



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**September 4, 2007**

**Ordinance 15891**

**Proposed No.** 2007-0439.2

**Sponsors** Dunn, Hague, Lambert, Ferguson,  
Patterson and von Reichbauer

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to elections, approving the  
2 random sampling statistical procedure for verification of  
3 signatures on initiative and referendum petitions, changing  
4 the threshold for the determination of valid signatures, and  
5 clarifying the treatment of multiple signatures on an  
6 initiative or referendum petition; amending Ordinance 832,  
7 Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 1.16.100 and adding a  
8 new section to K.C.C. chapter 1.16.

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10 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

11 SECTION 1. Findings:

12 A. K.C.C. 1.16.100 authorizes the records, elections and licensing  
13 services division to use any statistical sampling techniques that have been  
14 approved by the county council for verification of signatures on initiative and  
15 referendum petitions.

16 B. WAC 434-379-010 outlines the type of random sampling statistical  
17 test that may be used for verification of signatures on statewide initiative and

18 referendum petitions. The minimum random sample is three percent of the  
19 signatures submitted.

20 C. The current policy of the records, elections and licensing services  
21 division is to verify one hundred and five percent of required signatures for each  
22 initiative. The records, elections and licensing services division is authorized by  
23 county code to verify signatures based on a random sample of signatures which  
24 would provide for a more timely and efficient signature verification process.

25 SECTION 2. Ordinance 384, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 1.16.100 are  
26 each hereby amended as follows:

27 A. When petitions for initiative ~~((and/))~~ or referendum action are filed with the  
28 county council, the records ~~((and)),~~ elections and licensing services division shall  
29 ~~((forthwith))~~ proceed to canvass and count the names of the legal voters ~~((thereon))~~ on the  
30 initiative or referendum. The records ~~((and)),~~ elections and licensing services division may  
31 use any statistical sampling techniques for this canvass ~~((which))~~ that have been approved  
32 by the county council. ~~((Provided))~~ However, ~~((that))~~ no petition ~~((will))~~ shall be rejected  
33 on the basis of any statistical method employed ~~((; provided further, that))~~ and no petition  
34 ~~((will))~~ shall be accepted on the basis of any statistical method employed if ~~((such))~~ that  
35 method indicates that the petition contains ~~((less than one hundred ten percent of))~~ fewer  
36 than the requisite number of signatures of legal voters. If the records ~~((and)),~~ elections and  
37 licensing services division finds the same name signed to more than one petition, it shall  
38 ~~((reject the name as often as it appears))~~ count only the first valid signature and shall reject  
39 all subsequent instances of the signature of the same person on the petition. After the  
40 petitions are processed, the records ~~((and)),~~ elections and licensing services division shall

41 transmit a certified copy of the facts relating to the filing of the petition and the canvass  
42 ((thereof)) to the county council.


43 B. In the verification of signatures on initiative and referendum petitions, the  
44 records, elections and licensing services division shall use the random sampling statistical  
45 procedure as authorized by WAC 434-379-010.

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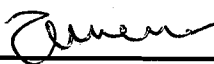
Ordinance 15891 was introduced on 8/20/2007 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 9/4/2007, by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mr. Gossett, Ms. Patterson, Ms. Lambert, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Phillips and Ms. Hague  
No: 0  
Excused: 2 - Mr. Dunn and Mr. Constantine


KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
Larry Gossett, Chair

ATTEST:

  
Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 13 day of SEPTEMBER, 2007.

  
Ron Sims, County Executive

Attachments None

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