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Governor Hobbs Vetoes Her Own Signature Verification Rules

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – State Representative Alexander Kolodin issued a statement following today’s stunning veto of [HB 2322](#), a bipartisan-supported election reform bill that would codify in state law specific signature verification rules to confirm the identity of early voters – rules that were written by Governor Hobbs when she was Arizona’s Secretary of State.

“When Governor Katie Hobbs took office, she said that she’d ‘find common ground’ and work across party lines,” said Representative Kolodin. **“Right now, Arizona has no laws setting any signature verification rules for early ballots, which help ensure that only lawful early voter’s vote. What ground could be more common making her own rules the law? Instead, her veto letter for HB 2322, for which 16 Democratic House members voted, indicates that instead of legally enforceable rules, she would like ‘ongoing’ signature verification ‘guidance’ that is non-binding and can be changed on a whim by a single person. That is hardly democratic - or sober and responsible governance.”**

In a [release issued Wednesday](#), Representative Kolodin noted that HB 2322 was the product of collaborative work across party lines. It had passed the House with bipartisan support and was not opposed by counties or the current Secretary of State Fontes.

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