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The Honorable Greg Abbott  
Office of the Attorney General  
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OPINION COMMITTEE

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I.D. # 43260

Dear General Abbott,

I am respectfully requesting an attorney general's opinion on a matter concerning local option election petitions.

- 1.) In determining the minimum number of signatures required for a local option alcohol petition, should suspense list voters be included in the total percentage of registered voters required to sign the local option petition? *Texas Alcohol Beverage Code 251.11; Texas Election Code 277.0024.*
- 2.) Does an election official have discretion to create rules for calculating the minimum number of signatures required for a local option alcohol petition absent specific language in the Alcoholic Beverage Code? *Texas Alcohol Beverage Code 251.31; Texas Election Code 277.0024; Attorney General Opinion No. JM-501.*

I believe an opinion on this matter will help resolve confusion that exists on local option election petitions across the state. Thank you for your timely assistance on this matter.

Sincerely,

  
Chris Harris

cc: Senator Kim Brimer

