

REFERENCE TITLE: **electronic signatures; nomination petitions**

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Introduced by
Representative Gillette

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 16, CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 2, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTIONS 16-319.01 AND 16-319.02; RELATING TO NOMINATING
PROCEDURES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Title 16, chapter 3, article 2, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding sections 16-319.01 and 16-319.02, to read:

4 16-319.01. Secure online signature collection; districts;
5 applicability

6 A. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER STATUTE IN THIS TITLE, THE SECRETARY
7 OF STATE SHALL PROVIDE A SYSTEM FOR QUALIFIED ELECTORS TO SIGN BY WAY OF A
8 SECURE INTERNET PORTAL A NOMINATION PETITION FOR CANDIDATES FOR THE
9 GOVERNING BOARD OF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

- 10 1. SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION DISTRICT.
- 11 2. COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT.
- 12 3. HOSPITAL DISTRICT.
- 13 4. MULTI-COUNTY WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT.

14 B. THE ONLINE SIGNATURE COLLECTION SYSTEM SHALL ALLOW ONLY THOSE
15 QUALIFIED ELECTORS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE TO SIGN A PETITION FOR A PARTICULAR
16 CANDIDATE TO SIGN THE PETITION, SHALL PROVIDE A METHOD FOR THE QUALIFIED
17 ELECTOR'S IDENTITY TO BE PROPERLY VERIFIED AND SHALL PROVIDE FOR THE
18 SECRETARY OF STATE TO TRANSMIT THOSE FILINGS OR A FACSIMILE OF THOSE
19 FILINGS TO THE OFFICER IN CHARGE OF ELECTIONS FOR THE APPROPRIATE OFFICE.
20 A CANDIDATE PRESCRIBED BY THIS SECTION MAY CHOOSE TO COLLECT ALL OF THE
21 CANDIDATE'S NOMINATION PETITION SIGNATURES BY USE OF THE ONLINE SIGNATURE
22 COLLECTION SYSTEM PRESCRIBED BY THIS SECTION.

23 C. THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY TO CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICES
24 PRESCRIBED BY THIS SECTION.

25 16-319.02. Secure online signature collection; offices; equal
26 access; application

27 A. A CANDIDATE SEEKING OFFICE IN AN ELECTION PRESCRIBED BY SECTION
28 16-316, 16-317, 16-318 OR 16-319.01 IS DEEMED A POLITICAL PARTY CANDIDATE
29 WITHOUT REGARD TO WHETHER THE CANDIDATE IS NOMINATED BY A RECOGNIZED
30 POLITICAL PARTY, IS REGISTERED AS AN INDEPENDENT OR UNAFFILIATED OR IS
31 OTHERWISE DESIGNATED.

32 B. ALL CANDIDATES FOR ELECTIONS PRESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION A OF THIS
33 SECTION SHALL BE AFFORDED EQUAL ACCESS TO THE SECURE INTERNET PORTAL
34 ESTABLISHED AND MAINTAINED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR PURPOSES OF
35 COLLECTING ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES FOR CANDIDATE PETITIONS, INCLUDING EQUAL
36 ACCESS FOR ANY CANDIDATE WHO SUBMITS PETITION SIGNATURES ELECTRONICALLY TO
37 THE FILING OFFICER PRESCRIBED BY SECTION 16-311 FOR CANDIDATES FOR COUNTY,
38 CITY, TOWN OR SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE.

39 C. THE SECRETARY OF STATE MAY NOT DENY, LIMIT, CONDITION, DELAY, OR
40 OTHERWISE RESTRICT ACCESS TO THE ONLINE SIGNATURE COLLECTION SYSTEM BASED
41 ON A CANDIDATE'S POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION, LACK OF POLITICAL PARTY
42 AFFILIATION, METHOD OF NOMINATION OR BALLOT DESIGNATION.

1 D. THE SECRETARY OF STATE:

2 1. SHALL APPLY ANY RULE, POLICY OR PROCEDURE UNIFORMLY TO ALL
3 CANDIDATES WHO ARE SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION AND MAY NOT TAKE ANY ACTION
4 THAT RESULTS IN DISPARATE TREATMENT AMONG CANDIDATES FOR THE SAME OFFICE.

5 2. MAY NOT ADOPT OR ENFORCE ANY RULE OR POLICY THAT CONFLICTS WITH
6 THIS SECTION OR THAT NARROWS THE APPLICATION OF THIS SECTION.