



STATEMENT OF INSUFFICIENCY
Proposed Initiative 2019-2020 #120

April 3, 2020

On March 4, 2020, the designated representatives of Proposed Initiative 2019-2020 #120 (“Prohibition on Late-Term Abortion”) submitted 137,624 petition signatures to the Elections Division of the Secretary of State. To be placed on the ballot, a petition must have at least 124,632 valid signatures.¹ Petitions are verified through a random sample of 5% of the qualified signatures submitted. Under Colorado law, if the random sample verification establishes that the number of valid signatures is less than 90 percent of the number required for sufficiency, the petition is deemed insufficient. If the random sample verification establishes that the number of valid signatures totals 110 percent or more than the number required, the petition is deemed sufficient. If the projected number of valid signatures falls between 90 and 110 percent, the Elections Division of the Secretary of State must examine and verify each of the signatures submitted.²

After reviewing a five percent random sample of the submitted signatures, the Elections Division of the Secretary of State projected the number of valid signatures to be 97.51 percent of the total number of signatures required for placement on the ballot. Therefore, the Elections Division of the Secretary of State ordered the examination and verification of each signature filed. Below is a summary of the examination and verification conducted by the Division:

Line-by-line verification summary:

Total number of qualified signatures lines	137,624
Total number of entries accepted (valid)	114,647
Total number of entries rejected (invalid)	22,977
Total number of valid signatures required for placement on ballot	124,632

Because it contains fewer than 124,632 valid signatures, the petition for Proposed Initiative 2019-2020 #120 is insufficient. The proponents may cure the insufficiency by filing an addendum. Pursuant to the order of Colorado District Court, the cure period shall begin on April 12 and conclude at 3:00 PM on Monday, April 27, 2020, absent further actions by the Court or changes in the law.³

Dated 3rd day of April, 2020.

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¹ Article V, Section 1(2), Colorado Constitution.

² Section 1-40-116(4), C.R.S.

³ Section 1-40-117(3)(b), C.R.S.