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BALLOT QUESTION VALIDATED FOR 2022 GENERAL ELECTION

PIERRE – Secretary of State Steve Barnett announced the petition submitted for an initiated measure to legalize the possession, use, and distribution of marijuana was validated and filed by his office today. The measure will be titled Initiated Measure 27 and appear on the 2022 General Election ballot on November 8, 2022.

An initiated measure currently requires 16,961 valid signatures in order to qualify for the ballot. “As required by South Dakota Codified Law § 2-1-16, our office conducted a random sample of the petition signatures and found 79.22 percent to be valid,” stated Secretary Barnett. Based on the results of the random sample, 25,023 signatures were deemed valid.

Upon the filing of a ballot measure, any citizen may challenge the Secretary of State’s validation of the measure in accordance with South Dakota Codified Law § 2-1-17.1. Citizens challenging the validation shall submit an original, signed affidavit to the Office of the Secretary of State no more than 30 days after validation. Electronic submissions of affidavits will not be accepted. For this measure, the deadline to file a challenge is Monday, June 27, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. central time.

Detailed information on specific 2022 Ballot Questions may be found on the Secretary of State's website at <https://sdsos.gov/elections-voting/upcoming-elections/general-information/2022-ballot-questions.aspx>.