

(AP) Democrats say challenges to thousands of signatures submitted on petitions to recall four incumbent Republican state senators won't stand and the elections will be ordered. State Senate Democratic Committee executive director Zac Kramer said Friday that a cursory review of the challenges filed late Thursday by the senators shows they won't meet the threshold needed to stop the elections. The senators submitted their challenges with the Government Accountability Board. Petition circulators have until Tuesday to make their own counter-arguments. The board has until March 19 to determine if enough signatures were collected to trigger elections. The targeted senators are Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald of Juneau, Pam Galloway of Wausau, Terry Moulton of Chippewa Falls and Van Wanggaard of Racine.