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HB 2474: new party recognition; signatures; circulators

Sponsor: Representative Kolodin, LD 3

Committee on Municipal Oversight & Elections

Overview

Conforms the requirements for new party recognition petitions and the circulation of such petitions with the requirements for initiative petitions.

History

An initiative or referendum petition circulator is required to register with the Secretary of State if the circulator is paid or the circulator is not an Arizona resident. Any person who is qualified to register to vote in Arizona, or who would be qualified if they resided in Arizona, may circulate petitions. The Secretary of State is prohibited from accepting an initiative petition that was issued for circulation more than 24 months before the general election at which the measure is to be included on the ballot (A.R.S. §§ [19-118](#), [19-121](#), [19-205.01](#)).

Provisions

1. Specifies that a petition for new party recognition that contains one or more signatures that are collected more than 24 months before the primary election at which the party is seeking recognition is null and void and prohibits the filing officer from accepting the petition for filing. (Sec. 1)
2. Requires the registration of new party recognition petition circulators with the Secretary of State prior to the circulation of any petitions. (Sec. 2)
3. Directs the Secretary of State to provide for a method to receive service of process for new party recognition petition circulators to register. (Sec. 2)
4. Instructs the Secretary of State to provide a procedure for the registration of new party recognition petition circulators in the Election Procedures Manual. (Sec. 2)
5. Establishes a standard of review for the requirements relating to new party recognition petitions that must be strictly construed. (Sec. 3)
6. Requires the strict compliance of new party recognition petition circulators with related statutory requirements. (Sec. 3)
7. Makes technical changes. (Sec. 1)

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