

**SUPREME COURT  
OF THE  
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA**

<p>Michael J. Haugen, Jacob Stutzman, Trent Barkus, and Brighter Future Alliance;</p> <p style="text-align:center">Petitioners,</p> <p>vs.</p> <p>Alvin Jaeger, in his official capacity as North Dakota Secretary of State.</p> <p style="text-align:center">Respondent.</p>	<p>Case No. _____</p> <p style="text-align:center">APPENDIX TO PETITION FOR WRIT OF INJUNCTION</p>
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**INITIATIVE PETITION  
TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE,  
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA**

We, the undersigned, being qualified electors request the following initiated law be placed on the ballot as provided by law.

**SPONSORING COMMITTEE**

The following are the names and addresses of the qualified electors of the state of North Dakota who, as the sponsoring committee for the petitioners, represent and act for the petitioners in accordance with law:

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## PETITION TITLE

This initiated measure would add a new section to and amend Section 2 of Article IV of the North Dakota Constitution. It would require ballots to be transmitted to qualified military-overseas electors by the sixty-first day before an election. It would require all voting machines to produce a paper record of each vote cast and the Secretary of State to conduct a random audit of election results and issue an audit report within 120 days of an election. It would establish a new process for open primary elections in which all electors would be allowed to vote the ballot regardless of political party affiliation; all candidates for each office would be listed on a single ballot; candidates would be allowed, but not required, to identify their political party; and, regardless of political party identification, the four candidates receiving the most votes would advance to the general election ballot for that office. No other candidates could appear except those nominated through the primary election. It would permit political parties to state on the ballot which candidates they endorse. It would allow voters in general elections to rank their first, second, third, and fourth choices of the candidates for each office and have the votes counted through a defined procedure until a candidate receives a majority of the votes cast for that office. It would require the Ethics Commission to draw legislative senatorial districts by unanimous vote, divide each senatorial district into two legislative house districts, hold eight public hearings on the proposed redistricting plan with two of the hearings held on two different American Indian Reservations, and follow certain criteria for the drawing of legislative districts. It would require the Secretary of State to provide the Ethics Commission with the tools and data necessary to draw the districts and the legislature to provide adequate funds for the duties of the Ethics Commission.

## FULL TEXT OF THE MEASURE

IF MATERIAL IS UNDERSCORED, IT IS NEW MATERIAL WHICH IS BEING ADDED. IF MATERIAL IS OVERSTRUCK BY DASHES, THE MATERIAL IS BEING DELETED. IF MATERIAL IS NOT UNDERSCORED OR OVERSTRUCK, THE MATERIAL IS EXISTING LAW THAT IS NOT BEING CHANGED.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

**SECTION 1.** A new article of the Constitution of the State of North Dakota is created and enacted as follows:

### **Section 1. Help Our Heroes Vote.**

In order to provide military-overseas voters with ample opportunity to vote, on or before the business day preceding the sixtieth day before an election, the secretary of state shall transmit ballots and balloting materials to all covered voters who submit a valid military-overseas ballot application. This shall apply for all elections covered in N.D.C.C. section 16.1-07-19.

### **Section 2. Secure Our Elections.**

All voting machines must produce a paper record of each vote cast. Within sixty days of an election, the secretary of state shall audit all results of one or more randomly selected precinct in each legislative district. Within 120 days of an election, the secretary of state shall publish a report containing the results of the audit conducted under this section.

### **Section 3. Increase Voter Choice.**

#### **A. Open Primaries.**

Open primaries shall be used for all primary elections for statewide, legislative assembly, and United States congressional offices.

All electors, regardless of party affiliation or lack of affiliation, shall be permitted to participate and vote in an open primary.

All candidates for each office in an open primary shall be listed on a single primary ballot.

Candidates in an open primary may choose to have their political party affiliation indicated on the ballot. Designation of a party affiliation by a candidate shall not constitute or imply the nomination, endorsement, or selection of the candidate by the political party designated.

Political parties may choose to have their candidate endorsements indicated on the ballot. Nothing in this section shall be interpreted as forcing a party to endorse a candidate or to prohibit a political party from nominating, endorsing, supporting, or opposing any candidate.

The four candidates for each office receiving the greatest numbers of votes cast in an open primary shall then appear on the general election ballot for that office. No other candidates shall appear on the general election ballot for an office to which this section applies. Should only four or fewer candidates for an office qualify for the open primary, no primary election will be held for that office and those candidates shall automatically appear on the general election ballot.

### **B. Instant Runoffs.**

Instant runoffs shall be used for all general elections for statewide, legislative assembly, and United States congressional office. The general election ballot shall therefore provide each elector the opportunity to mark one first-choice candidate, as well as one second-choice, one third-choice, and one fourth-choice candidate, should so many candidates qualify for the general election ballot. Marking more than a first-choice candidate shall not be required. If an elector does not mark any choices for an office, that shall not invalidate any other votes cast on that elector's ballot.

Under an instant runoff, votes shall first be counted based on first-choice rankings. If a candidate receives a majority of votes, they shall be declared the winner. If no candidate has received a majority of votes, the candidate with the fewest votes shall be eliminated, and any vote for that candidate shall be counted instead for the elector's next choice candidate, should a next choice be marked. This instant runoff process shall repeat until a candidate receives a majority of votes, when that candidate shall be declared the winner.

As used in this Constitution related to determining the winner of an election for statewide, legislative assembly, or United States congressional office, the word "vote" in the phrase "highest number of votes" refers to votes received by candidates at the conclusion of the instant runoff process described above.

### **Section 4. General Provisions.**

1. This article is self-executing and all of its provisions are mandatory. Laws may be enacted to facilitate, safeguard, or expand, but not to hamper, restrict, or impair, this article. This article shall take effect thirty days after approval.

2. If any provision of this article is held to be invalid, either on its face or as applied to any person, entity, or circumstance, the remaining provisions, and the application thereof to any person, entity, or circumstance other than those to which it is held invalid, shall not be affected thereby.

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**SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Article IV, Section 2 is amended and reenacted as follows:

### **Section 2. Fair Legislative Districts.**

The intent of this section is to ensure that every North Dakota voter has the opportunity to cast a vote in a fairly and impartially drawn legislative district, and that the process of drawing legislative districts is open and transparent. The legislative assembly shall fix the number of senators and representatives, and After each decennial census of the United States, the Ethics Commission shall by unanimous vote divide the state into as many senatorial districts of compact and contiguous territory as there are senators. The Ethics Commission shall appoint by unanimous vote impartial experts to assist the Ethics Commission in these duties. The Secretary of State shall promptly provide the Ethics Commission with data and tools necessary to perform duties related to the drawing of districts. The districts thus ascertained and determined after the 1990 federal decennial census shall continue until the adjournment of the first regular session after each federal decennial census, or until changed by law.

### **A. All Voters Equal**

The legislative assembly and Ethics Commission shall guarantee, as nearly as is practicable, that every elector is equal to every other elector in the state in the power to cast ballots for legislative candidates. A senator ~~and at least two representatives~~ must be apportioned to each senatorial district. Each senatorial district shall be subdivided into two House of Representatives districts of as equal population as is practicable, from which one representative shall each be elected and ~~be elected at large or from subdistricts from those districts.~~ The legislative assembly Ethics Commission may combine two senatorial districts only when a single member senatorial district includes a federal facility or federal installation, containing over two-thirds of the population of a single member senatorial district, and may provide for the election of senators ~~at large~~ and representatives ~~at large or from subdistricts from those districts.~~

### **B. Transparency and Public Comment for Drawing Legislative Districts.**

The Ethics Commission and commissioners shall conduct all business related to the drawing of districts in meetings open to the public, and shall hold eight public hearings throughout the state prior to finalizing any districts, including at least two meetings on two different American Indian Reservations. The public shall have opportunities to view, present testimony, and participate in all Ethics Commission hearings pertaining to the drawing of districts. All Ethics Commission materials, including all internal and external communications, pertaining to the drawing of districts shall be public records.

### **C. Criteria for Drawing Legislative Districts**

The Ethics Commission shall use the criteria below, in priority of the order listed, to draw districts:

1. Districts shall comply with the United States Constitution and applicable federal law;
2. Districts shall have as equal a number of inhabitants as is practicable;
3. Districts shall be geographically contiguous;
4. Districts shall not be not drawn with the intent or result of denying or abridging the equal opportunity of tribal, racial, or language minorities to participate in the political process or elect representatives of their choice, whether by themselves or voting in concert with other persons;
5. Districts shall not be drawn for the purpose of favoring or discriminating against an incumbent, political candidate, or political party, and the place of residence of any incumbent or political candidate shall not be considered when drawing districts;
6. Districts, when considered on a statewide basis, shall not unduly advantage or disadvantage a political party;
7. Districts shall minimize, to the extent practicable, the division of communities of interest, meaning an area with recognized similarities of interests, including but not limited to tribal, racial, ethnic, economic, social, cultural, geographic, or historic identities, but not including common relationships with political parties or political candidates;
8. Districts shall not unnecessarily divide county, city, township, or Tribal boundaries;
9. Districts shall be reasonably compact;
10. Districts shall, to the extent practicable and after complying with the requirements above, maximize the number of politically competitive districts.

Ethics Commission approval of the drawing of new districts must be by unanimous vote. Upon unanimous approval of the Ethics Commission, the districts thus drawn shall become effective.

### **D. General Provisions**

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3. The legislative assembly shall provide adequate funds for the proper carrying out of the functions and duties of the Ethics Commission.

### INSTRUCTIONS TO PETITION SIGNERS

You are being asked to sign a petition. You must be a qualified elector. This means you are eighteen years old, you have lived in North Dakota thirty days, and you are a United States citizen. All signers shall also legibly print their name, complete residential address or rural route or general delivery address, and the date of signing on the petition. Every qualified elector signing a petition must do so in the presence of the individual circulating the petition.

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**State of North Dakota**

**County of** \_\_\_\_\_  
(county where signed)

I, \_\_\_\_\_, being sworn, say that I am a qualified elector; that I reside at  
(circulator)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(address);

that each signature contained on the attached petition was executed in my presence; and that to the best of my knowledge and belief each individual whose signature appears on the attached petition is a qualified elector; and that each signature contained on the attached petition is the genuine signature of the individual whose name it purports to be.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(signature of circulator)

Subscribed and sworn to before me on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_, North Dakota  
(city)

(Notary Stamping Device)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(signature of notarial officer)

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Respondent.

### **DECLARATION OF JACOB STUTZMAN**

I, Jacob Stutzman, first affirming the truth of his statements, state as follows:

1. I am a resident of North Dakota over the age of eighteen. I served in the United States Army for fifteen years and am now retired from active duty.

2. I was walking in the parking lot of a Wal-Mart in Bismarck, North Dakota, and was approached by a man who asked if I would be willing to help military service members.

3. The man showed me only one page and one paragraph of a petition for a ballot measure which I know now as Measure 3 (the "Petition").

4. The paragraph he showed me was Section 1 of the Petition: "Help Our Heroes Vote." I signed the Petition because I was told that by doing so I was supporting a ballot measure that would help overseas military voters vote more easily. As a veteran myself, I am sympathetic to problems that could arise for overseas military voters.

5. When I signed the petition, I was not informed and had no knowledge that the ballot measure would also change many other aspects of voting in North Dakota.

6. The petition I signed did not include the text of the statute to which the measure refers, N.D.C.C. § 16.1-07-19. I did not know what that statute said, and I could not have known based on the petition that was shown to me.

7. After I signed the petition, I learned that Measure 3 contains many other provisions and would change North Dakota voting law in many other ways. Had I known of the other changes the ballot measure proposes, I would never have signed the petition to put the measure on the ballot.

8. Once I learned of the other changes Measure 3 would make to voting in North Dakota, I called a phone number I found for the sponsoring organization to ask to have my name removed from the petition. I called that number dozens of times before I spoke to someone. When I did, the woman I spoke with told me she would remove my name. When I called again to confirm that my name had been removed from the petition, the number had been disconnected.

9. I do not know whether my name was removed from the petition.

10. I wrote to the Secretary of State on August 9, 2020, objecting to Measure 3 and asking him to re-circulate the petitions with the complete language of the measure and N.D.C.C. § 16.1-07-19. That email is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

I declare, under penalty of perjury under the law of North Dakota, that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signed on the 12th day of August, 2020, at the City of Fargo, County of Cass, State of North Dakota.

DocuSigned by:  
*Jacob Stutzman*  
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Jacob Stutzman

From: **Jacob Stutzman** [REDACTED]  
Date: Sun, Aug 9, 2020, 22:44  
Subject: NDVF "Help Our Heroes Vote" act Measure 3  
To: <[sos@nd.gov](mailto:sos@nd.gov)>

I am writing to object to "Ballot Measure 3" which was presented to me as the "Help Our Heroes Vote" act. I signed the petition because I understood that it would make it easier for members of the military to vote. I now have learned that it creates many other changes to North Dakota elections that I do not agree with. The petition also was confusing because it did not include all of the language that was part of the measure. The first section of the petition refers to a section of North Dakota statute (NDCC section 16.1-07-19), but it does not provide the language from that section of the statute. So when I was given the language for the ballot measure, I did not know all of the elections that would be covered by that particular section. I would like to request that the Secretary of State require the petitioners to re-circulate the petitions to provide the complete language for the ballot measure and that they be required to tell people the full scope of changes to the constitution.

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SGT. USA, RET.  
Jacob A. Stutzman  
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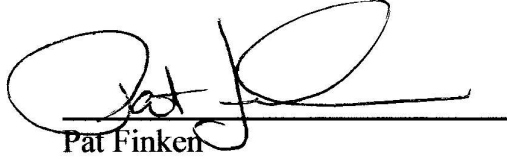
### DECLARATION OF PAT FINKEN

I, Pat Finken, first affirming the truth of his statements, state as follows:

1. I am a North Dakota resident over the age of eighteen.
2. I am the founder of Brighter Future Alliance, a nonprofit organization that advocates for issues relating to the welfare of North Dakota citizens, including the right of citizens to have accurate information and constitutional protections relating to ballot measures.
3. I telephoned the North Dakota Secretary of State's office on or around August 7, 2020 regarding the petition for Measure 3.
4. I was informed by the North Dakota Secretary of State's office, specifically the Deputy Secretary of State, that none of the petitions reviewed or signed by the required signatories included the full text of N.D.C.C. section 16.1-07-19.

I declare, under penalty of perjury under the law of North Dakota, that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signed on the 11th day of August, 2020, in Bismarck, Burleigh County,  
North Dakota.



Pat Finken



**Jaeger, Al A.**

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**From:** Brady Pelton <bpelton@ndoil.org>  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 13, 2020 7:24 PM  
**To:** Jaeger, Al A.  
**Subject:** Constitutional Measure Petition Gatherers - Something You Need to Be Aware Of  
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Whether you support this particular measure or not, I thought you should be aware that this kind of signature gathering behavior is going on.

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Sincerely,  
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Secretary Jaeger,

Thank you for the quick reply and for you sharing your position on this petition. To be clear, our industry is very much opposed to it and are organizing with other groups to oppose this measure formally.

I do understand your dilemma in speaking out on this issue, but a great concern remains that the petition supporter signature gatherers are using your name as a reason to sign the petition. Our group can say we cannot stand for these tactics to be used all we want, but I believe a strong statement from you, as the Secretary of State, against allowing fraudulent and deceitful signature gathering tactics that corrupt the entire initiated measure process would be far more helpful in making sure the measure gets on the ballot legitimately (if they get the required number of signatures).

Welcome your thoughts on this, but I consider any admonition or pushback from your office to the measure supporters well within your lane of responsibilities in ensuring a fair and transparent initiated measure/election process.

Again, my cell is [REDACTED] if you'd like to talk.

Best regards,  
Brady

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**Oliver, Lee Ann M.**

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**From:** Dazhe Bitz <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 10:54 PM  
**To:** Oliver, Lee Ann M.  
**Subject:** RE: petition

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Hello Ms. Oliver,  
I tried to call the number you gave me. I received a voice message each time that I called, which was 4 attempts over 4 separate days. I never received a return call from this group. I left my home phone number, my name and the reason for the call (just simply that it was in regards to their petition.) Is there any way to remove my name as I did try to call them? By the way, I didn't get a chance obviously to ask the name of the circulator, but I do have a pen that he gave me, which has print that reads, "North Dakota Native Vote" and [www.ndnativevote.org](http://www.ndnativevote.org)  
Sincerely,  
Dazhe Bitz

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**From:** Oliver, Lee Ann M. [mailto:[loliver@nd.gov](mailto:loliver@nd.gov)]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2020 12:56 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: petition

They just called me with an updated number to contact them it is  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Oliver, Lee Ann M.  
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2020 10:23 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** petition

Per phone call

<https://vip.sos.nd.gov/pdfs/Measures%20Info/Petitions%20Being%20Circulated/09%20Approved%20petition%2030Apr20.pdf>

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**Oliver, Lee Ann M.**

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**From:** -Info-Secretary of State  
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2020 12:23 PM  
**To:** Oliver, Lee Ann M.  
**Subject:** FW: Form submission from: Contact Us

-----Original Message-----

From: -Info-Information Technology <itd@nd.gov>  
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 11:56 AM  
To: -Info-Secretary of State <sos@nd.gov>  
Subject: Form submission from: Contact Us

Submitted on Monday, June 22, 2020 - 11:55am Submitted by anonymous user: [165.234.159.12] Submitted values are:

Name: Sharon Martens

Subject: remove my name from your petition Email Address: [REDACTED] Phone Number:

Comments: I was told I was signing a petition to extend overseas military personnel deadlines only.

The results of this submission may be viewed at  
<https://www.nd.gov/>

**Oliver, Lee Ann M.**

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**From:** shamart320 <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2020 1:32 PM  
**To:** Oliver, Lee Ann M.  
**Subject:** Signature removal

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Hi Lee Ann,

Thank you for the info. I left a voicemail to remove my signature from their petition and to text a confirmation to me.

I signed the petition on June 12, 2020 at the Sam's club in Fargo.

Thanks again,  
Sharon Martens

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

**Oliver, Lee Ann M.**

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**From:** Jaeger, Al A.  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 8:05 AM  
**To:** Jeff and Melanie  
**Subject:** Petition fraud = North Dakota Voters First

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Secretary of State

**From:** Jeff and Melanie [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 29, 2020 11:55 PM  
**To:** -Info-Secretary of State <sos@nd.gov>  
**Subject:** Petition fraud

Please remove my name before July 6 from a petition I signed months ago for [northdakotavotersfirst.org](http://northdakotavotersfirst.org) that was to give our military additional time to send in ballots. I was scammed and misled, not told about the other actions requested by the petition for which I am against and I would not have signed had I been informed about all of it. I will never sign another petition again as the trust is gone. Please let me know when my name has been removed.

Thank you,

Melanie Hart-Fladland  
[REDACTED]

*Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE Droid*



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**Sent:** Friday, July 3, 2020 3:28 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Petition

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The petition has a lot more in it then you were told. Here is the petition title that was on the petition, approved by the Secretary of State and Attorney General.

This initiated measure would add a new section to and amend Section 2 of Article IV of the North Dakota Constitution. It would require ballots to be transmitted to qualified military-overseas electors by the sixty-first day before an election. It would require all voting machines to produce a paper record of each vote cast and the Secretary of State to conduct a random audit of election results and issue an audit report within 120 days of an election. It would establish a new process for open primary elections in which all electors would be allowed to vote the ballot regardless of political party affiliation; all candidates for each office would be listed on a single ballot; candidates would be allowed, but not required, to identify their political party; and, regardless of political party identification, the four candidates receiving the most votes would advance to the general election ballot for that office. No other candidates could appear except those nominated through the primary election. It would permit political parties to state on the ballot which candidates they endorse. It would allow voters in general elections to rank their first, second, third, and fourth choices of the candidates for each office and have the votes counted through a defined procedure until a candidate receives a majority of the votes cast for that office. It would require the Ethics Commission to draw legislative senatorial districts by unanimous vote, divide each senatorial district into two legislative house districts, hold eight public hearings on the proposed redistricting plan with two of the hearings held on two different American Indian Reservations, and follow certain criteria for the drawing of legislative districts. It would require the Secretary of State to provide the Ethics Commission with the tools and data necessary to draw the districts and the legislature to provide adequate funds for the duties of the Ethics Commission.

-----Original Message-----

From: -Info-Information Technology <itd@nd.gov>  
Sent: Friday, July 03, 2020 3:02 PM  
To: -Info-Secretary of State <sos@nd.gov>  
Subject: Form submission from: Contact Us

Submitted on Friday, July 3, 2020 - 3:02pm Submitted by anonymous user: [165.234.159.11] Submitted values are:

Name: Nancy Bogers

Subject: Petition signed on July 1, 2020 in Dickinson Email Address: [REDACTED] Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: On July 1st I was approached in the Walmart parking lot by a young man asking if I would sign a petition to allow oversee military personnel an additional 30 days to get their ballots in. I asked to see the actual petition and it appeared in order. I signed the petition but have since been

made aware the signatures may have been collected for other reasons. I do

not wish my name to be used for any other petition except for what I believed to be signing. Is there anything I can do?

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
<https://sos.nd.gov/node/195/submission/23160>

## Oliver, Lee Ann M.

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**From:** -Info-Secretary of State  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 8:24 AM  
**To:** Oliver, Lee Ann M.  
**Subject:** FW: Form submission from: Contact Us

-----Original Message-----

**From:** -Info-Information Technology <itd@nd.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 8:14 AM  
**To:** -Info-Secretary of State <sos@nd.gov>  
**Subject:** Form submission from: Contact Us

Submitted on Tuesday, July 7, 2020 - 8:14am Submitted by anonymous user: [165.234.159.12] Submitted values are:

**Name:** David Ripplinger

**Subject:** Deceptive initiative explanation Email Address: [REDACTED] Phone Number: [REDACTED]

**Comments:**

Was hit by a signature gatherer for the 'extended military voting initiative's last Thursday in the same club parking lot in Fargo.

Got the short would you like to sign a petition that would allow extending the time a military member overseas can vote only.

I didn't sign it, having read a bit about it. Upon reading the full language what they are doing is deceptive at best.

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
<http://sos.nd.gov/node/195/submission/23184>

**Oliver, Lee Ann M.**

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**From:** -Info-Secretary of State  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 7:54 AM  
**To:** Oliver, Lee Ann M.  
**Subject:** FW: Form submission from: Contact Us

-----Original Message-----

**From:** -Info-Information Technology <itd@nd.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 6, 2020 5:17 PM  
**To:** -Info-Secretary of State <sos@nd.gov>  
**Subject:** Form submission from: Contact Us

Submitted on Monday, July 6, 2020 - 5:17pm Submitted by anonymous user: [165.234.159.11] Submitted values are:

**Name:** Aubri Renfrew

**Subject:** North Dakota Voters First Petition Email Address: [REDACTED] Phone Number: [REDACTED]

**Comments:**

I am contacting you to report the organization North Dakota Voters First was dishonest to me when presenting their petition. They only provided me information for one measure and failed to disclose that there were five measures that I was signing my support for.

If this is not the correct place to report this information, please give me the correct contacts.

Thank you.

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
<https://sos.nd.gov/node/195/submission/23176>

**Oliver, Lee Ann M.**

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**From:** -Info-Secretary of State  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 7:53 AM  
**To:** Oliver, Lee Ann M.  
**Subject:** FW: Form submission from: Contact Us

-----Original Message-----

**From:** -Info-Information Technology <itd@nd.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 6, 2020 9:50 PM  
**To:** -Info-Secretary of State <sos@nd.gov>  
**Subject:** Form submission from: Contact Us

Submitted on Monday, July 6, 2020 - 9:49pm Submitted by anonymous user: [165.234.159.11] Submitted values are:

**Name:** James Carney  
**Subject:** Petition Fraud  
**Email Address:** [REDACTED]  
**Phone Number:** [REDACTED]

**Comments:** The current petition for "Relating to military and overseas voters, election audits, open primaries, instant runoff elections, legislative redistricting, and subdivision of House legislative districts" has not being truthful when requesting signatures. When asked what the petition was for the only thing mentioned by the individuals was reference to increasing the timeline for military voters nothing of any other items within. This was the case even when asked what else was in the measure.

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
<http://sos.nd.gov/node/195/submission/23182>

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**To:** Oliver, Lee Ann M.  
**Subject:** FW: Form submission from: Contact Us

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To: -Info-Secretary of State <sos@nd.gov>  
Subject: Form submission from: Contact Us

Submitted on Tuesday, July 7, 2020 - 12:22am Submitted by anonymous user: [165.234.159.11] Submitted values are:

Name: Jeff Holt  
Subject: North Dakota Voters First Patition Email Address: [REDACTED] Phone Number: [REDACTED]  
Comments:  
Greetings,

Pertaining to North Dakota First's partition that was turned in today (Monday July 6th, 2020) I would like my name removed from this partition. I found out that I was falsely informed of the actual meaning behind this entire partition. Therefore the person who represented this document to me in it's entirely straight up lied and or choose not to truthfully answer my questions. I do not support North Dakota First nor do I support there entirety behind this partition.

Again please remove my name from this document.

[REDACTED]

If you can, please let me know that this is done.

Thank you  
Jeff Holt

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
<https://sos.nd.gov/node/195/submission/23183>

**Oliver, Lee Ann M.**

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**From:** -Info-Secretary of State  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 7:52 AM  
**To:** Oliver, Lee Ann M.  
**Subject:** FW: Sawicki petition

**From:** Margery Kendall [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 5:57 AM  
**To:** -Info-Secretary of State <sos@nd.gov>  
**Subject:** Sawicki petition

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Hi,

Is it possible to withdraw one's signature from the petition?

I read Rob Port's article this morning about the petition regarding Section 2 of Article IV. and I was duped. Before signing, I read the number of days for military voting, however didn't see nor was it mentioned about redistricting our state.

So, obviously, I'd like to withdraw my petition signature, if it's possible.

Thanks!

Margery Kendall  
[REDACTED]

**Oliver, Lee Ann M.**

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**From:** Oliver, Lee Ann M.  
**Sent:** Monday, July 6, 2020 8:18 AM  
**To:** Kevin Hilzendeger  
**Subject:** RE: Current Petition I was asked to sign.

Good Morning,

What I can tell you is the law requires that the entire petition be present for the voters to read and know exactly what they are signing. I realize that people are busy, however as a voter they have a responsibility to know what they are signing and the law allows that to happen by requiring the entire petition to be present.

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**From:** Kevin Hilzendeger [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 2, 2020 12:41 PM  
**To:** Oliver, Lee Ann M. <loliver@nd.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Current Petition I was asked to sign.

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How are they allowed to deceive people like that. Especially elderly. I listened to them. All they say is it to allow military more time to vote. Of course everyone is going to sign it. They're too busy to read the whole thing. People walk away when they're told to read the whole thing.

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**From:** Oliver, Lee Ann M. <loliver@nd.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 1, 2020 3:30:15 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Current Petition I was asked to sign.

Hello Kevin,

Here is a complete copy of the petition. Section one is military voting however, there are more sections to it.  
<https://vip.sos.nd.gov/pdfs/Measures%20Info/Petitions%20Being%20Circulated/09%20Approved%20petition%2030Apr>

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Submitted on Wednesday, July 1, 2020 - 3:38pm Submitted by anonymous user: [165.234.159.11] Submitted values are:

Name: Kevin

Subject: Current Petition I was asked to sign.

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Phone Number:

Comments:

Trying to extend absentee ballots an additional

30 days to turn in. People are being told it is for military Ballots. Is this true. Or is it an attempt to make Vote harvesting legal by Dems.

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<https://sos.nd.gov/node/195/submission/23138>



Submitted on Monday, June 22, 2020 - 11:10am Submitted by anonymous user: [165.234.159.12] Submitted values are:

Name: Walter Meidinger

Subject: Help Heroes Vote Act

Email Address:

Phone Number:

Comments: I wish to have my name removed from the petition I signed for the "Help Heroes Vote Act".

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<https://sos.nd.gov/node/195/submission/23032>

## Jaeger, Al A.

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**From:** Jaeger, Al A.  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 17, 2020 11:24 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Removal of Name from Petition

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Al Jaeger  
Secretary of State

-----Original Message-----

From: -Info-Information Technology <itd@nd.gov>  
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 10:00 AM  
To: -Info-Secretary of State <sos@nd.gov>  
Subject: Form submission from: Contact Us

Submitted on Wednesday, June 17, 2020 - 10:00am Submitted by anonymous user: [165.234.159.12] Submitted values are:

Name: Rory Martin  
Subject: Petition  
Email Address: [REDACTED]  
Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I recently signed a petition in Fargo because I was told it was for extending veteran mail in ballot time, but wasn't told about the other laws that were going to be changed. Can you take my name off that petition: Rory Martin, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
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**Jaeger, Al A.**

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**From:** Jaeger, Al A.  
**Sent:** Friday, June 19, 2020 7:54 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Signing of Petition

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From: -Info-Information Technology <itd@nd.gov>  
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2020 6:31 PM  
To: -Info-Secretary of State <sos@nd.gov>  
Subject: Form submission from: Contact Us

Submitted on Thursday, June 18, 2020 - 6:31pm Submitted by anonymous user: [165.234.159.11] Submitted values are:

Name: Thomas Glass

Subject: petition signature under false pretenses Email Address: [REDACTED] Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I also signed a petition to put an initiated measure on the ballot for the fall election. The collector told me it was for the purpose of allowing military personnel additional time to vote in an election. There was no information given to me about this being only one part of a much larger measure involving numerous other aspects. Since my signature was obtained under false pretenses, I would like to have it removed (or invalidated) from the petition. How do I go about this?

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
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**Jaeger, Al A.**

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**From:** Jaeger, Al A.  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 8:05 AM  
**To:** Jeff and Melanie  
**Subject:** Petition fraud = North Dakota Voters First

<b>Tracking:</b>	<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Delivery</b>
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**From:** Jaeger, Al A.  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 2:39 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Removal of Name from Petition

We have been informed of a new contact number. It is [REDACTED]

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**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 2:40 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Signing of Petition

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**To:** -Info-Secretary of State <[sos@nd.gov](mailto:sos@nd.gov)>  
**Subject:** Petition fraud

Please remove my name before July 6 from a petition I signed months ago for [northdakotavotersfirst.org](http://northdakotavotersfirst.org) that was to give our military additional time to send in ballots. I was scammed and misled, not told about the other actions requested by the petition for which I am against and I would not have signed had I been informed about all of it. I will never sign another petition again as the trust is gone. Please let me know when my name has been removed.

Thank you,

Melanie Hart-Fladland  
[REDACTED]

*Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE Droid*

**Jaeger, Al A.**

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**From:** -Info-Secretary of State  
**Sent:** Friday, July 03, 2020 1:15 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Petition

It is unfortunate and untruthful that they are saying this because the petition contains five different items and the military aspect is only one part and quite frankly is unneeded. They are saying "military" so people will sign the petition without being aware of what else is in the petition they are signing. You did the right thing.

You can convey your concerns to the Sponsoring Committee at (701) 388-6957 and [info@northdakotavotersfirst.com](mailto:info@northdakotavotersfirst.com).

-----Original Message-----

From: -Info-Information Technology <itd@nd.gov>  
Sent: Friday, July 03, 2020 11:43 AM  
To: -Info-Secretary of State <sos@nd.gov>  
Subject: Form submission from: Contact Us

Submitted on Friday, July 3, 2020 - 11:43am Submitted by anonymous user: [165.234.159.12] Submitted values are:

Name: joe delvo  
Subject: Voting petition  
Email Address: [REDACTED]  
Phone Number: [REDACTED]  
Comments:

Sams Club-4831 13th Ave S, Fargo, ND 58103 Thursday July 2nd approx 6:30 PM.

I was approached by an individual asking if I was a North Dakota Resident. When I said that I was he asked me to sign his petition so "Military members could vote in North Dakota". When I asked him what else was on the petition he turned and walked away. I saw another person in the parking lot doing the same thing so I casually walked by him. He stopped me and asked the same questions and again when I asked what else was on the petition he turned and walked away.

Needless to say I am not happy that this is allowed or that people are unwittingly signing something just to get the individual to leave them alone.

Thank You,

Joe Delvo

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
<http://sos.nd.gov/node/195/submission/23157>



**Jaeger, Al A.**

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**From:** -Info-Secretary of State  
**Sent:** Friday, July 03, 2020 3:28 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Petition

Tracking:	Recipient	Delivery
	[REDACTED]	
	Oliver, Lee Ann M.	Delivered: 7/3/2020 3:28 PM

After petitions are submitted, this office is prohibited by state law from removing a signature from the petition. The last sentence of subsection 5 of N.D.C.C. § 16.1-01-09 states, "An elector's name may not be removed by the elector from a petition that has been submitted to and received by the secretary of state."

Because petitions have not yet been submitted to this office, your alternative is to contact the petition's sponsoring committee and ask them to remove your name before the petition is submitted. The contact person provided to this office is listed below.

Carol M Sawicki  
3110 Edgewood Drive N  
Fargo ND 58102-1643

(701) 491-8295

[info@northdakotavotersfirst.com](mailto:info@northdakotavotersfirst.com)

The petition has a lot more in it then you were told. Here is the petition title that was on the petition, approved by the Secretary of State and Attorney General.

This initiated measure would add a new section to and amend Section 2 of Article IV of the North Dakota Constitution. It would require ballots to be transmitted to qualified military-overseas electors by the sixty-first day before an election. It would require all voting machines to produce a paper record of each vote cast and the Secretary of State to conduct a random audit of election results and issue an audit report within 120 days of an election. It would establish a new process for open primary elections in which all electors would be allowed to vote the ballot regardless of political party affiliation; all candidates for each office would be listed on a single ballot; candidates would be allowed, but not required, to identify their political party; and, regardless of political party identification, the four candidates receiving the most votes would advance to the general election ballot for that office. No other candidates could appear except those nominated through the primary election. It would permit political parties to state on the ballot which candidates they endorse. It would allow voters in general elections to rank their first, second, third, and fourth choices of the candidates for each office and have the votes counted through a defined procedure until a candidate receives a majority of the votes cast for that office. It would require the Ethics Commission to draw legislative senatorial districts by unanimous vote, divide each senatorial district into two legislative house districts, hold eight public hearings on the proposed redistricting plan with two of the hearings held on two different American Indian Reservations, and follow certain criteria for the drawing of legislative districts. It would require the Secretary of State to provide the Ethics Commission with the tools and data necessary to draw the districts and the legislature to provide adequate funds for the duties of the Ethics Commission.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** -Info-Information Technology <itd@nd.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 03, 2020 3:02 PM  
**To:** -Info-Secretary of State <sos@nd.gov>  
**Subject:** Form submission from: Contact Us

Submitted on Friday, July 3, 2020 - 3:02pm Submitted by anonymous user: [165.234.159.11] Submitted values are:

Name: Nancy Bogers

Subject: Petition signed on July 1, 2020 in Dickinson Email Address [REDACTED] Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: On July 1st I was approached in the Walmart parking lot by a young man asking if I would sign a petition to allow oversee military personnel an additional 30 days to get their ballots in. I asked to see the actual petition and it appeared in order. I signed the petition but have since been

made aware the signatures may have been collected for other reasons. I do

not wish my name to be used for any other petition except for what I believed to be signing. Is there anything I can do?

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
<https://sos.nd.gov/node/195/submission/23160>

**Jaeger, Al A.**

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**From:** Jaeger, Al A.  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 08, 2020 11:54 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Petition by North Dakota Voters First

Mr. Harles, I agree. We have been aware of their tactic for several weeks and unable to do anything to stop it. We received messages such as yours, calls, and the sharing of personal encounters with the circulators. The Media did not cover it. It is my hope that those of you that were deceived would flood the media with letters, etc. now that you know how they mislead you in signing the petitions. As for the military, North Dakota already exceeds the Federal Requirements and has one of the best systems in the entire country. This was only a way to get you to sign the petition.

So you know, after petitions are submitted, this office is prohibited by state law from removing a signature from the petition. The last sentence of subsection 5 of N.D.C.C. § 16.1-01-09 states, "An elector's name may not be removed by the elector from a petition that has been submitted to and received by the secretary of state."

Because petitions were submitted this past Monday, you don't have the alternative to contact the petition's sponsoring committee and ask them to remove your name before the petition is submitted. Don't know that they would have, but it was an option.

This was the contact information (701) 491-8295 and this was the website: [info@northdakotavotersfirst.com](mailto:info@northdakotavotersfirst.com)

The petition did have a lot more in it then you were told. Here is the petition title that was on the petition, approved by the Secretary of State and Attorney General.

This initiated measure would add a new section to and amend Section 2 of Article IV of the North Dakota Constitution. It would require ballots to be transmitted to qualified military-overseas electors by the sixty-first day before an election. It would require all voting machines to produce a paper record of each vote cast and the Secretary of State to conduct a random audit of election results and issue an audit report within 120 days of an election. It would establish a new process for open primary elections in which all electors would be allowed to vote the ballot regardless of political party affiliation; all candidates for each office would be listed on a single ballot; candidates would be allowed, but not required, to identify their political party; and, regardless of political party identification, the four candidates receiving the most votes would advance to the general election ballot for that office. No other candidates could appear except those nominated through the primary election. It would permit political parties to state on the ballot which candidates they endorse. It would allow voters in general elections to rank their first, second, third, and fourth choices of the candidates for each office and have the votes counted through a defined procedure until a candidate receives a majority of the votes cast for that office. It would require the Ethics Commission to draw legislative senatorial districts by unanimous vote, divide each senatorial district into two legislative house districts, hold eight public hearings on the proposed redistricting plan with two of the hearings held on two different American Indian Reservations, and follow certain criteria for the drawing of legislative districts. It would require the Secretary of State to provide the Ethics Commission with the tools and data necessary to draw the districts and the legislature to provide adequate funds for the duties of the Ethics Commission.

Al Jaeger  
Secretary of State

-----Original Message-----

**From:** -Info-Information Technology <[itd@nd.gov](mailto:itd@nd.gov)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 07, 2020 9:52 PM  
**To:** -Info-Secretary of State <[sos@nd.gov](mailto:sos@nd.gov)>  
**Subject:** Form submission from: Contact Us

Submitted on Tuesday, July 7, 2020 - 9:51pm Submitted by anonymous user: [165.234.159.12] Submitted values are:

**Name:** Kenny Harles  
**Subject:** North Dakota Voters First  
**Email Address:** [REDACTED]  
**Phone Number:** [REDACTED]  
**Comments:**

After hearing news reports and looking into the matter more I would just like to express my displeasure in the manner that my signature was collected for the North Dakota Voters First petition. I was approached by a lady in the Menards parking lot in West Fargo and was asked if I was a North Dakota resident to which I replied yes. I was then asked if I supported extending voting times for the military overseas to which I replied yes. I was then asked if I would sign her petition. Typically I am pretty skeptical of these things so I made

the comment if there was anything else that I was being sold by doing so to which she replied no and I may just get a phone call asking if it was me that signed the petition.

Never being offered to be shown the language of the petition or being given anything besides a clipboard and a pen.

I feel this was very deceptive and an untruthful way to get signatures.

I realize there is probably nothing that can be done but I just wanted to express my displeasure with this group and their tactics of gathering signatures in North Dakota.

Sincerely,  
Kenny Harles

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://sos.nd.gov/node/195/submission/23196>