

HB223: Electronic Signature Collection Amendments

Sponsor: Representative Teuscher



CURRENT LAW

- HB218 (2022) created an electronic signature-gathering process for initiative, referendum, and candidate nominations.

WHAT DOES HB223 DO?

- Sunsets paper signature gathering in 2030.
- Requires the online signature gathering program to be able to scan a driver's license or other valid voter identification.
- Requires the electronic signature gathering program to be able to collect signatures while offline.



WHY IS HB223 IMPORTANT?

- **Less Expensive**
 - Groups no longer have to print expensive paper signature-gathering packets.
- **More Integrity in the Process**
 - Scanning an identification card is more reliable than signature matching.
- **Reduces administrative burdens**
 - Clerks no longer have to compare signatures.
- **Allows for Instant Verification**
 - Signature gatherers know exactly how many votes they have gathered.
- **Increases Widespread Collection**
 - Allows signature gatherers to reach residents in rural locations.