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Buzzards Bay, Keven L. Hayes, 44, and Danny L. Williams Jr., 34, also were charged in Boone County.

The signature gatherers were paid \$10 to \$15 an hour to collect signatures for the initiative, but the Boone County Clerk's Office found irregularities on their petitions. In total, the four people were responsible for 297 petitions that had fraudulent signatures, according to probable cause statements.

Hayes was arrested on May 12, 2015, about six weeks after a Boone County prosecutor filed charges against him, Coker and Williams, of Columbia. Jones was charged May 20, 2015. Williams, Jones and Coker each face three counts of forgery, a Class C felony punishable by up to seven years in prison.

Hayes also was initially charged with three counts of forgery, but pleaded guilty in March to perjury in a procedure not involving a felony and was given a four-year suspended prison sentence. He is serving a five-year probation term.

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