CHAPTER 208

HOUSE BILL 2602

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 9, CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 8, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 9-500.42; AMENDING TITLE 11, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 4, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 11-269.22; RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION OF LOCAL REGULATION.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)
Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

Section 1. Title 9, chapter 4, article 8, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended by adding section 9-500.42, to read:

9-500.42. Prohibition on regulation of running node on blockchain technology; state preemption; definition

A. A CITY OR TOWN MAY NOT PROHIBIT OR OTHERWISE RESTRICT AN INDIVIDUAL FROM RUNNING A NODE ON BLOCKCHAIN TECHNOLOGY IN A RESIDENCE.

B. THE REGULATION OF THE ACT OF RUNNING A NODE ON BLOCKCHAIN TECHNOLOGY IN A RESIDENCE IS OF STATEWIDE CONCERN AND NOT SUBJECT TO FURTHER REGULATION BY A CITY OR TOWN.

C. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "RUNNING A NODE ON BLOCKCHAIN TECHNOLOGY" MEANS PROVIDING COMPUTING POWER TO VALIDATE OR ENCRYPT TRANSACTIONS IN BLOCKCHAIN TECHNOLOGY AS DEFINED IN SECTION 44-7061.

Sec. 2. Title 11, chapter 2, article 4, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended by adding section 11-269.22, to read:

11-269.22. Prohibition on regulation of running node on blockchain technology; state preemption; definition

A. A COUNTY MAY NOT PROHIBIT OR OTHERWISE RESTRICT AN INDIVIDUAL FROM RUNNING A NODE ON BLOCKCHAIN TECHNOLOGY IN A RESIDENCE.

B. THE REGULATION OF THE ACT OF RUNNING A NODE ON BLOCKCHAIN TECHNOLOGY IN A RESIDENCE IS OF STATEWIDE CONCERN AND NOT SUBJECT TO FURTHER REGULATION BY A COUNTY.

C. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "RUNNING A NODE ON BLOCKCHAIN TECHNOLOGY" MEANS PROVIDING COMPUTING POWER TO VALIDATE OR ENCRYPT TRANSACTIONS IN BLOCKCHAIN TECHNOLOGY AS DEFINED IN SECTION 44-7061.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR APRIL 12, 2018.