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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Mr. Donald Palmer  
Secretary  
State Board of Elections

**From:** Joshua N. Lief  
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**Date:** July 3, 2013

**Subject:** Letter of Assurance for proposed changes to 1VAC20-50-20: Material omissions from candidate petitions and petition signature qualifications and 1VAC20-60-20: Material omissions on referendum petitions and petition signature qualifications

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I have reviewed the State Board of Election's proposed amendments to its Regulations, particularly 1VAC20-50-20 and 1VAC20-60-20, that were posted on the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall on June 28, 2013. In my view, as counsel to the State Board of Elections, these regulations may be promulgated pursuant to Title 24.2 of the *Code of Virginia*. Moreover, this regulatory action is exempt from the Administrative Process Act pursuant to §2.2-4002-B.8 as it relates to the conduct of elections. The proposed amendments to the regulations do not appear to conflict with the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Virginia, nor do they appear to conflict with any federal or state law currently in effect.

This memorandum addresses legal matters only and is not intended to serve, nor should it be construed, as a comment for or against the merits of the proposed regulations.