

HB 471 -- PETITION CIRCULATION

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This bill authorizes and requires the Office of the Secretary of State to implement a secure electronic signature system for the submission of initiative petition signatures by registered voters.

The system is based on a website hosted and maintained by the office. The office will provide a verified voter with a unique identification number and collect identical information as required by existing initiative petition law. The electronic signature process is in addition to existing signature requirements and allows an individual to choose between the electronic signature and personally signing a hard copy of a petition. The office must mail a postcard advising the individual using the electronic signature website system that he or she has signed the petition and has 10 days to respond with any corrections or objections to the electronic signature.

This bill is the same as HB 1737 (2018).