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Oshkosh, WI 54901, and **Jennifer E. Szydlik**. *Real Data, Real Stakes: Introductory Statistics
Students Predict the Wisconsin Recall Election.*

For two months in spring 2012, Wisconsin's Government Accountability Board (GAB) labored over 152,335 Recall Petitions, checking each entry to determine whether there were enough valid signatures to trigger a recall election of Governor Scott Walker. Meanwhile, students in a class for future elementary teachers used statistical sampling to do the same job in just one week using open-source software. We will report on this powerful project in which introductory statistics students not only predicted the total number of signatures and verified that a recall election would be held, but also became convinced of the power of sampling and went to press with their results. (Received September 11, 2012)