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local candidates; petitions; electronic signatures

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SENATE BILL 1285

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 and the office of precinct committeeman by way of a secure internet
10 portal. The system shall allow only those qualified electors who are
11 eligible to sign a petition for a particular candidate to sign the
12 petition, shall provide a method for the qualified elector's identity to
13 be properly verified and shall provide for the secretary of state to
14 transmit those filings or a facsimile of those filings to the officer in
15 charge of elections for the appropriate office. A candidate may choose to
16 collect up to **ONE HUNDRED TEN PERCENT OF** the minimum number of required
17 nomination petition signatures by use of the online signature collection
18 system prescribed by this section.

19 B. This section applies only to candidates for city or town elected
20 office, county office and the office of precinct committeeman.