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Introduced by Representatives Priestley of Bradford, Boyden of Cambridge,
Anthony of Barre City, Buss of Woodstock, Casey of
Montpelier, Cina of Burlington, Cordes of Lincoln, Headrick of
Burlington, Logan of Burlington, McGill of Bridport,
Rachelson of Burlington, Stone of Burlington, and Williams of
Barre City

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Elections; local elections; Australian ballot system; use of electronic
signatures for petitions

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to allow voters
to use electronic signatures for local election petitions.

An act relating to the use of electronic signatures for local ballot petitions

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 17 V.S.A. § 2632 is added to read:

§ 2632. PETITIONS; ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES

For purposes of this chapter and unless otherwise required by law, a voter
may use an electronic signature to sign a petition, provided that the electronic

1 signature complies with the Uniform Electronic Transaction Act, 9 V.S.A.
2 chapter 20.

3 Sec. 2 17 V.S.A. § 2642 is amended to read:

4 § 2642. WARNING AND NOTICE CONTENTS

5 (a)(1) The warning shall include the date and time of the election, location
6 of the polling place or places, and the nature of the meeting or election.

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8 (3)(A) The warning shall also contain any article or articles requested by
9 a petition signed by at least five percent of the voters of the municipality and
10 filed with the municipal clerk not less than 47 days before the day of the
11 meeting.

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13 (C) A petition submitted under this subdivision (3):

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15 (iii) shall include the ~~printed~~ name, signature, and street address of
16 each voter who signed the petition.

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18 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

19 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.