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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 19-121, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO INITIATIVE
AND REFERENDUM.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:
2 Section 1. Section 19-121, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:
4 19-121. Signature sheets; petitions; form; procedure for
5 filing
6 A. Signature sheets filed shall:
7 1. Be in the form prescribed by law.
8 2. Have printed in their lower right-hand corner, on each side of
9 such sheets, the official serial number assigned to the petition by the
10 secretary of state and, if applicable, the registration number assigned to
11 the circulator.
12 3. Be attached to a full and correct copy of the title and text of
13 the measure, or amendment to the constitution, proposed or referred by the
14 petition.
15 4. Be printed in at least eight-point type.
16 5. Be printed in black ink on white or recycled white pages
17 fourteen inches in width by eight and one-half inches in length, with a
18 margin of at least one-half inch at the top and one-fourth inch at the
19 bottom of each page. Notwithstanding this paragraph, the secretary of
20 state may prescribe an alternative page width and length in the
21 instructions and procedures manual adopted pursuant to section 16-452.
22 B. For the purposes of this chapter, a petition is filed when the
23 petition sheets are tendered to the secretary of state, who shall issue a
24 receipt based on an estimate made to the secretary of state of the
25 purported number of sheets and signatures filed. A receipt may be
26 electronically issued. After the issuance of the receipt, no additional
27 petition sheets may be accepted for filing EXCEPT FOR PETITIONS FILED
28 REGARDING CITY, TOWN OR COUNTY MATTERS AS PRESCRIBED BY SUBSECTION C OF
29 THIS SECTION.
30 C. The secretary of state may prescribe the method of filing,
31 including electronic filing. Not more than fifteen signatures on one
32 sheet shall be counted. For petitions filed regarding city, town or
33 county matters: ~~;~~
34 1. The committee that is the proponent of the petition and that
35 files the petitions shall organize the signature sheets and group them by
36 circulator and is solely responsible for compliance with this
37 subsection. The local filing officer may return as unfiled any signature
38 sheets that are not so organized and grouped.
39 2. IF THE PROPONENTS OF THE PETITION FILE THE PETITIONS THIRTY DAYS
40 OR LESS BEFORE THE DATE REQUIRED FOR FILING, THE PROPONENTS SHALL RECEIVE
41 A RECEIPT AND MAY THEN COLLECT AND FILE ADDITIONAL PETITION SIGNATURES IN
42 ONE SINGLE SUPPLEMENTAL FILING ON OR BEFORE THE DATE REQUIRED FOR FILING.
43 D. Initiative petitions that have not been filed with the secretary
44 of state as of 5:00 p.m. on the day required by the constitution before
45 the ensuing general election after their issuance shall be null and void,

1 but in no event shall the secretary of state accept an initiative petition
2 that was issued for circulation more than twenty-four months before the
3 general election at which the measure is to be included on the ballot.

4 E. For the purposes of this article and article 4 of this chapter,
5 the measure to be attached to the petition as enacted by the legislative
6 body of an incorporated city, town or county means the adopted ordinance
7 or resolution signed by the mayor or the chairman of the board of
8 supervisors, as appropriate, and signed by the clerk of the municipality
9 or the clerk of the board, as appropriate, or, in the absence of a written
10 ordinance or resolution, that portion of the minutes of the legislative
11 body that is approved by the governing body and filed with the clerk of
12 the governing body and that reflects the action taken by that body when
13 adopting the measure. In the case of zoning measures, the measure shall
14 also include a legal description of the property and any amendments made
15 to the ordinance by the legislative body.