

Tundra Rebellion initiative will be decided by voters

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JUNEAU — Backers of the Tundra Rebellion initiative,

which seeks to transfer most federally owned land in Alaska to state control, have collected

enough signatures to put the proposal before voters in 1982, officials said Tuesday.

Lt. Gov. Terry Miller certified the measure after election officials determined that initiative sponsors had collected the required 12,971 signatures needed to get the proposal on the 1982 statewide general election ballot.

The initiative calls for the state to declare jurisdiction over most federally controlled land in Alaska. Several western states have taken similar ac-

tions challenging federal ownership of land within their boundaries.

The initiative also challenges the constitutionality of certain provisions in the Alaska Statehood Act and the state constitution granting to the state all mineral rights on land transferred to the state, and prohibiting further transfer to private hands.