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Initiative Petition 70 Qualifies for the Nov. 2 Ballot

Constitutional amendment would make Lottery funds for parks and wildlife permanent

SALEM -- Secretary of State Kate Brown announced Wednesday that Initiative Petition 70 contained enough valid signatures to qualify for the Nov. 2 ballot.

Initiative Petition 70 is a proposed constitutional amendment that would permanently extend the 15 percent share of lottery funds now dedicated to salmon habitat and parks.

- Ballot Title Caption: **Amends Constitution: Modifies, indefinitely renews dedication of 15 percent of lottery proceeds to parks and natural resources.**
- Determination: The petition required 110,358 valid signatures to qualify for the ballot. Of the 172,239 signatures accepted for verification, the Elections Division determined that 67.5 percent, or 116,257, were valid.

Petition 70 is the last of the six proposed citizen initiatives submitted this year to complete the statistical sampling process. Of the six, four contained sufficient signatures to qualify for the Nov. 2 ballot. Two did not.

The four citizen initiatives that will appear before Oregon voters this year are:

- Initiative Petition 13
Ballot Title Caption: **Imposes mandatory minimum sentences for certain major felony sex crimes and driving under the influence convictions.**
- Initiative Petition 28
Ballot Title Caption: **Establishes medical marijuana supply system and assistance and research programs; allows limited selling of marijuana.**
- Initiative Petition 70
Ballot Title Caption: **Amends Constitution: Modifies, indefinitely renews dedication of 15 percent of lottery proceeds to parks and natural resources.**
- Initiative Petition 77
Ballot Title Caption: **Authorizes Multnomah County casino; casino to contribute monthly revenue percentage to state for specified purposes.**

Measure numbers will be assigned next month.

The results of all initiative petition signature verifications for the 2010 election will become final and official on Aug. 1, the constitutional deadline to complete the process. Until then, any legal challenges or amended verification reports could alter the final numbers. Thus, results are considered unofficial until the Aug. 1 deadline.

Also on the statewide ballot will be three measures referred to voters by the Oregon Legislature.

- Referral of HJR 7

Ballot Title Caption: Constitution: Expands availability of home ownership loans for Oregon veterans through Oregon War Veterans' Fund.

- Referral of SJR 41

Ballot Title Caption: Amends Constitution: Requires legislature to meet annually; limits length of legislative sessions; provides exceptions.

- Referral of SJR 48

Ballot Title Caption: Amends Constitution: Authorizes lowest-cost borrowing for state's real and personal property projects.

Full descriptions of all the measures can be found in the database in the Initiative, Referral and Referendum section at oregonvotes.org, the Elections Division web site.

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