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**Speaker of the House J.D. Mesnard (R-17)**

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## Speaker Mesnard Applauds Court Decision Allowing Initiative Compliance Law to Take Effect

**STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX** – House Speaker J.D. Mesnard (R-17) today applauded a decision by the Arizona Superior Court allowing legislation ([HB 2244](#)) passed by the Legislature earlier this year to take effect tomorrow. HB 2244 creates uniformity, provides greater clarity, and ensures integrity in the signature-gathering process for initiatives and referenda by compelling strict compliance with requirements set forth in statute and the Constitution.

**“Because the Legislature doesn’t have the ability to address unintended consequences created by initiatives, it’s important that initiative campaigns strictly comply with the law,”** said Speaker Mesnard. **“I’m pleased with the Court's decision and look forward to the implementation of the law.”**

The new law goes into effect tomorrow, August 9.

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