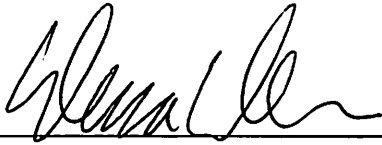
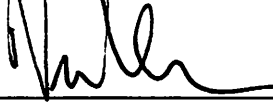


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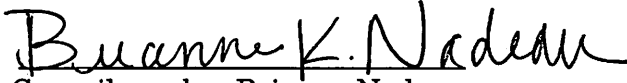
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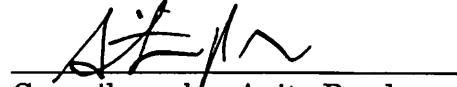
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23 To amend the District of Columbia Election Code of 1955 to require the Board of Elections
24 to implement a mobile application process for collecting petition signatures.

25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That
26 this act may be cited as the "Ballot Access Modernization Amendment Act of 2015".

27 Sec. 2. The District of Columbia Election Code of 1955, approved August 12, 1955 (69
28 Stat. 699; D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.01 *et seq.*), is amended as follows:

29 (a) Section 2 (D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.02) is amended by adding new paragraphs
30 (29) and (30) to read as follows:

31 "(29) "Mobile application" means a specialized program designed to fulfill a
32 particular purpose when installed onto a mobile device.

33 "(30) "Mobile device" means a handheld, portable, wireless computing device, such as
34 a tablet computer."

35 (b) Section 5(a) (D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.05(a)) is amended by adding a new
36 paragraph (14A) to read as follows:

37 “(14A) Within 180 days after the effective date of the Ballot Access
38 Modernization Amendment Act of 2015, issue rules to implement mobile application
39 petitions;”.

40 (c) A new section 8a is added to read as follows:

41 “Sec. 8a. Mobile application petitions.

42 “(a) Within 180 days following the effective date of this section, the Board shall
43 implement a mobile application petition pilot that allows a candidate, campaign, or
44 proposer of an initiative or referendum measure the option of using mobile devices to gather
45 signatures, in addition to the traditional petition process.

46 “(b) The Board shall make the mobile application petition available for a candidate,
47 campaign, or proposer of an initiative or referendum measure to install on mobile devices.

48 “(c) The mobile application petition shall:

49 “(1) Connect to the voter database to provide immediate confirmation that a
50 signer is a registered voter;

51 “(2) Keep a running count of the number of signatures collected; and

52 “(3) Allow signed petitions to be printed out for submission to the Board.”

53 “(d) The Board may procure tablet computers to loan out to a candidate, campaign,
54 or proposer of an initiative or referendum measure for a reasonable refundable deposit.”.

55 (d) Section 16(g) (D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.16(g)) is amended by striking the
56 phrase “same size as the original.” and inserting the phrase “same size as the original, or
57 shall utilize the mobile application petition pursuant to section 8a of this section.” in its
58 place.

59 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

60 The Council of the District of Columbia adopts the fiscal impact statement in the
61 committee report as the fiscal impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District
62 of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87. Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code
63 § 1-206.02(c)(3)).

64 Sec. 4. Effective date.

65 This act shall take effect upon its approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by
66 the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional
67 review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved
68 December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the
69 District of Columbia Register.

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