



STATE OF ARIZONA  
April 18, 2011

JANICE K. BREWER  
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

The Honorable Kirk Adams  
Speaker of the House  
Arizona House of Representatives  
1700 W. Washington  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Re: House Bill 2177 (presidential candidates; qualifications; affidavit)

Dear Speaker Adams:

Today I vetoed House Bill 2177. House Bill 2177 empowers the Secretary of State or other election officers in Arizona to judge the qualifications of every federal, state and local candidate at the time of filing. As a former Secretary of State, I do not support designating one person as the gatekeeper to the ballot for a candidate, which could lead to arbitrary or politically-motivated decisions.

In addition, I never imagined being presented with a bill that could require candidates for President of the greatest and most powerful nation on earth to submit their "early baptismal or circumcision certificates" among other records to the Arizona Secretary of State. This is a bridge too far.

This measure creates significant new problems while failing to do anything constructive for Arizona.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janice K. Brewer".

Janice K. Brewer  
Governor

cc: The Honorable Russell Pearce  
The Honorable Carl Seel