HCR 2005 Initiative; referendum; signatures; legislative districts
Senate Bill 1085 Association Health Plans
Senate Bill 1451 Statewide ballot measures; circulators; procedures
SCR 1023 Initiative; referendum; signatures; legislative districts

HCR 2005 and SCR 1023 deal with how signatures are gathered for someone to place an initiative on the ballot. If passed this would require a certain percentage of signatures to be gathered from every district in the state. Current law allows for someone to stand on a busy corner in downtown Phoenix to collect signatures. We support this initiative as a fairer way to collect signatures. If it's a statewide initiative it seems fair that signatures should be gathered statewide.

SB 1451 deals with the person collecting the signatures. This bill deals with a lot of different issues regarding the person collecting signatures to place initiatives on the ballot. I want to focus on one segment of why the EVCCA is supporting this bill. We want to make certain that the person that is collecting your signature has had a background check. We want to make sure that he or she has not had a civil or criminal penalty imposed for a statutory election or initiative and referenda violation within the preceding five years; b) has not been convicted of a felony and has not had their civil rights restored; or c) has never been convicted of a criminal offense involving fraud, forgery or identity theft.

Senate Bill 1085 deals with association health plans. This one is more complicated to explain. I encourage you to read the full text www.azleg.gov for a better understanding of this bill. My abbreviated version of explanation is if passed into law there may be a way for associations to offer its members insurance plans as an alternative to the exchange.

These are just a few bills that are supported by the East Valley Chamber of Commerce which this Chamber is a proud member. If you want more information, I encourage you to look up these bills and read the full text at www.azleg.gov.