

# Shelby County Election Commission

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January 13, 2015

Mr. Chris Thomas  
City Manager  
City of Lakeland  
10001 Hwy. 70  
Lakeland, TN 38002

Dear Mr. Thomas,

The City of Lakeland ran a public notice regarding the issuance of a general obligation bond on December 16, 2014. As of that date, Lakeland had 8,272 registered voters, and therefore 827 (10% of registered voters) valid signatures were required to bring this issue before the voters. (See attached TCA for reference.)

The petition and signatures were delivered to the Shelby County Election Commission on January 6, 2015 to have the signatures validated.

This document is to inform you that the Shelby County Election Commission has certified that there are 827 valid signatures on the petition.

Please let us know if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard L. Holden".

Richard L. Holden  
Administrator of Elections

Attached: TCA § 9-21-207(b)

cc: Shelby County Election Commissioners  
John Ryder, Attorney  
Monice Hagler, Attorney

Mr. Chris Thomas  
Attachment

**TCA § 9-21-207(b):**

**If a petition protesting the issuance of the general obligation bonds signed by at least ten percent (10%) of the registered voters of the local government, determined as of the date of publication of the notice required in § 9-21-206, or that portion, if applicable, which is liable to be taxed therefor, is filed with the official charged with maintaining the records of the local government within twenty (20) days from the publication of the initial resolution, then no general obligation bonds shall be issued without the assent of the majority of the registered voters in the local government or a portion of the local government, if applicable, voting upon a proposition for the issuance of the general obligation bonds in the manner provided by §§ 9-21-209 and 9-21-210. The county election commission shall certify to the local government within fifteen (15) days of receipt by the county election commission of any petition filed hereunder, the total number of registered voters as of the date of publication of the notice and the total number of valid signatures of registered voters signing the petition. Registered voters shall not withdraw their signatures from a petition after signing the petition.**