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Requested by HOUSE COMMITTEE ON RULES

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 3422**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 5 through 28 and delete page
2 2 and insert:

3 **“SECTION 2. (1)(a) Any elector registered to vote in this state may**
4 **submit a written request to the Secretary of State to watch the sig-**
5 **nature verification of an initiative or referendum petition relating to**
6 **a state measure.**

7 **“(b) The secretary shall approve each request made under para-**
8 **graph (a) of this subsection unless the secretary determines that ap-**
9 **proving all requests would interfere with an orderly signature**
10 **verification process.**

11 **“(c) If the secretary makes a determination under paragraph (b) of**
12 **this subsection to not approve all requests to watch the signature**
13 **verification of an initiative or referendum petition, the secretary shall,**
14 **to the extent practicable, ensure that each interested party to the in-**
15 **itiative or referendum petition is granted equal access to watch the**
16 **signature verification.**

17 **“(2)(a) An individual permitted under subsection (1) of this section**
18 **to watch the signature verification process, or the individual’s**
19 **designee, may file a written complaint with the secretary alleging that**
20 **the signature verification process fails to comply with applicable stat-**
21 **ute, rules or other written guidance issued by the secretary.**

1 **“(b) The secretary shall within one business day accept, review and**
2 **provide a response to a complaint filed under paragraph (a) of this**
3 **subsection. The response shall contain a determination regarding**
4 **whether any statutes, rules or other written guidance were improperly**
5 **applied. If a statute, rule or other written guidance was improperly**
6 **applied, the secretary shall revise the results of the signature verifi-**
7 **cation in accordance with the determination made under this para-**
8 **graph.**

9 **“(c) If an individual who filed a complaint under paragraph (a) of**
10 **this subsection, or the individual’s designee, disagrees with the deter-**
11 **mination provided by the secretary under paragraph (b) of this sub-**
12 **section, the individual or the individual’s designee may appeal the**
13 **determination of the secretary to the Attorney General. The Attorney**
14 **General shall by rule design a process to promptly resolve appeals**
15 **brought under this paragraph.”.**

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