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## **HB 2643**

Introduced by  
Representatives Diaz: Blackman, Carroll, Carter, Fillmore, Finchem,  
Martinez, Parker, Wilmeth

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 16-317, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; 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. Section 16-317, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

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

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

19       B. This section applies only to candidates for city or town elected  
20 office, county office, **INCLUDING SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE, JUSTICE OF THE**  
21 **PEACE AND CONSTABLE**, and the office of precinct committeeman.

22           Sec. 2. Emergency

23       This act is an emergency measure that is necessary to preserve the  
24 public peace, health or safety and is operative immediately as provided by  
25 law.