

Senate Engrossed House Bill

~~technical correction; joint school district~~  
~~(now: department of education; reports; consolidation)~~  
(now: judicial offices; petitions; electronic signatures)

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# HOUSE BILL 2497

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 16, CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 2, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY  
ADDING SECTION 16-319; RELATING TO SIGNATURE COLLECTION.

(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 section 16-319, to read:

4 16-319. Secure online signature collection; candidate  
5 petitions; judicial 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 A CANDIDATE BY WAY OF A SECURE INTERNET PORTAL.  
9 THE SYSTEM SHALL ALLOW ONLY THOSE QUALIFIED ELECTORS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE TO  
10 SIGN A PETITION FOR A PARTICULAR CANDIDATE TO SIGN THE PETITION AND SHALL  
11 PROVIDE A METHOD FOR THE QUALIFIED ELECTOR'S IDENTITY TO BE PROPERLY  
12 VERIFIED. A CANDIDATE MAY CHOOSE TO COLLECT UP TO AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO  
13 TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT MORE THAN THE FULL NUMBER OF REQUIRED NOMINATION  
14 PETITION SIGNATURES BY USE OF THE ONLINE SIGNATURE COLLECTION SYSTEM  
15 PRESCRIBED BY THIS SECTION.

16 B. THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY TO CANDIDATES FOR:

- 17 1. JUDICIAL OFFICES THAT REQUIRE NOMINATING PETITIONS UNDER SECTION  
18 16-333.
- 19 2. THE OFFICE OF CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.