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## Referenda Qualify for Jan. 26, 2010 Special Election Ballot

*Signature verification process shows the petitions  
have sufficient valid signatures*

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SALEM – Secretary of State Kate Brown announced Thursday that two referenda challenging legislation passed by the 2009 Oregon Legislature have sufficient signatures to qualify for a Jan. 26, 2010 special election ballot.

Petitions to place the referenda on the ballot were turned in to the Elections Division on Sept. 25. The measures will mark the first time since 2004 that Oregon has voted on a statewide referendum.

Placing a referendum on the statewide ballot requires 55,179 valid signatures of registered voters, equal to 4 percent of the votes cast for governor in 2006.

The petition to refer HB 2649 to voters contained 98,842 valid signatures, or 79.3% of the 124,688 total signatures submitted for verification, the statistical sampling formula determined. HB 2649 concerned personal income taxes. The referendum will appear on the ballot as Measure 66.

A second petition sought to refer HB 3405, which concerned corporate income taxes. The statistical sampling formula determined that those petitions had a validity rate of 80.7 percent out of 123,324 accepted for verification. The verification process found that the petition contained 99,471 valid signatures. It will appear on the ballot as Measure 67.

Ballots for the Jan. 26, 2010 election will begin going in the mail Jan. 8, 2010. The deadline for registering to vote in the election is Jan. 5, 2010.

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