



Lieutenant Governor Kevin Meyer
STATE OF ALASKA

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Stephen Wright
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Re: 21HPFD, An Act to Restore the Hammond 50-50 Plan

Mr. Wright:

On July 7, 2021, I received the application for an initiative entitled "*An Act to Restore the Hammond 50-50 Plan with Historical Traditional Resident Payments Based on '35 Years of Precedent Payments.'*"

I forwarded the application to the Division of Elections for verification of signatures and to the Department of Law for legal review.

The Division of Elections has determined that the application does not have a sufficient number of sponsor signatures to qualify for circulation of a petition. Due to the proposed bill language being different on page one of the signature sheets than on pages two through five of the signature sheets, the signatures on page one were ultimately not able to be counted towards the total.

Although there were 120 signatures submitted, the omission of page one signatures resulted in only 76 sponsors who subscribed to the same language. AS 15.45.030(2) requires the application to contain the "printed name, the signature, the address, and a numerical identifier of not fewer than 100 qualified voters." In addition, AS 15.45.030(3) states there must be three committee members. With page one of the submitted signature sheets being omitted, that leaves only two committee members on the record and does not qualify for circulation of a petition.

The petition statistics report prepared by the Division of Elections is enclosed. Based on the Elections report, and in accordance with AS 15.45.080, I have denied certification of your initiative application. You may submit a subsequent application at any time, but any succeeding application must stand alone and meet all the criteria listed in AS 15.45.010 – AS 15.45.245. In addition, you are entitled to judicial review within 30 days under AS 15.45.240 if you are aggrieved by this determination. If you have further questions, please contact my special assistant, April Simpson, at (907) 465-4081.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kevin Meyer".

Kevin Meyer
Lieutenant Governor

Enclosures

cc: Treg Taylor, Attorney General
Thomas Flynn, Assistant Attorney General
Gail Fenumiai, Director of Elections