



HB 218: CITIZEN PETITION AMENDMENTS

This bill brings signature gathering into the 21st Century by establishing a process to collect signatures through a digital device rather than putting pen to paper.

What changes does HB 218 make?

- The bill mirrors the current signature gathering process but creates an option to sign a petition by means of an electronic device rather than on a piece of paper.
- It directs the LG's office to develop a website for signature gatherers to access on a signature gatherer's device to collect a signature.
- If signatures are collected electronically, once an individual decides to sign a petition, the signature gatherer hands the signor a device which displays the same information to read and approve that would have been on the printed petition.
- Once they have approved the petition, the signor scans the back of their drivers license and the signature gatherer verifies that the individual signing is the same as on the drivers license. If an individual does not have a driver license or state ID, they can provide any other valid voter identification.
- The device does not store any of the voter's information on the device.

Who benefits most from HB 218?

- Clerks--saving time and money by reducing the administrative burden of scanning in paper signature packets and verifying signatures.
- Grassroots gatherers-- saving money on paper printing costs

