RANDOM SAMPLE/ FULL CHECK	VALID SIGS.	INVALID	DUP.	VALID OR PROJ. VALID	%
1. ALAMEDA	05/06/08	06/09/08			49,107					0	0.0%
2. ALPINE	05/12/08	05/19/08	05/19/08	Random Notice:	1	1	1	0	0	1	100.0%
3. AMADOR	05/15/08	05/19/08	05/22/08	05/15/08	778	500	423	77	5	654	84.0%
4. BUTTE	05/07/08	05/09/08	05/09/08	Random Due:	8,770	500	405	95	3	6,233	71.1%
5. CALAVERAS	05/09/08	05/13/08	05/20/08	06/27/08	515	500	422	78	4	435	84.4%
6. COLUSA	05/09/08	05/12/08			369					0	0.0%
7. CONTRA COSTA	05/06/08	05/16/08			33,586					0	0.0%
8. DEL NORTE	05/12/08	05/29/08	05/29/08		259	259	164	95	0	164	63.3%
9. EL DORADO	05/08/08	05/13/08	05/16/08		2,665	500	420	80	2	2,192	82.3%
10. FRESNO	05/07/08	05/12/08	05/31/08		15,532	500	417	83	1	12,020	77.4%
11. GLENN	05/09/08	05/13/08	06/03/08		708	500	417	83	4	588	83.1%
12. HUMBOLDT	05/02/08	05/17/08			2,382					0	0.0%
13. IMPERIAL	05/08/09	05/09/08			3,319					0	0.0%
14. INYO	05/12/08	05/15/08	05/15/08		206	206	181	25	0	181	87.9%
15. KERN	05/06/08	05/13/08	05/28/08		10,091	500	382	118	0	7,710	76.4%
16. KINGS	05/06/08	05/09/08	05/21/08		1,075	500	396	104	1	849	79.0%
17. LAKE	05/09/08	05/12/08			1,406					0	0.0%
18. LASSEN	05/09/08	05/09/08	06/06/08		566	500	305	195	2	345	60.9%
19. LOS ANGELES	05/05/08	05/19/08	05/30/08		195,897	5,877	4,556	1,321	6	145,398	74.2%
20. MADERA	05/09/08	05/13/08	06/02/08		2,366	500	437	63	1	2,050	86.7%
21. MARIN	05/06/08	05/08/08	05/16/08		6,851	500	439	61	0	6,015	87.8%
22. MARIPOSA	05/09/08	05/13/08			253					0	0.0%
23. MENDOCINO	05/09/08	05/09/08			2,325					0	0.0%
24. MERCED	05/06/08	05/07/08	05/24/08		3,359	500	352	148	0	2,365	70.4%
25. MODOC	05/12/08	05/29/08	05/29/08		26	26	23	3	0	23	88.5%
26. MONO	05/12/08	06/05/08	06/05/08		42	42	39	3	0	39	92.9%
27. MONTEREY	05/09/08	05/10/08	05/19/08		5,834	500	390	110	0	4,551	78.0%
28. NAPA	05/09/08	05/13/08	05/21/08		3,433	500	413	87	2	2,755	80.3%
29. NEVADA	05/09/08	05/16/08			2,806					0	0.0%
30. ORANGE	05/05/08	05/15/08			41,712					0	0.0%
31. PLACER	05/06/08	05/07/08	05/08/08		7,818	500	411	89	1	6,198	79.3%
32. PLUMAS	05/09/08	05/27/08	05/27/08		536	536	406	130	3	406	75.7%
33. RIVERSIDE	05/05/08	05/13/08	06/03/08		46,868	1,406	1,076	330	0	35,868	76.5%
34. SACRAMENTO	05/06/08	05/15/08	06/10/08		39,997	1,200	927	273	1	29,820	74.6%
35. SAN BENITO	05/16/08	05/21/08	05/28/08		795	500	393	107	10	615	77.4%
36. SAN BERNARDINO	05/05/08	05/13/08	05/20/08		52,933	1,588	1,232	356	3	37,833	71.5%
37. SAN DIEGO	05/05/08	05/13/08	06/02/08		73,867	2,216	1,827	389	3	57,667	78.1%
38. SAN FRANCISCO	05/05/08	05/07/08	05/27/08		16,805	504	412	92	1	12,659	75.3%
39. SAN JOAQUIN	05/06/08	05/06/08	05/14/08		18,481	543	410	133	0	13,954	75.5%
40. SAN LUIS OBISPO	05/07/08	05/09/08	05/29/08		7,139	500	395	105	1	5,450	76.3%
41. SAN MATEO	05/05/08	05/12/08	06/04/08		6,840	500	399	101	0	5,458	79.8%
42. SANTA BARBARA	05/05/08	05/08/08			4,799					0	0.0%
43. SANTA CLARA	05/05/08	05/13/08	05/27/08		23,667	710	579	131	0	19,300	81.5%
44. SANTA CRUZ	05/05/08	05/12/08	05/28/08		10,757	500	386	114	0	8,304	77.2%
45. SHASTA	05/09/08	05/16/08	05/23/08		3,639	500	420	79	1	3,011	82.7%
46. SIERRA	04/28/08	05/13/08	05/13/08		10	10	6	4	0	6	60.0%
47. SISKIYOU	05/09/08	05/12/08			515					0	0.0%
48. SOLANO	05/06/08	05/07/08	05/16/08		10,659	500	401	98	2	7,682	72.1%
49. SONOMA	05/05/08	05/12/08	05/13/08		12,541	500	401	99	2	8,850	70.6%
50. STANISLAUS	05/06/08	05/06/08	06/04/08		12,853	500	386	114	0	9,923	77.2%
51. SUTTER	05/09/08	05/13/08	05/15/08		917	500	400	100	2	731	79.7%
52. TEHAMA	05/09/08	05/16/08			927					0	0.0%
53. TRINITY	05/12/08	05/16/08			99					0	0.0%
54. TULARE	05/06/08	05/08/08	05/21/08		7,824	500	412	88	0	6,447	82.4%
55. TUOLUMNE	05/12/08	05/14/08	05/30/08	RANGE:	1,522	500	383	117	3	1,147	75.4%
56. VENTURA	05/05/08	05/19/08	05/21/08	110% = 477,369	14,653	500	428	72	0	12,543	85.6%
57. YOLO	05/06/08	05/14/08	05/21/08	100% = 433,971	4,475	500	390	110	3	3,277	73.2%
58. YUBA	05/09/08	05/21/08		95% = 412,273	1,171					0	0.0%
TOTAL:					779,346	29,124	23,062	6,060	67	481,717	75.91%

The Signature Verification Process

After the proponents of a statewide ballot measure collect voter signatures on their petitions, the petitions are turned in to county elections offices. County elections officials then verify signatures against voter registration records.

Each county reports its information to the Secretary of State, who maintains a signature verification spreadsheet to track what is happening with each pending statewide ballot measure in each of the 58 counties. This spreadsheet tracks the signature reports through the entire qualification process. It includes each county's raw count of signatures, the random sample of signatures, and, if necessary, the full check of signatures.

An initiative or referendum qualifies for the ballot after enough counties have filed certified reports with the Secretary of State showing that the initiative or referendum petition has been signed by the number of voters required by law.

For constitutional amendment measures, 694,354 valid signatures are required, which is equal to 8% of the total votes cast for governor in the most recent gubernatorial election. (California Constitution, article II, section 8(b); Elections Code section 9035)

For statutory measures and referenda, 433,971 valid signatures are required, which is equal to 5% of the total votes cast for governor in the most recent gubernatorial election. (California Constitution, article II, section 8(b); Elections Code section 9035)

Glossary of Terms

Duplicate

A signature of a voter who has signed a specific petition more than once is called a "duplicate." Duplicates are included in the total number of invalid signatures. While invalid signatures are simply not counted, the penalty for submitting a duplicate signature is more severe and actually counts against the official total. (California Code of Regulations, title 2, section 20531)

Full Check

If the random sample results project that between 95% and 110% of the petition signatures are valid, then the signature verification process must proceed to a full check of signatures in all counties. County elections officials then have 30 working days (which excludes weekends and holidays) to determine the total number of valid signatures and report the numbers to the Secretary of State. (Elections Code section 9031)

This term is also used in the random sample stage if a county receives less than 500 total petition signatures for a measure and is required to verify all signatures.

Invalid Signature

A county elections official has determined the petition signature is from someone who is not a legally registered voter.

Projected Valid Signatures

In cases where only a random sample of signatures was conducted, the “projected valid” number represents the total projected number of valid signatures based on a random sampling formula established by state law. In cases where a full check of signatures was conducted, the “projected valid” number the total number of valid signatures verified by the county. See also: “random or random sample/full check.”

Random Due

The date by which county elections officials must submit their random sample verification certificates to the Secretary of State.

Random Notice

The date the Secretary of State notified county elections officials to proceed with a random sample verification of petition signatures. Counties have 30 working days (which excludes weekends and holidays) to verify the validity of the signatures filed with their office using a random sampling technique established by state law and report the numbers to the Secretary of State.

Random Sample or Random Sample/Full Check

If the raw count of signatures is equal to or exceeds 100% of the total number of signatures needed to qualify the initiative measure, the Secretary of State directs the county elections officials to begin the random sample signature verification process. County elections officials then have 30 working days (which excludes weekends and holidays) to verify the validity of the signatures filed with their office using a random sampling technique established by state law and report the numbers to the Secretary of State. Each county elections official is required to verify 500 signatures or 3% of the total number of signatures filed in the county, whichever is greater. Counties receiving less than 500 petition signatures are required to do a “full check,” verifying all of the signatures filed. (Elections Code section 9030)

If the results of a random sample project that less than 95% of the required number of petition signatures are valid, then the measure fails to qualify for the ballot. If the random sample results project that 110% or more of the signatures are valid, then the measure qualifies for the ballot. If the random sample results project that between 95% and 110% of the signatures are valid, then the signature verification process proceeds to a full check of signatures in all counties.

Raw Count

Within eight working days (which excludes weekends and holidays) after the petition is filed, county elections officials are required to tally the total number of signatures on the petition sections submitted in their county and report the total to the Secretary of State. If the total, or “raw count,” of signatures on petitions submitted throughout the state is below 100% of the signatures required by law, the Secretary of State notifies the county elections officials that the measure has failed to qualify for the ballot and no further action is taken on that measure. (Elections Code section 9030)

Valid Signature

A county elections official has determined the petition signature is from a legally registered voter.

Disclaimer

This is a working document. The number of valid petition signatures can change daily and this document is updated when there are changes.

County elections officials are responsible for verifying petition signatures and reporting their numbers to the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State does not have the legal authority to review petition signatures for validity.