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# HOUSE BILL 2435

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 16-317, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO ONLINE SIGNATURE COLLECTION.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 16-317, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 16-317. Secure online signature collection; municipal,  
5 county, school board and precinct committeeman  
6 offices; recall

7 A. Notwithstanding any other statute in this title, the secretary  
8 of state shall provide a system for qualified electors to sign a  
9 nomination petition for candidates for city or town office, county office  
10 and the office of precinct committeeman by way of a secure internet  
11 portal. The system shall allow only those qualified electors who are  
12 eligible to sign a petition for a particular candidate to sign the  
13 petition, shall provide a method for the qualified elector's identity to  
14 be properly verified and shall provide for the secretary of state to  
15 transmit those filings or a facsimile of those filings to the officer in  
16 charge of elections for the appropriate office. A candidate may choose to  
17 collect up to the minimum number of required nomination petition  
18 signatures by use of the online signature collection system prescribed by  
19 this section.

20 B. Subsection A of this section applies only to candidates for city  
21 or town elected office, county office and the office of precinct  
22 committeeman.

23 C. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER LAW, THE ONLINE SIGNATURE COLLECTION  
24 SYSTEM PRESCRIBED BY THIS SECTION MAY ALSO BE USED FOR THE RECALL OF A  
25 SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER AS PRESCRIBED BY TITLE 19,  
26 CHAPTER 2.