

**MY SIGNATURE**  
**MY CLERK**  
(Most Likely)

**DECENTRALIZING  
SIGNATURE  
VERIFICATION**

**STATEWIDE & MULTIPLE COUNTY  
CANDIDATE SIGNATURE  
PETITION PACKETS**

## MY SIGNATURE MY CLERK

STATEWIDE & MULTI-COUNTY  
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- One clerk/ one Office
- 300,000+ Signatures/32 candidates
- Only one county's voters elect the clerk
- 28 counties' voters cannot elect the one clerk who verifies their signature
- Verification rates consistent statewide

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- **DECENTRALIZING PROVIDES:**
  - More transparency
  - Removes potential conflicts of interest:
    - Clerk preference of candidates
- **CONSISTENT W/ 20A-9-502**
  - Co clerk with majority of signatures in the packet
- **OTHER PETITIONS ARE VERIFIED BY LOCAL CLERK**



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## SEPARATION OF POWERS!

Decentralizing 300,000+ signatures from one clerk to each county clerk spreads the burden across the state and makes it easier for candidates to deliver their petition books locally.

# RECOMMENDATION

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We recommend  
that the  
Legislature  
consider options  
to make



signature  
verification

for candidate  
petition packets  
more transparent.