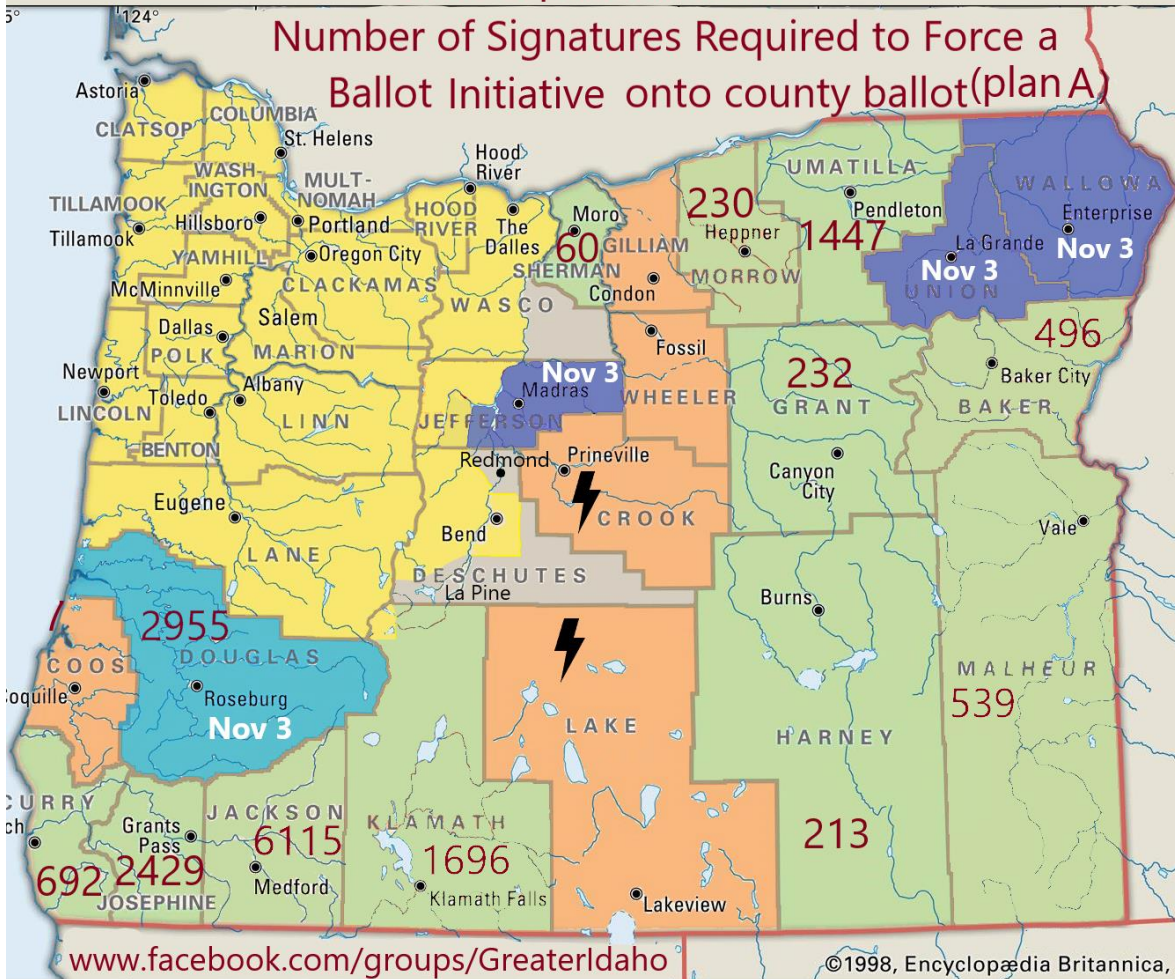


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- petition circulation approved by county clerk, still collecting signatures
- petition rejected by county clerk (try plan B) greateridaho.org
- partial counties expected to be included by legislation August 21, 2020
- not included in greater Idaho. ⚡ rejection being challenged in court
- initiative on ballot (plan A complete)
- advisory question placed on ballot by county commissioners (plan B)

Plan B: Ask your county commissioners to refer a non-binding advisory question to the ballot

Press Release

Douglas County Commissioners vote to put Oregon/Idaho border relocation question on ballot

The *Roseburg Beacon* published a notice on August 19 of a non-binding advisory question that will be on the November 2020 ballot in Douglas County. Douglas County Commissioners voted to put the Oregon/Idaho border relocation question to their county’s voters in a meeting earlier this month. The question is “Should Douglas County commissioners, state representatives and senators work toward moving the Idaho state border to include Douglas County?”

Douglas County Commissioner Tim Freeman told *Move Oregon’s Border* "We appreciate the amount of effort Douglas County citizens have gone through to sign petitions to get the *Move Oregon's Border* issue on the November 3rd

ballot. Citizens should have the opportunity to vote on this issue and that is why we moved to place this advisory question on the ballot."

Mike McCarter, president of *Move Oregon's Border*, said that *Move Oregon's Border* had been only 30 signatures short of the required 2955 signatures needed to put an initiative on the ballot in Douglas County on the August 5, 2020 deadline for the general election. He said that *Move Oregon's Border* will continue to collect signatures for May 2021 in that county and eleven other counties. He said his goal in Douglas County is 111% of the required number to account for invalid signatures, and he expects that the goal will be reached within days or weeks.

The initiative in Douglas County is unique because it amends a 1997 ordinance that allows the county board to expend county funds to advocate for Oregon legislation that would affect the county. The initiative would allow allow advocacy for Idaho legislation, including any Idaho legislation to move the state border. Mike McCarter said "we are thankful that the board chose to put an advisory question on the November ballot, when turnout will be large. Since we almost have enough signatures anyway, we still want to put this ordinance on the books in May to keep the momentum for a border relocation."

Mike McCarter said, "We invite other county boards and county courts to let their voters have a say on this important issue on May 18, 2021. Let the people decide which state government is more suited to their county's economy and values. Rural Oregon's concerns are trampled on in Salem. We call on citizens to ask their county commissioners about this."

Douglas County is the fourth county to decide to vote on moving the Oregon/Idaho border this November. Following counts this month, county clerks in Jefferson, Union, and Wallowa counties announced that *Move Oregon's Border* had collected enough valid signatures, and put the ballot initiatives on the ballot in those counties. The clerks awarded these ballot measure numbers to the initiatives: Jefferson County 16-96, Union County 31-101, and Wallowa County 32-003.

If voters vote yes, these ballot measures will require the county commissioners of those counties to hold meetings "to discuss how to promote the interests of the County in any negotiations regarding relocations of state borders," according to the texts of the measures.

Mike McCarter said "We are still collecting signatures in 12 counties. We can use the signatures we already gathered to meet the next deadline. So we are asking people to join our Facebook group. We believe that voters will vote yes in November 2020 and May 2021 to enlist county governments in promoting the relocation of borders. The will of the people should cause at least one state government to do studies to work out the financial and practical details of the relocation. If the state governments come to an agreement in 2021, then in in 2022 they can submit their plan to rural Oregon for a vote to approve it. We don't believe that the Oregon Legislature will keep 'low-income Trump-voting' counties captive if they vote to leave."

When asked why Oregon voters should choose Idaho governance, McCarter said "We've been trying to get a sympathetic governor for 38 years and everything we tried failed. Idaho's law, regulations, and lower tax rates are suited to rural economies and traditional values and all the migration to Idaho hasn't changed that a bit. Combining all taxes together, the average Idahoan paid \$1753 less in taxes per year than the average Oregonian in 2018. That's averaging together every adult or child, employed, retired or unemployed, and that was before Kate hiked taxes even higher. And cost of living is 39% higher in Oregon than in Idaho. Oregon tax rates will continue to go up due to a lack of willingness to control spending, as evidenced by the PERS fiasco."

Mike McCarter,
President, *Move Oregon's Border for a Greater Idaho*

To get a petition, one option is to download and print two-sided from GreaterIdaho.org Another option is to pick up a petition at the businesses listed here: www.facebook.com/groups/GreaterIdaho/permalink/568593160471945

Press: for hi-res images of signatures being delivered to County Clerks, or collected from voters, our rally in Douglas County, or the maps, email CascadeCarry@Outlook.com

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Read our main document here: www.greateridaho.org/the_downloads/2019/main/Greater_Idaho_Proposal.pdf

The main Facebook group www.facebook.com/groups/GreaterIdaho

For info on asking your county commissioner to put greater Idaho on the ballot, visit:

www.facebook.com/GreaterIdaho/photos/a.112830530234555/157009962483278

Notice of measure election, Jefferson County:

www.jeffco.net/sites/default/files/fileattachments/county_clerk/page/3161/16-96_oregon-idaho_border.pdf

To see how many signatures we had in early August, visit this link:

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