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Initiative 82 deemed insufficient

Final ballot initiative fails to reach required number of valid signatures

Denver, Colorado – Today Secretary of State Mike Coffman announced that the proposed ballot measure concerning “**Discrimination/Preferential Treatment by Colorado Governments**” was found to be insufficient as required by statute. Petitions were submitted to the Secretary of State’s office on August 4.

Initially, the random sample of the signatures fell short, which required the line-by-line analysis of every signature submitted. The results of the petitions are as follows:

Initiative 82 Summary:

- Total number of qualified signatures submitted: 117,871
- Total number of entries rejected (invalid): 49,676
- Total number of accepted entries necessary for placement on ballot: 76,047
- Total valid signatures: 68,195

The measure will not appear on the November ballot.

The announcement concludes the initiative process for the 2007-08 election cycle that produced 14 qualified initiatives for the November ballot. A complete summary of the initiative verification process is below:

Verification Summary:

- Total number of qualified signatures submitted: 2,055,628
- Total entries verified: 220,537
- Total number of entries accepted (valid): 138,187
- Total number of entries rejected (invalid): 82,450
- Total number of accepted entries necessary for placement on ballot: 76,047

Voters can access the ballot questions as they will be drafted on the November ballot by going to the “Initiative Information” page from www.GoVoteColorado.com and clicking the “Title Board Hearings – Results” link. They can also see the final text of the measure by clicking the “Title Board Filings” link.

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