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## **HB 2735**

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AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 19, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 2, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY  
ADDING SECTION 19-112.01; RELATING TO INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM PETITIONS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Title 19, chapter 1, article 2, Arizona Revised  
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 19-112.01, to read:

4 19-112.01. Secure online signature collection; initiative and  
5 referendum petitions

6 NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER STATUTE IN THIS TITLE, THE SECRETARY OF  
7 STATE SHALL PROVIDE A SYSTEM FOR QUALIFIED ELECTORS TO SIGN INITIATIVE AND  
8 REFERENDUM PETITIONS BY WAY OF A SECURE INTERNET PORTAL. THE SYSTEM SHALL  
9 ALLOW ONLY THOSE QUALIFIED ELECTORS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE TO SIGN THE  
10 INITIATIVE OR REFERENDUM PETITION TO DO SO AND SHALL PROVIDE A METHOD FOR  
11 THE QUALIFIED ELECTOR'S IDENTITY TO BE PROPERLY VERIFIED. THE PERSON OR  
12 ORGANIZATION THAT FILES THE APPLICATION FOR INITIATIVE OR REFERENDUM  
13 PETITION MAY CHOOSE TO COLLECT UP TO AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO ONE-HALF OF THE  
14 NUMBER OF SIGNATURES REQUIRED BY USE OF THE ONLINE SIGNATURE COLLECTION  
15 SYSTEM PRESCRIBED BY THIS SECTION.