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PROPOSED INITIATIVE CONCERNING MARIJUANA POSSESSION IS FOUND TO BE SUFFICIENT



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Denver, CO – Today Secretary of State Gigi Dennis announced the proposed ballot measure concerning “*Marijuana Possession*” was found to be sufficient as required by statute. Petitions were submitted to the Secretary of State’s office on August 7. Secretary of State staff immediately began checking the 5% random sample signatures selected by computer.

Random Sample Summary:

- Total number of qualified signatures submitted: 130,815
- 5% of qualified signatures submitted (Random sample): 6,541
- Total number of entries accepted (valid) from random sample: 3,988
- Total number of entries rejected (invalid) from random sample: 2,553
- Number of projected valid signatures from random sample: 79,758
- Total number of accepted entries necessary for placement on ballot: 67,829
- Percentage of presumed valid signatures: 117.59%

After review of the submitted petition sections as provided in C.R.S. 1-40-116, Secretary of State Gigi Dennis declares that a sufficient number of valid signatures have been submitted to certify the petition to the ballot.

Pursuant to CRS 1-40-116(4), if the random sample verification establishes that the number of valid signatures is 90% or less of the number of registered eligible electors needed to find the petition sufficient, the petition shall be deemed to be not sufficient; if the random sample verification establishes that the number of valid signatures totals 110% or more of the number of required signatures of registered eligible electors, the petition shall be deemed sufficient.

Pursuant to C.R.S. 1-5-407 (5.3), this initiative will be numbered “**Amendment 44**” on the November 7, 2006 General Election ballot.

The Secretary of State’s office has notified the proponents the petition was deemed sufficient.

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