

**Kent County Council  
The Local Authorities (Referendums) (Petitions)  
(England) Regulations 2011  
Publication of Verification Number**

The Local Government Act 2000 provides that electors in the County Council's area can petition the County Council to hold a referendum on whether the Council should change to a different form of governance. A petition must be signed by at least 5% of the local government electors for the County's area. In accordance with Regulation 4(1) of the above Regulations, the number that is equal to 5% of the number of local government electors shown in the revised registers of electors for the 12 District and Borough Councils in Kent having effect on 15 February 2021 is:

**57,314**

This figure will have effect for the purposes of determining the validity of Petitions presented from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.

The number equal to 5% of the local government electors for 2022 will be published within 14 days of the 15th February 2022. If this number is less than 57,314, the number to be used for verification purposes in relation to any petition submitted for the period beginning on the date of publication of the lower number until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 shall also be that lower number.

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