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Exempt Action Final Regulation Agency Background Document

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Brief Summary

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Amendments to 1VAC20-20-50 were proposed to provide clarity to general registrars when determining the validity of petition pages and petition signatures. The proposed amendment clarifies that if a petition signer does not provide the year when dating the petition signature, the signature may still be valid.

Statement of Final Agency Action

On 12/21/2018, the State Board of Election adopted amendments to existing regulation 1VAC20-20-50; Material Omissions from Candidate Petitions and Petition Signature Qualifications.