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**To All Interested Parties:**

Secretary of State Bill Bradbury is responsible for the pre-election review of proposed initiative petitions for compliance with the procedural constitutional requirements established in the Oregon Constitution for initiative petitions. This review will be completed before approving the form of the cover and signature sheets for the purpose of circulating the proposed initiative petition to gather signatures.

The Secretary of State is seeking public input on whether proposed initiative petition (#19), satisfies the procedural constitutional requirements for circulation as a proposed initiative petition. Petition #19 was filed in our office on January 4, 2005, by Bill Sizemore and Grace I. Sizemore, for the General Election of November 7, 2006.

On the reverse side of this letter is a copy of the text of this proposed initiative petition. If you are interested in providing comments on whether the proposed initiative petition meets the procedural constitutional requirements, please write to the secretary at the Elections Division in the State Capitol. Your comments, if any, must be received by the Elections Division no later than January 27, 2005, in order for them to be considered in the review.

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BY:

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**BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OREGON:**

The Oregon Revised Statutes are amended by adding the following section, which section shall read:

Section 1. (a) So as to avoid the erroneous approval and counting of invalid or forged signatures on initiative petitions, and to prevent the rejection of valid signatures, the Secretary of State shall examine and scrutinize each submitted signature on each initiative, referendum, and recall petition; and shall count the signature of every person who at the time he or she signed the petition was registered to vote in Oregon, provided only that the signature appears on a legible petition sheet containing the official ballot title and summary of the measure, and that the voter has voted in an Oregon election in the five year period immediately preceding the date on which the person signed the petition.

(b) No signature shall be rejected without the elections officer having first exhausted every reasonable means to determine whether the signature is valid, including directly contacting a voter whose signature is questioned.

(c) This section supercedes any pre-existing statute or rule with which it conflicts and is severable, so that if phrase, clause, or part is invalidated, the remaining phrases, clauses, and parts shall remain in full force and effect.

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