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MEMORANDUM

TO: Supervisors of Elections

FROM: Sarah Jane Bradshaw 
Acting Director, Division of Elections

CC: Voter Registration Vendors

DATE: January 31, 2008

SUBJECT: Initiative Petitions

I know how busy you all are after the election on Tuesday, but I wanted to remind you that certifications for initiative petitions are due on Friday, February 1, 2008. Please continue to make every effort to verify the petitions received in your office and have them included in the February 1st certification.

We previously sent you pink forms to be used in certifying valid petitions for seven initiative petitions and one revocation petition. **This certificate should indicate the number of valid signatures verified from January 11, 2008 through February 1, 2008.** We will be adding these numbers to the number previously sent to us on the green forms. Please return all forms and indicate a zero if you have not verified any petitions during that period.

The petitions that need certifications are:

- Physician Shall Charge the Same Fee for the Same Health Care Service to Every Patient – Serial # 03-40
- Initiative directing manner by which sales tax exemptions are granted by the legislature – Serial # 05-09
- Florida Marriage Protection Amendment – Serial # 05-10
- Referenda Required for Adoption and Amendment of Local Government Comprehensive Land Use Plans – Serial # 05-18
- Prohibiting state spending for experimentation that involves the destruction of a live human embryo – Serial # 05-21
- Funding of Embryonic Stem Cell Research – Serial # 05-22

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- Florida Growth Management initiative giving citizens the right to decide local growth management plan changes – Serial # 07-07
- Initiative Petition Revocation Certification – Serial # 05-18R

Rule 1SER08-1, F.A.C., requires that “in order for the initiative petition to be timely filed for appearance on the ballot for the next general election, the constitutionally requisite number of verified signatures must be verified and reported to the Division no later than 5 p.m. on February 1 of the year in which the general election is held.”

Therefore, all certifications used to determine ballot position for the 2008 General Election must be received in our office by 5 p.m. (EST) on Friday, February 1, 2008. Any certification received after that time will be used toward ballot position for the 2010 General Election, if the initiative fails to make the 2008 ballot.

You may send your signed certifications to us in a pdf form via e-mail to sjbradshaw@dos.state.fl.us or you may fax your forms to one of the following fax numbers:

850-245-6217

850-245-6218

850-245-6291

850-245-6259

850-245-6260

Please be mindful that if you are faxing to us late in the day along with other supervisors, your fax may not be received by the 5 p.m. (EST) deadline. If you fax your certificates, please call Amber Barrett at 850-245-6224 to make sure that it was received. Please follow up your email or fax certification with a hard copy certification by regular mail.

If you have any questions, please let us know.

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