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67-1a-14 Study of signing a petition online -- Report.

- (1) As used in this section, "petition" means a petition to:
 - (a) qualify a ballot proposition for the ballot under Title 20A, Chapter 7, Issues Submitted to the Voters;
 - (b) organize and register a political party under Title 20A, Chapter 8, Political Party Formation and Procedures; or
 - (c) qualify a candidate for the ballot under Title 20A, Chapter 9, Candidate Qualifications and Nominating Procedures.
- (2) The lieutenant governor, in consultation with a county clerk and municipal clerk, shall study a way that a registered voter may sign a petition on the Internet and receive information about the petition on the Internet.
- (3) The study shall evaluate:
 - (a) how to sign a petition on the Internet using a holographic signature that is in an electronic format maintained by a government agency;
 - (b) the security, development, ownership, management, format, and content of a secure Internet portal or website on which a registered voter may sign a petition;
 - (c) the security measures necessary to:
 - (i) verify the identity of a registered voter who signs a petition on the Internet; and
 - (ii) insure the integrity of a signature;
 - (d) changes to the process of collecting, verifying, and certifying a signature, if the signature is collected on the Internet;
 - (e) whether verification is necessary for signatures collected on the Internet;
 - (f) which election official should be responsible for the certification of signatures collected on the Internet;
 - (g) whether signatures on a petition should be public information;
 - (h) the removal process of a signature collected on the Internet;
 - (i) what percentage of signatures should be collected on the Internet or in person, statewide or by Senate district;
 - (j) what information regarding the petition should be available on the secure Internet portal or website, including who may submit the information and by what deadline information should be submitted;
 - (k) the time the lieutenant governor, county clerk, or municipal clerk may spend certifying a petition if a registered voter is allowed to sign a petition on the Internet;
 - (l) the processes, if any, that exists in other states to allow a registered voter to sign a petition on the Internet; and
 - (m) any other issue related to allowing a registered voter to sign a petition on the Internet.

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