

## On Like Donkey Kong: S.B. 5 referendum officially set for November

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Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted officially certified that opponents of recently enacted changes to the Public Employees' Collective Bargaining Law (popularly known as S.B. 5) had collected 915,456 valid signatures, easily surpassing the necessary legal requirements to place the issue on the 2011 November ballot.



The most recent polling from the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute indicates that 56% of respondents favored repeal, while 32% support keeping the law in place. But the fight is far from over: The same polling suggests that Ohioans support mandatory minimums on public employee health care and pension contributions and basing pay on merit rather than seniority by similarly strong majorities. This polling data suggests that Ohioans may be generally leery of limiting public employees' right to bargain over terms and conditions of employment, but support imposing certain conditions on all public employees.

We will keep you updated as the campaign continues through November.