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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 523**

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Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to petitions; to amend section 32-629, Reissue  
2 Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to require petition  
3 sponsors to provide and maintain records of  
4 identification for petition circulators; and to repeal  
5 the original section.  
6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1           Section 1. Section 32-629, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
2 Nebraska, is amended to read:

3           32-629 (1) Except as otherwise provided in section  
4 32-1404 for initiative and referendum petitions, only a registered  
5 voter of the State of Nebraska shall qualify as a valid signer of a  
6 petition and may sign petitions under the Election Act.

7           (2) Only an elector of the State of Nebraska shall  
8 qualify as a valid circulator of a petition and may circulate  
9 petitions under the Election Act.

10           (3) The sponsor or principal circulator of a petition  
11 under the Election Act shall provide each circulator of such petition  
12 with identification. The identification shall be designed so that it  
13 will be visible to each prospective signer of the petition. The  
14 identification shall contain a number unique to that circulator and  
15 other information as determined by the Secretary of State. The  
16 identification shall not contain the name or other personal  
17 information of the circulator. The sponsor or principal circulator  
18 shall maintain records indicating the name and address of each  
19 circulator and the number assigned to each circulator. The sponsor or  
20 principal circulator shall make the records available for purposes of  
21 investigation upon request from the Secretary of State, the Attorney  
22 General, or a law enforcement agency.

23           Sec. 2. Original section 32-629, Reissue Revised Statutes  
24 of Nebraska, is repealed.