The undersigned intends to circulate and file a referendum petition and hereby makes application for the issuance of an official serial number to be printed in the lower right-hand corner of each side of each signature sheet of such petition. Attached hereto is the full title and text, in no less than eight point type, of the measure intended to be referred at the next general election.

This petition seeks to refer 2017 Laws, Chapter 151 (HB 2244), the principal provisions of which [1] impose a strict compliance standard for initiative petitions; [2] require the secretary of state to provide a sample initiative petition that strictly complies with the law; [3] direct the secretary of state to prepare an initiative, referendum, and recall handbook; [4] find that the citizen initiative is an extraordinary power not easily amended by the legislature; and [5] declare that initiative petitions should be held to the same strict compliance standard as referendum petitions.

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By submitting this Application for Serial Number and checking all boxes below, I acknowledge the following:

☐ That I have read and understand the accompanying Instructions for Statewide Referenda, including the Secretary of State’s recommended best practices for printing copies of the Statewide Referendum Petition to be circulated.

☐ That at the time of filing, I was provided instructions regarding accurate completion of the electronic Statewide Referendum Petition form.

By checking these boxes, we are not expressly or implicitly agreeing to comply with any requirements that are not required by Arizona law.

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CHAPTER 151  
HOUSE BILL 2244

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 19, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 19-102.01; AMENDING TITLE 19, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 2, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 19-119.02; RELATING TO INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)
Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:
Section 1. Title 19, chapter 1, article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended by adding section 19-102.01, to read:
19-102.01. Initiative petitions: standard of review
A. CONSTITUTIONAL AND STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS FOR STATEWIDE INITIATIVE MEASURES MUST BE STRICTLY CONSTRUED AND PERSONS USING THE INITIATIVE PROCESS MUST STRICTLY COMPLY WITH THOSE CONSTITUTIONAL AND STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS.
B. THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL MAKE AVAILABLE A SAMPLE INITIATIVE PETITION THAT STRICTLY COMPLIES WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 19-121. ANY COMMITTEE THAT USES THE SAMPLE INITIATIVE PETITION PROVIDED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL BE PRESUMED TO HAVE STRICTLY COMPLIED WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 19-121.
Sec. 2. Title 19, chapter 1, article 2, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended by adding section 19-119.02, to read:
19-119.02. Initiative, referendum and recall handbook: secretary of state
EACH ELECTION CYCLE THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL PREPARE AND PUBLISH AN INITIATIVE, REFERENDUM AND RECALL HANDBOOK THAT PROVIDES GUIDANCE ON INTERPRETING, ADMINISTERING, APPLYING AND ENFORCING THE LAWS RELATING TO INITIATIVE, REFERENDUM AND RECALL. THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL MAKE THE HANDBOOK AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC ON THE SECRETARY OF STATE’S WEBSITE.
Sec. 3. Legislative findings: purpose
A. The legislature finds that:
1. The Constitution of Arizona provides voters with the ability to propose new laws or constitutional amendments through the initiative process.
4. The Voter Protection Act greatly impairs the ability of the legislature, representing the will of the people, to implement changes to or corrective measures for voter-approved initiatives.
5. The initiative process has evolved into an extraordinary power, effectively holding up and binding the will of the legislature and future majorities of the people by preventing the enactment of new laws and amendments that may well represent the wishes of the current majority of the people. See Perini Land & Dev. Co. v. Pima Cty., 170 Ariz. 380, 382-83 (1992); see also Direct Sellers Ass'n v. McBrayer, 109 Ariz. 3, 5 (1972).
6. Strict compliance with the constitutional and statutory requirements for the initiative process and in the application and enforcement of those requirements provides the surest method for safeguarding the integrity and accuracy of the initiative process, while still recognizing the historical importance of initiatives in this state. Cf. W. Devcor. Inc. v. City of Scottsdale, 168 Ariz. 426, 429 (1991) (citing Cottonwood Dev. v. Foothills Area Coal. of Tucson, Inc., 134 Ariz. 46, 49 (1982)).

B. Based on the findings provided in subsection A of this section, the legislature's purpose in adopting this act includes the following:

1. Requiring that statewide initiative measures strictly comply with constitutional and statutory requirements.

2. Requiring that persons circulating and submitting initiative petitions be held to the same standard of constitutional and statutory compliance as those persons circulating and submitting referendum petitions.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR APRIL 14, 2017.

Passed the House **February 22, 2017**
by the following vote: **59** Ayes,
**0** Nays, **1** Not Voting

*Signature*

Speaker of the House

Passed the Senate **April 12, 2017**
by the following vote: **110** Ayes,
**14** Nays, **0** Not Voting

*Signature*

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

*Signature*

Secretary of the Senate

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA**
**OFFICE OF GOVERNOR**

This Bill received by the Governor this

_________ day of ____________, 20____

at ______________ o’clock __________ M.

*Signature*

Secretary to the Governor

Approved this ______________ day of

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at ______________ o’clock __________ M.

*Signature*

Governor of Arizona

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**OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE**

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this ______ day of ____________, 20____

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Secretary of State
HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE
AMENDMENTS AND FINAL PASSAGE

April 13, 2017.

by the following vote: 34 Ayes, 23 Nays, 3 Not Voting

Speaker of the House
Jim Denham
Chief Clerk of the House

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
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This Bill was received by the Governor this 13 day of April, 2017.
at 7:23 a.m.

Secretary to the Governor

Approved this 4th day of April, 2017.
at 4:10 p.m.

Governor of Arizona
Jenelle H. Flannery

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OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Bill was received by the Secretary of State this 14 day of April, 2017.
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Secretary of State
Michele Reagan