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WARMINGTON, and TOMMY SALISBURY,)))	JOHN D. HADDEN CLERK
Protestants/Petitioners,)	
v.) No. 121,777	
KELSEY COBBS and DUSTIN PHELAN,) FOR OFFICE	IAL PUBLICATION 3.424 PostedR
Proponents/Respondents.)	Majled
ORDER		Publish

¶1 The Court hereby assumes original jurisdiction pursuant to 34 O.S.2021, § 8 and denies all relief. Title 34 O.S.2021, § 8(B) provides the public with a right to "file a protest as to the constitutionality of the [initiative] petition, by a written notice to the Supreme Court and the proponent or proponents filing the petition." Subsections (C) and (D) of section 8 provide for a hearing for and against the sufficiency of the petition and for this Court to decide whether such petition is in the form required by the statutes. Initiative Petition No. 446 does not clearly or manifestly violate either the Oklahoma or United States Constitution. See In re Initiative Petition No. 420, State Question No. 804, 2020 OK 9, ¶ 14, 458 P.3d 1088,

1093–94; In re Initiative Petition No. 362, State Question 669, 1995 OK 77, ¶ 12, 899 P.2d 1145, 1151. Initiative Petition No. 446 is legally sufficient. See In re Initiative Pet. No. 358, 1994 OK 27, ¶ 7, 870 P.2d 782, 785. Respondents may proceed in the gathering of signatures on the initiative petition.

¶2 DONE BY ORDER OF THE SUPREME COURT IN CONFERENCE
THIS 4TH DAY OF MARCH, 2024.

CTING CHIEF JUSTICE

KAUGER, WINCHESTER, EDMONDSON, COMBS, GURICH, and DARBY, JJ., concur.

KUEHN, J. (by separate writing), concurs in part and dissents in part.

KANE, C.J. (by separate writing), and ROWE, V.C.J. (by separate writing), dissent.