

REFERENCE TITLE: candidates; electronic signatures; limit

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SB 1429

Introduced by
Senator Bennett

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 16-316, 16-317 AND 16-318, 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. Subject to the requirements of article IV, part 1,
3 section 1, Constitution of Arizona, section 16-316, Arizona Revised
4 Statutes, is amended to read:

5 16-316. Secure online signature collection; candidate
6 petitions; five dollar contributions; statewide and
7 legislative candidates

8 A. Notwithstanding any other statute in this title, the secretary
9 of state shall provide a system for qualified electors to sign a
10 nomination petition and to sign and submit a citizens clean elections ~~five~~
11 ~~dollar~~ \$5 contribution qualification form for a candidate by way of a
12 secure internet portal. The system shall allow only those qualified
13 electors who are eligible to sign a petition for a particular candidate to
14 sign the petition and only those qualified electors who are eligible to
15 give a qualifying contribution to that candidate to do so and shall
16 provide a method for the qualified elector's identity to be properly
17 verified. A candidate may choose to collect up to an amount equal to
18 TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT MORE THAN the full number of required nomination
19 petition signatures or up to an amount equal to TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT MORE
20 THAN the full number of required contribution qualification forms, or
21 both, by use of the online signature collection system prescribed by this
22 section.

23 B. This section applies only to candidates for statewide and
24 legislative offices.

25 Sec. 2. Section 16-317, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
26 read:

27 16-317. Secure online signature collection; municipal, county
28 and precinct committeeman offices

29 A. Notwithstanding any other statute in this title, the secretary
30 of state shall provide a system for qualified electors to sign a
31 nomination petition for candidates for city or town office, county office
32 and the office of precinct committeeman by way of a secure internet
33 portal. The system shall allow only those qualified electors who are
34 eligible to sign a petition for a particular candidate to sign the
35 petition, shall provide a method for the qualified elector's identity to
36 be properly verified and shall provide for the secretary of state to
37 transmit those filings or a facsimile of those filings to the officer in
38 charge of elections for the appropriate office. A candidate may choose to
39 collect up to TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT MORE THAN the minimum number of required
40 nomination petition signatures by use of the online signature collection
41 system prescribed by this section.

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

1 Sec. 3. Section 16-318, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
2 read:

3 16-318. Secure online signature collection; federal offices

4 A. Notwithstanding any other statute in this title, the secretary
5 of state shall provide a system for qualified electors to sign a
6 nomination petition for a candidate for the office of United States
7 senator or representative in Congress by way of a secure internet
8 portal. The system shall allow only those qualified electors who are
9 eligible to sign a petition for a particular candidate to sign the
10 petition and shall provide a method for the qualified elector's identity
11 to be properly verified. A candidate may choose to collect up to
12 **TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT MORE THAN** the full number of required nomination
13 petition signatures by use of the online signature collection system
14 prescribed by this section.

15 B. This section applies only to candidates for the office of United
16 States senator or representative in Congress.

17 Sec. 4. Requirements for enactment; three-fourths vote

18 Pursuant to article IV, part 1, section 1, Constitution of Arizona,
19 section 16-316, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended by this act, is
20 effective only on the affirmative vote of at least three-fourths of the
21 members of each house of the legislature.