

Online Petition Against Anti-Piracy Law Gathers 100,000 Signatures

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An online petition against Russia's draconian anti-piracy law has received 100,000 signatures Saturday, the number required to send it to the government for discussion.

The petition was posted on the Russian Popular Initiatives web portal in early July, two days after President Vladimir Putin signed the new law against film piracy that allows copyright holders to request the court to block contested content before ruling on its legality, without requiring them to try to contact the uploader before going to court.

If a website fails to comply, its IP address could be blacklisted in Russia. This measure, already used in existing Russian blacklists, is technically flawed because every IP address is normally used by several unrelated websites, all of which end up on the blacklist if one of them is banned.

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