

COMMITTEE ON FEDERALISM, MILITARY AFFAIRS & ELECTIONS
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AMENDMENTS TO H.C.R. 2013
(Reference to printed bill)

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1 The resolution as proposed to be amended is reprinted as follows:

2 1. Under the power of the referendum, as vested in the Legislature,
3 the following measure, relating to elections, is enacted to become valid
4 as a law if approved by the voters and on proclamation of the Governor:

5 AN ACT

6 AMENDING TITLE 16, CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED
7 STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTIONS 16-407.04 AND 16-407.05; AMENDING
8 SECTIONS 16-411, 16-544, 16-547, 16-548, 16-542, 16-550, 16-
9 552, 16-560.01 16-579, 16-579.01 AND 16-579.02, ARIZONA
10 REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING TITLE 16, CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE 1.2,
11 ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 16-919; RELATING
12 TO ELECTIONS.

13 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

14 Section 1. Title 16, chapter 4, article 1, Arizona
15 Revised Statutes, is amended by adding sections 16-407.04 and
16 16-407.05, to read:

17 16-407.04. Donations from a foreign source; election
18 administration; certification; records;
19 reports; civil penalty; definitions

20 A. A GOVERNMENT ENTITY IN THIS STATE MAY NOT USE MONIES
21 OR IN-KIND GOODS OR SERVICES THAT ARE DONATED, DIRECTLY OR
22 INDIRECTLY, BY A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT OR ANY FOREIGN
23 NONGOVERNMENTAL SOURCE FOR ELECTION ADMINISTRATION.

24 B. A PERSON OR VENDOR THAT PROVIDES SERVICES TO A
25 GOVERNMENT ENTITY FOR ELECTION ADMINISTRATION SHALL PROVIDE A
26 CERTIFICATION TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE THAT INCLUDES A DATED
27 AND SWORN STATEMENT, UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY, THAT THE PERSON
28 IS NOT KNOWINGLY THE RECIPIENT, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, OF

1 DONATIONS FROM A FOREIGN SOURCE. THE PERSON SHALL ANNUALLY
2 UPDATE THE CERTIFICATION. IF THE PERSON OBTAINS INFORMATION
3 THAT WAS UNKNOWN AT THE TIME OF THE INITIAL CERTIFICATION, THE
4 PERSON SHALL UPDATE THE INITIAL CERTIFICATION WITHIN FIVE
5 BUSINESS DAYS TO REFLECT THE NEW INFORMATION AND SHALL INCLUDE
6 A NEW STATEMENT THAT THE PERSON IS NOT KNOWINGLY THE
7 RECIPIENT, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, OF DONATIONS FROM A FOREIGN
8 SOURCE. THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A PERSON OR
9 ORGANIZATION WHEN PROVIDING A FACILITY THAT SERVES AS A VOTING
10 LOCATION.

11 C. THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL REQUIRE GOVERNMENT
12 ENTITIES TO PROVIDE TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE A QUARTERLY
13 REPORT THAT LISTS ANY PERSON OR VENDOR THAT PROVIDES SERVICES
14 TO THAT GOVERNMENT ENTITY FOR ELECTION ADMINISTRATION. THE
15 SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL NOTIFY THE GOVERNMENT ENTITY BY EMAIL
16 IF THE GOVERNMENT ENTITY FAILS TO FILE ITS QUARTERLY REPORT
17 PRESCRIBED BY THIS SECTION AND ADVISE THE GOVERNMENT ENTITY
18 THAT SECTION 16-407.05 PROVIDES FOR POSSIBLE ENFORCEMENT
19 ACTIONS.

20 D. THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL MAINTAIN RECORDS OF THE
21 CERTIFICATIONS PRESCRIBED BY THIS SECTION AND SHALL POST THESE
22 CERTIFICATIONS ON THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S WEBSITE.

23 E. A PERSON OR VENDOR THAT FAILS TO PROVIDE THE
24 CERTIFICATION PRESCRIBED BY THIS SECTION OR THAT PROVIDES AN
25 INACCURATE CERTIFICATION TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE INVALIDATES
26 ANY AGREEMENT WITH THE GOVERNMENT ENTITY, AND THE STATE,
27 COUNTY OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENTITY IS BARRED FROM ENTERING INTO
28 OR CONTINUING ANY AGREEMENT WITH THAT PERSON.

29 F. A PERSON OR VENDOR THAT KNOWINGLY FAILS TO PROVIDE
30 AN ACCURATE INITIAL OR UPDATED CERTIFICATION AS PRESCRIBED BY
31 THIS SECTION IS LIABLE FOR A CIVIL PENALTY IN THE AMOUNT OF
32 THREE TIMES THE MONEY PAID OR CONTRACTED TO BE PAID BY THE
33 GOVERNMENT ENTITY, WHICH SHALL BE PAID TO THE FIRST SUCCESSFUL
34 LITIGANT UNDER THIS SECTION. THE CONTROLLING PERSON OF ANY
35 VENDOR SHALL BE JOINTLY AND SEVERALLY LIABLE TO PAY THAT
36 AMOUNT.

37 G. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:

38 1. FOREIGN GOVERNMENT DOES NOT INCLUDE FEDERALLY
39 RECOGNIZED SOVEREIGN TRIBAL NATIONS.

40 2. "FOREIGN NONGOVERNMENTAL SOURCE":

41 (a) MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS NOT A UNITED STATES
42 CITIZEN OR NATIONAL.

43 (b) DOES NOT INCLUDE FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED SOVEREIGN
44 TRIBAL NATIONS.

45 3. "PERSON":

46 (a) MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL OR A CORPORATION OR OTHER
47 ENTITY AS DEFINED IN SECTION 16-901.

(b) DOES NOT INCLUDE POLL WORKERS.

16-407.05. Enforcement; civil action

A. ANY QUALIFIED ELECTOR OR ANY STATE OFFICER ACTING IN THE OFFICER'S OFFICIAL CAPACITY MAY BRING A CIVIL ACTION ~~[TO DO ANY OR ALL OF THE FOLLOWING]~~ [FOR DAMAGES PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 16-407.04 OR 16-919. THE PLAINTIFF MAY ALSO SEEK EQUITABLE RELIEF]:

1. ~~[ENJOIN]~~ [ENJOINING] A VIOLATION OF SECTION 16-407.04.

2. ~~[ENFORCE]~~ [ENFORCING] ANY PROVISION OF SECTION 16-407.04.

B. IF THE CLAIMANT PREVAILS IN AN ACTION BROUGHT UNDER SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION, THE COURT SHALL AWARD:

1. INJUNCTIVE RELIEF SUFFICIENT TO PREVENT THE DEFENDANT FROM VIOLATING SECTION 16-407.04 OR ENGAGING IN ACTS THAT AID OR ABET VIOLATIONS OF SECTION 16-407.04.

2. DAMAGES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000 PER DAY FROM THE DATE OF NONCOMPLIANCE UNTIL THE DEFENDANT COMES INTO COMPLIANCE, ADJUSTED FOR INFLATION AS PRESCRIBED BY THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX ALONG WITH ANY CIVIL PENALTY AMOUNTS PRESCRIBED BY SECTION 16-407.04.

3. COSTS AND ATTORNEY FEES.

C. THE REMEDIES, DUTIES, PROHIBITIONS AND PENALTIES PRESCRIBED BY THIS SECTION AND SECTION 16-407.04 ARE IN ADDITION TO ALL OTHER CAUSES OF ACTION, REMEDIES AND PENALTIES PROVIDED BY LAW. [THE EXPRESS PROVISION OF A CIVIL RIGHT OF ACTION IN THIS SECTION IS NOT INTENDED TO DENY OR DISPARAGE THE AVAILABILITY OF SPECIAL ACTION RELIEF WITH RESPECT TO THIS OR ANY OTHER LAW.]

<<Sec. 2. Section 16-411, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

16-411. Designation of election precincts and polling places; voting centers; electioneering; wait times

A. The board of supervisors of each county, on or before October 1 of each year preceding the year of a general election, by an order, shall establish a convenient number of election precincts in the county and define the boundaries of the precincts as follows:

1. The election precinct boundaries shall be established so as to be included within election districts prescribed by law for elected officers of the state and its political subdivisions, including community college district precincts, except those elected officers provided for in titles 30 and 48.

2. If after October 1 of the year preceding the year of a general election the board of supervisors must further adjust precinct boundaries due to the redistricting of

1 election districts as prescribed by law and to comply with
2 this subsection, the board of supervisors shall adjust these
3 precinct boundaries as soon as is practicable.

4 B. At least twenty days before a general or primary
5 election, and at least ten days before a special election, the
6 board shall designate one polling place within each precinct
7 where the election shall be held, except that:

8 1. On a specific finding of the board, included in the
9 order or resolution designating polling places pursuant to
10 this subsection, that no suitable polling place is available
11 within a precinct, a polling place for that precinct may be
12 designated within an adjacent precinct.

13 2. Adjacent precincts may be combined if boundaries so
14 established are included in election districts prescribed by
15 law for state elected officials and political subdivisions
16 including community college districts but not including
17 elected officials prescribed by titles 30 and 48. The officer
18 in charge of elections may also split a precinct for
19 administrative purposes. The polling places shall be listed
20 in separate sections of the order or resolution.

21 3. On a specific finding of the board that the number
22 of persons who are listed as early voters pursuant to section
23 16-544 and who are not expected to have their ballots
24 tabulated at the polling place as prescribed in section
25 16-579.02 is likely to substantially reduce the number of
26 voters appearing at one or more specific polling places at
27 that election, adjacent precincts may be consolidated by
28 combining polling places and precinct boards for that
29 election. The board of supervisors shall ensure that a
30 reasonable and adequate number of polling places will be
31 designated for that election. Any consolidated polling places
32 shall be listed in separate sections of the order or
33 resolution of the board.

34 4. On a specific resolution of the board, the board
35 may authorize the use of voting centers in place of or in
36 addition to specifically designated polling places. A voting
37 center shall allow any voter in that county to receive the
38 appropriate ballot for that voter on election day after
39 presenting identification as prescribed in section 16-579 and
40 to lawfully cast the ballot. Voting centers may be
41 established in coordination and consultation with the county
42 recorder, at other county offices or at other locations in the
43 county deemed appropriate.

44 ~~[5. On a specific resolution of the board of~~
45 ~~supervisors that is limited to a specific election date and~~
46 ~~that is voted on by a recorded vote, the board may authorize~~

1 ~~the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections to~~
2 ~~use emergency voting centers as follows:~~

3 ~~(a) The board shall specify in the resolution the~~
4 ~~location and the hours of operation of the emergency voting~~
5 ~~centers.~~

6 ~~(b) A qualified elector voting at an emergency voting~~
7 ~~center shall provide identification as prescribed in section~~
8 ~~16-579, except that notwithstanding section 16-579, subsection~~
9 ~~A, paragraph 2, for any voting at an emergency voting center,~~
10 ~~the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections~~
11 ~~may allow a qualified elector to update the elector's voter~~
12 ~~registration information as provided for in the secretary of~~
13 ~~state's instructions and procedures manual adopted pursuant to~~
14 ~~section 16-452.~~

15 ~~(c) If an emergency voting center established pursuant~~
16 ~~to this section becomes unavailable and there is not~~
17 ~~sufficient time for the board of supervisors to convene to~~
18 ~~approve an alternate location for that emergency voting~~
19 ~~center, the county recorder or other officer in charge of~~
20 ~~elections may make changes to the approved emergency voting~~
21 ~~center location and shall notify the public and the board of~~
22 ~~supervisors regarding that change as soon as practicable. The~~
23 ~~alternate emergency voting center shall be as close in~~
24 ~~proximity to the approved emergency voting center location as~~
25 ~~possible.]~~

26 C. If the board fails to designate the place for
27 holding the election, or if it cannot be held at or about the
28 place designated, the justice of the peace in the precinct,
29 two days before the election, by an order, copies of which the
30 justice of the peace shall immediately post in three public
31 places in the precinct, shall designate the place within the
32 precinct for holding the election. If there is no justice of
33 the peace in the precinct, or if the justice of the peace
34 fails to do so, the election board of the precinct shall
35 designate and give notice of the place within the precinct of
36 holding the election. For any election in which there are no
37 candidates for elected office appearing on the ballot, the
38 board may consolidate polling places and precinct boards and
39 may consolidate the tabulation of results for that election if
40 all of the following apply:

1 1. All affected voters are notified by mail of the
2 change at least thirty-three days before the election.

3 2. Notice of the change in polling places includes
4 notice of the new voting location, notice of the hours for
5 voting on election day and notice of the telephone number to
6 call for voter assistance.

7 3. All affected voters receive information on early
8 voting that includes the application used to request an early
9 voting ballot.

10 D. The board is not required to designate a polling
11 place for special district mail ballot elections held pursuant
12 to article 8.1 of this chapter, but the board may designate
13 one or more sites for voters to deposit marked ballots until
14 7:00 p.m. on the day of the election.

15 E. ~~[Except as provided in subsection F of this~~
16 ~~section,]~~ A public school shall provide sufficient space for
17 use as a polling place for any city, county or state election
18 when requested by the officer in charge of elections.

19 ~~[F. The principal of the school may deny a request to~~
20 ~~provide space for use as a polling place for any city, county~~
21 ~~or state election if, within two weeks after a request has~~
22 ~~been made, the principal provides a written statement~~
23 ~~indicating a reason the election cannot be held in the school,~~
24 ~~including any of the following:~~

25 ~~1. Space is not available at the school.~~

26 ~~2. The safety or welfare of the children would be~~
27 ~~jeopardized.]~~

28 ~~[G.]~~ [F.] Beginning in 2026, the department of
29 administration shall coordinate with state agencies and
30 counties to provide available and appropriate state-owned
31 facilities for use as a voting location for any city, county
32 or state election when requested by the officer in charge of
33 elections.

34 ~~[H.]~~ [G.] The board shall make available to the public
35 as a public record a list of the polling places for all
36 precincts in which the election is to be held.

37 ~~[I.]~~ [H.] Except in the case of an emergency, any
38 facility that is used as a polling place on election day or
39 that is used as an early voting site during the period of
40 early voting shall allow persons to electioneer and engage in
41 other political activity outside of the seventy-five foot
42 limit prescribed by section 16-515 in public areas and parking
43 lots used by voters. This subsection does not allow the
44 temporary or permanent construction of structures in public
45 areas and parking lots or the blocking or other impairment of
46 access to parking spaces for voters. The county recorder or
47 other officer in charge of elections shall post on its website

1 at least two weeks before election day a list of those polling
2 places in which emergency conditions prevent electioneering
3 and shall specify the reason the emergency designation was
4 granted and the number of attempts that were made to find a
5 polling place before granting an emergency designation. If
6 the polling place is not on the website list of polling places
7 with emergency designations, electioneering and other
8 political activity shall be allowed outside of the
9 seventy-five foot limit. If an emergency arises after the
10 county recorder or other officer in charge of elections'
11 initial website posting, the county recorder or other officer
12 in charge of elections shall update the website as soon as is
13 practicable to include any new polling places, shall highlight
14 the polling place location on the website and shall specify
15 the reason the emergency designation was granted and the
16 number of attempts that were made to find a polling place
17 before granting an emergency designation.

18 ~~[G.]~~ [I.] For the purposes of this section, a county
19 recorder or other officer in charge of elections shall
20 designate a polling place as an emergency polling place and
21 thus prohibit persons from electioneering and engaging in
22 other political activity outside of the seventy-five foot
23 limit prescribed by section 16-515 but inside the property of
24 the facility that is hosting the polling place if any of the
25 following occurs:

26 1. An act of God renders a previously set polling
27 place as unusable.

28 2. A county recorder or other officer in charge of
29 elections has exhausted all options and there are no suitable
30 facilities in a precinct that are willing to be a polling
31 place unless a facility can be given an emergency designation.

32 ~~[K.]~~ [J.] The secretary of state shall provide through
33 the instructions and procedures manual adopted pursuant to
34 section 16-452 the maximum allowable wait time for any
35 election that is subject to section 16-204 and provide for a
36 method to reduce voter wait time at the polls in the primary
37 and general elections. The method shall consider at least all
38 of the following for primary and general elections in each
39 precinct:

40 1. The number of ballots voted in the prior primary
41 and general elections.

42 2. The number of registered voters who voted early in
43 the prior primary and general elections.

44 3. The number of registered voters and the number of
45 registered voters who cast an early ballot for the current
46 primary or general election.

1 4. The number of registered voters whose early ballots
2 were tabulated on-site as prescribed in section 16-579.02 in
3 the prior primary and general elections.

4 5. The number of election board members and clerks and
5 the number of rosters that will reduce voter wait time at the
6 polls.>>

7 <<Sec. 3. Section 16-449, Arizona Revised Statutes, is
8 amended to read:

9 16-449. Required test of equipment and programs;
10 notice; procedures manual

11 A. Within the period of time before the election day
12 prescribed by the secretary of state in the instructions and
13 procedures manual adopted pursuant to section 16-452, the
14 board of supervisors or other ~~[election]~~ officer in charge ~~[OF~~
15 ~~ELECTIONS]~~, or for an election involving state or federal
16 candidates, the secretary of state, shall ~~[have]~~ ~~[TEST]~~ the
17 automatic tabulating equipment and programs ~~[tested]~~ to
18 ascertain that the equipment and programs will correctly count
19 the votes cast for all offices and on all measures. Public
20 notice of the time and place of the test shall be given at
21 least forty-eight hours ~~[prior thereto]~~ ~~[BEFORE THE TEST]~~ by
22 publication once in one or more daily or weekly newspapers
23 published in the town, city or village using such equipment,
24 if a newspaper is published ~~[therein]~~ ~~[IN THE TOWN, CITY OR~~
25 ~~VILLAGE]~~, otherwise in a newspaper of general circulation
26 ~~[therein]~~. The test shall be observed by at least two
27 election inspectors, who shall not be of the same political
28 party, and shall be open to representatives of the political
29 parties, candidates, the press and the public. The test shall
30 be conducted by processing a preaudited group of ballots so
31 marked as to record a predetermined number of valid votes for
32 each candidate and on each measure and shall include for each
33 office one or more ballots that have votes in excess of the
34 number allowed by law in order to test the ability of the
35 automatic tabulating equipment and programs to reject such
36 votes. If any error is detected, the cause ~~[therefor]~~ ~~[FOR~~
37 ~~THE ERROR]~~ shall be ascertained and corrected and an errorless
38 count shall be made before the automatic tabulating equipment
39 and programs are approved. A copy of a revised program shall
40 be filed with the secretary of state within forty-eight hours
41 after the revision is made. If the error was created by
42 automatic tabulating equipment malfunction, a report shall be
43 filed with the secretary of state within forty-eight hours
44 after the correction is made, stating the cause and the
45 corrective action taken. The test shall be repeated
46 immediately before the start of the official count of the
47 ballots in the same manner as set forth above. After the

1 completion of the count, the programs used and the ballots
2 shall be sealed, retained and disposed of as provided for
3 paper ballots.

4 B. Electronic ballot tabulating systems shall be
5 tested for logic and accuracy within seven days before their
6 use for early balloting pursuant to the instructions and
7 procedures manual for electronic voting systems that is
8 adopted by the secretary of state as prescribed by section
9 16-452. The instructions and procedures manual shall include
10 procedures for the handling of ballots, the electronic
11 scanning of ballots and any other matters necessary to ensure
12 the maximum degree of correctness, impartiality and uniformity
13 in the administration of an electronic ballot tabulating
14 system.

15 C. Notwithstanding subsections A and B of this
16 section, if a county uses accessible voting equipment to mark
17 ballots and that accessible voting equipment does not
18 independently tabulate or tally votes, the secretary of state
19 in cooperation with the county officer in charge of elections
20 may designate a single date to test the logic and accuracy of
21 both the accessible voting equipment and electronic ballot
22 tabulating systems.

23 [D. NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION B OF THIS SECTION, FOR
24 ANY COUNTY THAT PROVIDES FOR ON-SITE TABULATION PURSUANT TO
25 SECTION 16-579.01, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OR OFFICER IN
26 CHARGE OF ELECTIONS SHALL TEST THE ELECTRONIC BALLOT
27 TABULATING EQUIPMENT TO BE UTILIZED PURSUANT TO SECTION 16-
28 579.01 FOR LOGIC AND ACCURACY WITHIN FIFTY DAYS BEFORE
29 ELECTION DAY. THIS DOES NOT IMPACT THE DEADLINES FOR
30 PERFORMING LOGIC AND ACCURACY TESTING ON OTHER EQUIPMENT.]>>

31 <<Sec. 4. Section 16-542, Arizona Revised Statutes, is
32 amended to read:

33 16-542. Request for ballot; civil penalties;
34 violation; classification

35 A. Within ninety-three days before any election called
36 pursuant to the laws of this state, an elector may make a
37 verbal or signed request to the county recorder, or other
38 officer in charge of elections for the applicable political
39 subdivision of this state in whose jurisdiction the elector is
40 registered to vote, for an official early ballot. In addition
41 to name and address, the requesting elector shall provide the
42 date of birth and state or country of birth or other
43 information that if compared to the voter registration
44 information on file would confirm the identity of the
45 elector. If the request indicates that the elector needs a
46 primary election ballot and a general election ballot, the
47 county recorder or other officer in charge of elections shall

1 honor the request. For any partisan primary election, if the
2 elector is not registered as a member of a political party
3 that is entitled to continued representation on the ballot
4 pursuant to section 16-804, the elector shall designate the
5 ballot of only one of the political parties that is entitled
6 to continued representation on the ballot and the elector may
7 receive and vote the ballot of only that one political party,
8 which also shall include any nonpartisan offices and ballot
9 questions, or the elector shall designate the ballot for
10 nonpartisan offices and ballot questions only and the elector
11 may receive and vote the ballot that contains only nonpartisan
12 offices and ballot questions. The county recorder or other
13 officer in charge of elections shall process any request for
14 an early ballot for a municipal election pursuant to this
15 subsection. The county recorder may establish on-site early
16 voting locations at the recorder's office, which shall be open
17 and available for use beginning the same day that a county
18 begins to send out the early ballots. The county recorder may
19 also establish any other early voting locations in the county
20 the recorder deems necessary. Any on-site early voting
21 location or other early voting location shall require each
22 elector to present identification as prescribed in section
23 16-579 before receiving a ballot. Notwithstanding section
24 16-579, subsection A, paragraph 2, at any on-site early voting
25 location or other early voting location the county recorder or
26 other officer in charge of elections may provide for a
27 qualified elector to update the elector's voter registration
28 information as provided for in the secretary of state's
29 instructions and procedures manual adopted pursuant to section
30 16-452.

31 B. Notwithstanding subsection A of this section, a
32 request for an official early ballot from an absent uniformed
33 services voter or overseas voter as defined in the uniformed
34 and overseas citizens absentee voting act (P.L. 99-410; 52
35 United States Code section 20310) or a voter whose information
36 is protected pursuant to section 16-153 that is received by
37 the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections
38 more than ninety-three days before the election is valid. If
39 requested by the absent uniformed services or overseas voter,
40 or a voter whose information is protected pursuant to section
41 16-153, the county recorder or other officer in charge of
42 elections shall provide to the requesting voter early ballot
43 materials through the next regularly scheduled general
44 election for federal office immediately following receipt of
45 the request unless a different period of time, which does not
46 exceed the next two regularly scheduled general elections for
47 federal office, is designated by the voter.

1 C. The county recorder or other officer in charge of
2 elections shall mail the early ballot and the envelope for its
3 return postage prepaid to the address provided by the
4 requesting elector within five days after receipt of the
5 official early ballots from the officer charged by law with
6 the duty of preparing ballots pursuant to section 16-545,
7 except that early ballot distribution shall not begin more
8 than twenty-seven days before the election. If an early
9 ballot request is received on or before the thirty-first day
10 before the election, the early ballot shall be distributed not
11 earlier than the twenty-seventh day before the election and
12 not later than the twenty-fourth day before the election.

13 D. Only the elector may be in possession of that
14 elector's unvoted early ballot. If a complete and correct
15 request is made by the elector within twenty-seven days before
16 the election, the mailing must be made within forty-eight
17 hours after receipt of the request. Saturdays, Sundays and
18 other legal holidays are excluded from the computation of the
19 forty-eight-hour period prescribed by this subsection. If a
20 complete and correct request is made by an absent uniformed
21 services voter or an overseas voter before the election, the
22 regular early ballot shall be transmitted by mail, by fax or
23 by other electronic format approved by the secretary of state
24 within twenty-four hours after the early ballots are delivered
25 pursuant to section 16-545, subsection B, excluding Sundays.

26 E. In order to be complete and correct and to receive
27 an early ballot by mail, an elector's request that an early
28 ballot be mailed to the elector's residence or temporary
29 address must include all of the information prescribed by
30 subsection A of this section and must be received by the
31 county recorder or other officer in charge of elections not
32 later than 5:00 p.m. on the eleventh day preceding the
33 election. An elector who appears personally not later than
34 7:00 p.m. on the Friday preceding the election at an on-site
35 early voting location that is established by the county
36 recorder or other officer in charge of elections shall be
37 given a ballot after presenting identification as prescribed
38 in section 16-579 and shall be allowed to vote at the on-site
39 location. [THE COUNTY RECORDER OR OTHER OFFICE IN CHARGE OF
40 ELECTIONS MAY OPERATE THE ON-SITE EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS
41 DURING THE SATURDAY, SUNDAY AND MONDAY IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING
42 ELECTION DAY.] Notwithstanding section 16-579, subsection A,
43 paragraph 2, at any on-site early voting location the county
44 recorder or other officer in charge of elections may provide
45 for a qualified elector to update the elector's voter
46 registration information as provided for in the secretary of
47 state's instructions and procedures manual adopted pursuant to

1 section 16-452. If an elector's request to receive an early
2 ballot is not complete and correct but complies with all other
3 requirements of this section, the county recorder or other
4 officer in charge of elections shall attempt to notify the
5 elector of the deficiency of the request.

6 F. Unless an elector specifies that the address to
7 which an early ballot is to be sent is a temporary address,
8 the recorder may use the information from an early ballot
9 request form to update voter registration records.

10 G. The county recorder or other officer in charge of
11 early balloting shall provide an alphabetized list of all
12 voters in the precinct who have requested and have been sent
13 an early ballot to the election board of the precinct in which
14 the voter is registered not later than the day before the
15 election.

16 ~~[H. As a result of experiencing an emergency between~~
17 ~~7:00 p.m. on the Friday preceding the election and 5:00 p.m.~~
18 ~~on the Monday preceding the election, qualified electors may~~
19 ~~request to vote in the manner prescribed by the board of~~
20 ~~supervisors of their respective county. Before voting~~
21 ~~pursuant to this subsection, an elector who experiences an~~
22 ~~emergency shall provide identification as prescribed in~~
23 ~~section 16-579 and shall sign a statement under penalty of~~
24 ~~perjury that states that the person is experiencing or~~
25 ~~experienced an emergency after 7:00 p.m. on the Friday~~
26 ~~immediately preceding the election and before 5:00 p.m. on the~~
27 ~~Monday immediately preceding the election that would prevent~~
28 ~~the person from voting at the polls. Signed statements~~
29 ~~received pursuant to this subsection are not subject to~~
30 ~~inspection pursuant to title 39, chapter 1, article 2. For~~
31 ~~the purposes of this subsection, "emergency" means any~~
32 ~~unforeseen circumstances that would prevent the elector from~~
33 ~~voting at the polls.~~

34 ~~i. Notwithstanding section 16-579, subsection A,~~
35 ~~paragraph 2, for any voting pursuant to subsection H of this~~
36 ~~section, the county recorder or other officer in charge of~~
37 ~~elections may allow a qualified elector to update the~~
38 ~~elector's voter registration information as provided for in~~
39 ~~the secretary of state's instructions and procedures manual~~
40 ~~adopted pursuant to section 16-452.~~

41 ~~[J.] [H.]~~ A candidate, political committee or other
42 organization may distribute early ballot request forms to
43 voters. If the early ballot request forms include a printed
44 address for return, the addressee shall be the political
45 subdivision that will conduct the election. Failure to use
46 the political subdivision as the return addressee is

1 punishable by a civil penalty of up to three times the cost of
2 the production and distribution of the request.

3 ~~[K.]~~ [I.] All original and completed early ballot
4 request forms that are received by a candidate, political
5 committee or other organization shall be submitted within six
6 business days after receipt by a candidate, political
7 committee or other organization or eleven days before the
8 election day, whichever is earlier, to the political
9 subdivision that will conduct the election. Any person,
10 political committee or other organization that fails to submit
11 a completed early ballot request form within the prescribed
12 time is subject to a civil penalty of up to \$25 per day for
13 each completed form withheld from submittal. Any person who
14 knowingly fails to submit a completed early ballot request
15 form before the submission deadline for the election
16 immediately following the completion of the form is guilty of
17 a class 6 felony.

18 ~~[L.]~~ [J.] Except for a voter who is on the active early
19 voting list prescribed by section 16-544, a voter who requests
20 a onetime early ballot pursuant to this section or for an
21 election conducted pursuant to section 16-409 or article 8.1
22 of this chapter, a county recorder, city or town clerk or
23 other election officer may not deliver or mail an early ballot
24 to a person who has not requested an early ballot for that
25 election. An election officer who knowingly violates this
26 subsection is guilty of a class 5 felony. >>

27 Sec. 5. Section 16-544, Arizona Revised Statutes, is
28 amended to read:

29 16-544. Active early voting list; unique number; civil
30 penalty; violation; classification;
31 definitions

32 A. Any voter may request to be included on a list of
33 voters to receive an early ballot by mail ~~for any election for~~
34 ~~which the county voter registration roll is used to prepare~~
35 ~~the election register~~ AS PRESCRIBED BY THIS SECTION. The
36 county recorder of each county shall maintain the active early
37 voting list as part of the voter registration roll AND SHALL
38 ISSUE A UNIQUE EARLY VOTER ID NUMBER TO EACH VOTER ON THE LIST
39 [AND TO EACH VOTER WHO MAKES A ONE-TIME REQUEST FOR AN EARLY
40 BALLOT PURSUANT TO SECTION 16-542]. [THE COUNTY RECORDER
41 SHALL USE A RANDOM NUMBER GENERATING DEVICE TO ASSIGN EARLY
42 VOTER ID NUMBERS. THE COUNTY RECORDER SHALL PROVIDE THE EARLY
43 VOTER WITH THE EARLY VOTER ID NUMBER BY SENDING IT TO THE
44 VOTER BY MAIL, PLACING IT ON THE BACK OF THE VOTER'S VOTER
45 REGISTRATION CARD AND SENDING IT TO THE VOTER OR BY MAKING IT
46 AVAILABLE TO THE VOTER BY WAY OF AN ONLINE PORTAL. THE
47 COUNTY RECORDER SHALL USE ONE OR MORE OF THESE PRESCRIBED

1 METHODS FOR PROVIDING THE EARLY VOTER ID NUMBER TO THE VOTER.]
2 THE EARLY VOTER ID NUMBER DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A PUBLIC RECORD
3 AND SHALL BE PROTECTED AS PERSONAL IDENTIFYING
4 INFORMATION. [IF THE VOTER BELIEVES THAT THE VOTER'S EARLY
5 VOTER ID NUMBER IS NO LONGER SECURE, THE VOTER MAY REQUEST A
6 NEW EARLY VOTER ID NUMBER AND THE COUNTY RECORDER SHALL ISSUE
7 THAT VOTER A NEW EARLY VOTER ID NUMBER.]

8 B. In order to be included on the active early voting
9 list, the voter shall make a written request specifically
10 requesting that the voter's name be added to the active early
11 voting list ~~for all elections in which the applicant is~~
12 ~~eligible to vote~~ AND SHALL CONFIRM THE VOTER'S ADDRESS EACH
13 ELECTION CYCLE THEREAFTER [THROUGH AN AFFIRMATIVE ACT BY THE
14 VOTER IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED BY THIS SUBSECTION] TO OBTAIN AN
15 EARLY BALLOT FOR ELECTIONS IN THAT ELECTION CYCLE. An early
16 voter request form shall conform to requirements prescribed in
17 the instructions and procedures manual issued pursuant to
18 section 16-452. The application shall allow for the voter to
19 provide the voter's name, residence address, mailing address
20 in the voter's county of residence, date of birth and
21 signature and shall state that the voter is attesting that the
22 voter is a registered voter who is eligible to vote in the
23 county of residence. The voter shall not list a mailing
24 address that is outside of this state for the purpose of the
25 active early voting list unless the voter is an absent
26 uniformed services voter or overseas voter as defined in the
27 uniformed and overseas citizens absentee voting act
28 (P.L. 99-410; 52 United States Code section 20310). In lieu
29 of the application, the applicant may submit a written request
30 that contains the required information. [THE COUNTY RECORDER
31 SHALL PROVIDE FOR THE EARLY VOTER TO CONFIRM THE VOTER'S
32 ADDRESS, PRIOR TO EACH BALLOT PRINTING DEADLINE, BY ANY ONE OR
33 MORE OF THE FOLLOWING METHODS:

34 1. MAILING THE EARLY VOTER A NOTICE TO CONFIRM OR
35 UPDATE THE VOTER'S ADDRESS.

36 2. CALLING THE EARLY VOTER OR NOTIFYING THE EARLY VOTER
37 TO CALL THE COUNTY RECORDER TO CONFIRM OR UPDATE THE VOTER'S
38 ADDRESS.

39 3. EMAILING THE EARLY VOTER A NOTICE TO CONFIRM OR
40 UPDATE THE VOTER'S ADDRESS.

41 4. ALLOWING THE EARLY VOTER TO CONFIRM OR UPDATE THE
42 ADDRESS BY WAY OF A WEBSITE PORTAL. A WEBSITE PORTAL FOR THIS
43 PURPOSE SHALL PROMPT THE VOTER TO CONFIRM OR UPDATE THE
44 VOTER'S ADDRESS EACH TIME THE VOTER LOGS IN, IF THE VOTER'S
45 ADDRESS HAS NOT YET BEEN CONFIRMED FOR THAT ELECTION CYCLE.]

46 C. On receipt of a request to be included on the active
47 early voting list, the county recorder or other officer in

1 charge of elections shall VERIFY THE VOTER'S IDENTITY AND
2 ADDRESS USING THE VOTER'S EARLY VOTER ID NUMBER OR, FOR VOTERS
3 WHO HAVE NOT BEEN PREVIOUSLY ISSUED AN EARLY VOTER ID NUMBER,
4 ~~[compare the signature on the request form with the voter's~~
5 ~~signature on the voter's registration form]~~ [ISSUE THE VOTER
6 AN EARLY VOTER ID NUMBER AS PRESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION A OF THIS
7 SECTION] and, if the request is from the voter, shall mark the
8 voter's registration file as an active early ballot
9 request. IF THE COUNTY RECORDER OR OTHER OFFICER IN CHARGE OF
10 ELECTIONS IS UNABLE TO VERIFY THE VOTER'S IDENTITY AND ADDRESS
11 AS PRESCRIBED BY THIS ~~[SUBSECTION]~~ [SECTION], THE COUNTY
12 RECORDER OR OTHER OFFICER IN CHARGE OF ELECTIONS SHALL REJECT
13 THE VOTER'S APPLICATION TO BE PLACED ON THE ACTIVE EARLY
14 VOTING LIST.

15 D. Not less than ninety days before any polling place
16 election scheduled in March or August, the county recorder or
17 other officer in charge of elections shall mail to all voters
18 who are eligible for the election and who are included on the
19 active early voting list an election notice by nonforwardable
20 mail that is marked with the statement required by the
21 postmaster to receive an address correction notification. If
22 an election is not formally called by a jurisdiction by the
23 one hundred eightieth day before the election, the recorder or
24 other officer in charge of elections is not required to send
25 the election notice. The notice shall include the dates of
26 the elections that are the subject of the notice, the dates
27 that the voter's ballot is expected to be mailed and the
28 address where the ballot will be mailed. If the upcoming
29 election is a partisan open primary election and the voter is
30 not registered as a member of one of the political parties
31 that is recognized for purposes of that primary, the notice
32 shall include information on the procedure for the voter to
33 designate a political party ballot. The notice shall be
34 delivered with return postage prepaid and shall also include a
35 means for the voter to do any of the following:

36 1. Change the mailing address for the voter's ballot to
37 another location in the voter's county of residence.

38 2. Update the voter's residence address in the voter's
39 county of residence.

40 3. Request that the voter not be sent a ballot for the
41 upcoming election or elections indicated on the notice.

42 E. If the notice that is mailed to the voter is
43 returned undeliverable by the postal service, the county
44 recorder or other officer in charge of elections shall ~~take~~
45 ~~the necessary steps to contact the voter at the voter's new~~
46 ~~residence address in order to update that voter's address or~~
47 ~~to~~ [take the necessary steps to contact the voter at the

1 voter's new residence address in order to update that voter's
2 address or to] move the voter to inactive status as prescribed
3 in section 16-166, subsection A. If a voter is moved to
4 inactive status, the voter shall be removed from the active
5 early voting list. If the voter is removed from the active
6 early voting list, the voter shall only be added to the active
7 early voting list again if the voter submits a new request
8 pursuant to this section.

9 F. Not later than the first day of early voting, the
10 county recorder or other officer in charge of elections shall
11 mail an early ballot to all eligible voters included on the
12 active early voting list in the same manner prescribed in
13 section 16-542, subsection C. If the voter has not returned
14 the notice or otherwise notified the election officer within
15 forty-five days before the election that the voter does not
16 wish to receive an early ballot by mail for the election or
17 elections indicated, the ballot shall automatically be
18 scheduled for mailing.

19 G. If a voter who is on the active early voting list
20 ~~[AND WHO REQUESTED AN EARLY BALLOT FOR A PARTISAN PRIMARY~~
21 ~~ELECTION]~~ is not registered as a member of a recognized
22 political party and fails to notify the county recorder of the
23 voter's choice for political party ballot within forty-five
24 days before a partisan open primary election, the following
25 apply:

26 1. The voter shall not automatically be sent a ballot
27 for that partisan open primary election only and the voter's
28 name shall remain on the active early voting list for future
29 elections.

30 2. To receive an early ballot for the primary election,
31 the voter shall submit the voter's choice for political party
32 ballot to the county recorder.

33 H. After a voter has requested to be included on the
34 active early voting list, the voter shall be sent an early
35 ballot by mail automatically for any election at which a voter
36 at that residence address is eligible to vote. ~~[THE VOTER MAY~~
37 ~~CONTINUE TO BE ON THE ACTIVE EARLY VOTING LIST IF THE VOTER~~
38 ~~CONFIRMS THE VOTER'S MAILING ADDRESS ONCE EACH ELECTION~~
39 ~~CYCLE. THE COUNTY RECORDER SHALL ALLOW THE VOTER TO CONFIRM~~
40 ~~THE VOTER'S ADDRESS BY TELEPHONE, IN WRITING OR ONLINE, AND~~
41 ~~SHALL PROVIDE FOR AT LEAST TWO OF THOSE METHODS OF~~
42 ~~CONFIRMATION. THE VOTER SHALL BE SENT AN EARLY BALLOT BY~~
43 ~~MAIL]~~ until any of the following occurs:

44 ~~[1. THE VOTER FAILS TO CONFIRM THE VOTER'S ADDRESS~~
45 ~~DURING AN ELECTION CYCLE.]~~

46 ~~1.~~ [2.] [1.] The voter requests in writing to be
47 removed from the active early voting list.

1 ~~2.~~ [3.] [2.] The voter's registration or eligibility
2 for registration is moved to inactive status or canceled as
3 otherwise provided by law.

4 ~~3.~~ [4.] [3.] The notice sent by the county recorder or
5 other officer in charge of elections is returned undeliverable
6 and the county recorder or officer in charge of elections is
7 unable to contact the voter to determine the voter's continued
8 desire to remain on the list.

9 ~~4.~~ [5.] [4.] The voter fails to vote an early ballot
10 in all elections for two consecutive election cycles. For the
11 purposes of this paragraph, "election" means any regular
12 primary or regular general election for which there was a
13 federal race on the ballot or for which a city or town
14 candidate primary or first election or city or town candidate
15 second, general or runoff election was on the ballot. This
16 paragraph does not apply to:

17 (a) A special taxing district that is authorized
18 pursuant to section 16-191 to conduct its own elections.

19 (b) A special district mail ballot election that is
20 conducted pursuant to article 8.1 of this chapter.

21 I. A voter may make a written request at any time to be
22 removed from the active early voting list. The request shall
23 include the voter's name, residence address, date of birth and
24 signature. On receipt of a completed request to remove a
25 voter from the active early voting list, the county recorder
26 or other officer in charge of elections shall remove the
27 voter's name from the list as soon as practicable.

28 J. An absent uniformed services voter or overseas voter
29 as defined in the uniformed and overseas citizens absentee
30 voting act (P.L. 99-410; 52 United States Code section 20310)
31 is eligible to be placed on the active early voting list
32 pursuant to this section.

33 K. A voter's failure to vote an early ballot once
34 received does not constitute grounds to remove the voter from
35 the active early voting list, except that a county recorder
36 shall remove a voter from the active early voting list if both
37 of the following apply:

38 1. The county recorder or other officer in charge of
39 elections complies with subsection M of this section.

40 2. The voter fails to vote using an early ballot in all
41 of the following elections for two consecutive election
42 cycles:

43 (a) A regular primary and regular general election for
44 which there was a federal race on the ballot.

45 (b) A city or town candidate primary or first election
46 and a city or town candidate second, general or runoff
47 election.

1 L. On or before January 15 of each odd-numbered year,
2 the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections
3 shall send a notice to each voter who is on the active early
4 voting list and who did not vote an early ballot in all
5 elections for two consecutive election cycles as prescribed by
6 subsection K of this section. If the voter has provided the
7 voter's telephone or mobile phone number or email address to
8 the county recorder, the county recorder may additionally
9 provide the notice to the voter by telephone call, text
10 message or email. The notice shall inform the voter that if
11 the voter wishes to remain on the active early voting list,
12 the voter shall do both of the following with the notice
13 received:

14 1. Confirm in writing the voter's desire to remain on
15 the active early voting list.

16 2. Return the completed notice to the county recorder
17 or other officer in charge of elections within ninety days
18 after the notice is sent to the voter. The notice shall be
19 signed by the voter and shall contain the voter's address and
20 date of birth.

21 M. If a voter receives a notice as prescribed by
22 subsection L of this section and the voter fails to respond
23 within the ninety-day period, the county recorder or other
24 officer in charge of elections shall remove the voter's name
25 from the active early voting list.

26 N. A candidate, political committee or other
27 organization may distribute active early voting list request
28 forms to voters. If the active early voting list request
29 forms include a printed address for return, that address shall
30 be the political subdivision that will conduct the election.
31 Failure to use the political subdivision as the return
32 addressee is punishable by a civil penalty of up to three
33 times the cost of the production and distribution of the
34 active early voting list request.

35 O. All original and completed active early voting list
36 request forms that are received by a candidate, political
37 committee or other organization shall be submitted within six
38 business days after receipt by a candidate or political
39 committee or eleven days before the election day, whichever is
40 earlier, to the political subdivision that will conduct the
41 election. Any person, political committee or other
42 organization that fails to submit a completed active early
43 voting list request form within the prescribed time is subject
44 to a civil penalty of up to \$25 per day for each completed
45 form withheld from submittal. Any person who knowingly fails
46 to submit a completed active early voting list request form
47 before the submission deadline for the election immediately

1 following the completion of the form is guilty of a class 6
2 felony.

3 P. A person who receives an early ballot at an address
4 at which another person formerly resided, without voting the
5 ballot or signing the envelope, shall write "not at this
6 address" on the envelope and place the mail piece in a United
7 States postal service collection box or other mail
8 receptacle. On receipt, the county recorder or other officer
9 in charge of elections shall proceed in the manner prescribed
10 in subsection E of this section.

11 Q. When the county recorder receives confirmation from
12 another county that a person registered has registered to vote
13 in that other county, the county recorder shall remove that
14 person from the active early voting list.

15 R. If the county recorder receives credible information
16 that a person has registered to vote in a different county,
17 the county recorder shall confirm the person's voter
18 registration with that other county and, on confirmation,
19 shall remove that person from the county's active early voting
20 list pursuant to subsection Q of this section.

21 S. For the purposes of this section, "election cycle"
22 means the two-year period beginning on January 1 in the year
23 after a statewide general election or, for cities and towns,
24 the two-year period beginning on the first day of the calendar
25 quarter after the calendar quarter in which the city's or
26 town's second, runoff or general election is scheduled and
27 ending on the last day of the calendar quarter in which the
28 city's or town's immediately following second, runoff or
29 general election is scheduled, however that election is
30 designated by the city or town.

31 T. FOR THE PURPOSES OF ARIZONA LAW:

32 1. "ELECTION CYCLE" MEANS THE PERIOD BETWEEN A GENERAL
33 ELECTION AND THE SUBSEQUENT GENERAL ELECTION.

34 2. "VOTER'S SIGNATURE ON THE VOTER'S REGISTRATION FORM"
35 AND "SIGNATURE OF THE ELECTOR ON OR IN THE ELECTOR'S
36 REGISTRATION RECORD" AND ALL SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR PHRASES
37 SHALL HAVE THE IDENTICAL MEANING OF BEING THE SIGNATURE THE
38 VOTER PROVIDED ON THE FORM PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 16-152.

39 Sec. 6. Section 16-547, Arizona Revised Statutes, is
40 amended to read:

41 16-547. Mail affidavit; form

42 A. The early ballot shall be accompanied by an envelope
43 bearing on the front the name, official title and post office
44 address of the recorder or other officer in charge of
45 elections and ~~on the other side~~ a printed affidavit AND SPACE
46 FOR VOTER TO WRITE THE VOTER'S EARLY VOTER ID NUMBER THAT CAN
47 BE CONCEALED BY THE VOTER WHEN DELIVERED OR MAILED TO THE

COUNTY RECORDER, THE AFFIDAVIT SHALL INCLUDE A STATEMENT in substantially the following form:

I declare the following under penalty of perjury: I am a registered voter in _____ county Arizona, I have not voted and will not vote in this election in any other county or state, I understand that knowingly voting more than once in any election is a class 5 felony and I voted the enclosed ballot and signed this MAIL affidavit personally unless noted below.

If the voter was assisted by another person in marking the ballot, complete the following:

I declare the following under penalty of perjury: At the registered voter's request I assisted the voter identified in this MAIL affidavit with marking the voter's ballot, I marked the ballot as directly instructed by the voter, I provided the assistance because the voter was physically unable to mark the ballot solely due to illness, injury or physical limitation and I understand that there is no power of attorney for voting and that the voter must be able to make the voter's selection even if the voter cannot physically mark the ballot.

Name of voter assistant: _____

Address of voter assistant: _____

B. The face of each envelope in which a ballot is sent to a federal postcard applicant or in which a ballot is returned by the applicant to the recorder or other officer in charge of elections shall be in the form prescribed in accordance with the uniformed and overseas citizens absentee voting act (P.L. 99-410; 52 United States Code section 20301). Otherwise, the envelopes shall be the same as those used to send ballots to, or receive ballots from, other early voters.

C. The officer charged by law with the duty of preparing ballots at any election shall ensure that the early ballot is sent in an envelope that states substantially the following:

If the addressee does not reside at this address, mark the unopened envelope "return to sender" and deposit it in the United States mail.

D. The county recorder or other officer in charge of elections shall supply printed instructions to early voters that direct them to sign the MAIL affidavit, mark the ballot and return both in the enclosed self-addressed envelope that complies with section 16-545, and:

1 1. Through 2025, the instructions shall include the
2 following statement:

3 In order to be valid and counted, the ballot
4 and mail affidavit must be delivered to the office
5 of the county recorder or other officer in charge
6 of elections or may be deposited at any polling
7 place in the county not later than 7:00 p.m. on
8 election day. The ballot will not be counted
9 without the voter's signature on the envelope.

10 (WARNING – It is a felony to offer or
11 receive any compensation for a ballot.)

12 2. Beginning in 2026 AND UNTIL 2027, the instructions
13 shall include the following statement:

14 In order to be valid and counted, the mail
15 affidavit that contains the mail ballot must have
16 the voter's ~~signature~~ EARLY VOTER ID NUMBER on the
17 envelope and must be returned to the office of the
18 county recorder by any one of the following
19 methods:

20 (a) Delivering it to the office of the
21 county recorder or other officer in charge of
22 elections not later than 7:00 p.m. on election
23 day.

24 (b) Depositing it at any polling place in
25 the county not later than 7:00 p.m. on election
26 day.

27 (c) Bringing the ballot to any polling
28 place in the county not later than 7:00 p.m. on
29 election day and choosing to present valid
30 identification that complies with section 16-579,
31 subsection A, paragraph 1, Arizona Revised
32 Statutes.

33 3. BEGINNING IN 2027, THE INSTRUCTIONS SHALL
34 INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

35 ~~[IN ORDER TO BE VALID AND COUNTED, THE MAIL~~
36 ~~AFFIDAVIT THAT CONTAINS THE MAIL BALLOT MUST HAVE~~
37 ~~THE VOTER'S EARLY VOTER ID NUMBER ON THE ENVELOPE~~
38 ~~AND MUST BE RETURNED TO THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY~~
39 ~~RECORDER BY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING METHODS:~~

40 ~~(a) DEPOSITING IT IN A SECURE RECEPTACLE AT~~
41 ~~ANY EARLY VOTING LOCATION IN THE COUNTY NOT LATER~~
42 ~~THAN 7:00 P.M. ON THE FRIDAY BEFORE ELECTION DAY.~~

43 ~~(b) DELIVERING IT TO THE OFFICE OF THE~~
44 ~~COUNTY RECORDER OR OTHER OFFICER IN CHARGE OF~~
45 ~~ELECTIONS NOT LATER THAN 7:00 P.M. ON ELECTION DAY.~~

46 ~~(c) ON ELECTION DAY, BRINGING IT TO THE~~
47 ~~OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OR OTHER OFFICER IN~~

1 ~~CHARGE OF ELECTIONS WHICH, ON ELECTION DAY, IS THE~~
2 ~~ONLY VALID LOCATION FOR RECEIVING THE VOTED MAIL~~
3 ~~BALLOT BY HAND DELIVERY.]~~

4 [IN ORDER TO BE VALID AND COUNTED, THE
5 MAILED AFFIDAVIT THAT CONTAINS THE MAILED BALLOT
6 MUST HAVE THE VOTER'S EARLY VOTER ID NUMBER ON THE
7 ENVELOPE AND MUST BE RETURNED TO THE OFFICE OF THE
8 COUNTY RECORDER BY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING METHODS:

9 (a) DEPOSITING IT IN A SECURE IDENTIFIED
10 CONTAINER AT ANY EARLY VOTING LOCATION IN THE
11 COUNTY NO LATER THAN 7:00 P.M. ON THE LAST FRIDAY
12 BEFORE ELECTION DAY.

13 (b) DELIVERING IT TO THE OFFICE OF THE
14 COUNTY RECORDER OR ANY OTHER OFFICER IN CHARGE OF
15 ELECTIONS NO LATER THAN 7 P.M. ON ELECTION DAY.

16 (c) ON ELECTION DAY, BRINGING THE BALLOT TO
17 THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OR OTHER OFFICER
18 IN CHARGE OF ELECTIONS WHICH, ON ELECTION DAY, WILL
19 BE THE ONLY VALID LOCATION FOR RECEIVING THE
20 COMPLETED BALLOT, WHICH MUST BE HAND DELIVERED.]

21 (WARNING — It is a felony to offer or receive
22 any compensation for a ballot.)

23 E. The printed instructions prescribed by subsection D
24 of this section shall also include the following information
25 regarding section 16-1005, subsections H and I in
26 substantially the following form:

27 A person may only handle or return ~~their~~ THE PERSON'S
28 own ballot or the ballot of family members, household members
29 or persons for whom ~~they are~~ THE PERSON IS a caregiver. It is
30 unlawful under section 16-1005, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, to
31 handle or return the ballot of any other person.

32 Sec. 7. Section 16-548, Arizona Revised Statutes, is
33 amended to read:

34 16-548. Preparation and transmission of ballot

35 A. The early voter shall make and sign the affidavit
36 and shall then mark ~~his~~ THE ballot in such a manner that ~~his~~
37 THE EARLY VOTER'S vote cannot be seen. The early voter shall
38 fold the ballot, if a paper ballot, so as to conceal the vote
39 and deposit the voted ballot in the envelope provided for that
40 purpose, which shall be securely sealed and, together with the
41 affidavit, delivered or mailed to the county recorder or other
42 officer in charge of elections of the political subdivision in
43 which the elector is registered or deposited by the voter or
44 the voter's agent at any polling place in the county. THROUGH
45 2026, in order to be counted and valid, the ballot must be
46 received by the county recorder or other officer in charge of

1 elections or deposited at any polling place in the county ~~no~~
2 NOT later than 7:00 p.m. on election day.

3 B. BEGINNING IN 2027, THE VOTED BALLOT AND AFFIDAVIT
4 MUST BE DEPOSITED IN A SECURE RECEPTACLE AT ANY EARLY VOTING
5 LOCATION IN THE COUNTY NOT LATER THAN 7:00 P.M. ON THE FRIDAY
6 BEFORE ELECTION DAY, DELIVERED TO THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY
7 RECORDER OR OTHER OFFICER IN CHARGE OF ELECTIONS NOT LATER
8 THAN 7:00 P.M. ON ELECTION DAY OR, ON ELECTION DAY, BROUGHT BY
9 HAND DELIVERY TO THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OR OTHER
10 OFFICER IN CHARGE OF ELECTIONS BEFORE 7:00 P.M., WHICH IS THE
11 ONLY VALID LOCATION FOR RECEIVING THE VOTED MAIL BALLOT BY
12 HAND DELIVERY ON ELECTION DAY.

13 ~~B.~~ C. If the early voter is an overseas citizen, a
14 qualified elector absent from the United States or in the
15 United States service, a spouse or dependent residing with the
16 early voter or a qualified elector of a special district mail
17 ballot election as provided in article 8.1 of this chapter,
18 the early voter may subscribe to the affidavit before and
19 obtain the signature and military identification number or
20 passport number, if available, of any person who is a United
21 States citizen eighteen years of age or older.

22 Sec. 8. Section 16-550, Arizona Revised Statutes, is
23 amended to read:

24 16-550. Receipt of voter's ballot; cure period;
25 tracking system

26 A. Except for early ballots tabulated as prescribed in
27 section 16-579.02 or, beginning in 2026, received at a voting
28 location after a voter's identification is confirmed as
29 prescribed by section 16-579, subsection A, paragraph 4, on
30 receipt of the envelope containing the early ballot and the
31 mail ~~ballot~~ affidavit, the county recorder or other officer in
32 charge of elections shall CONDUCT [SIGNATURE] [EARLY VOTER ID]
33 VERIFICATION AS PRESCRIBED BY THIS SECTION AND SECTION 16-
34 550.01. THE COUNTY RECORDER OR OTHER OFFICER IN CHARGE OF
35 ELECTIONS SHALL compare the [signature AND] [EARLY VOTER ID
36 NUMBER] EARLY VOTER ID NUMBER on the envelope with the
37 [signature] [EARLY VOTER ID NUMBER] of the elector AND THE
38 ELECTOR'S NAME AND ADDRESS on the elector's registration
39 record as prescribed by section 16-550.01 [AND ON THE EARLY
40 BALLOT SECURITY ENVELOPE]. If the [signature] [EARLY VOTER ID
41 NUMBER] is inconsistent with the elector's [signature] [EARLY
42 VOTER ID NUMBER] on the elector's registration record, the
43 county recorder or other officer in charge of elections shall
44 make reasonable efforts to contact the voter, advise the voter
45 of the inconsistent [signature] [EARLY VOTER ID NUMBER] and
46 allow the voter to correct or the county to confirm the
47 inconsistent [signature] [EARLY VOTER ID NUMBER]. The county

1 recorder or other officer in charge of elections shall allow
2 ~~[signatures]~~ [EARLY VOTER ID NUMBERS] to be corrected not
3 later than the fifth business day after a primary, general or
4 special election that includes a federal office or the third
5 business day after any other election. If the election is a
6 primary, general or special election that includes a federal
7 office, in addition to the office's regular business hours,
8 the county recorder's and any city or town clerks' offices
9 that have an agreement with a county to be used as locations
10 at which a voter may submit proof of identification shall be
11 open during regular business hours to allow for curing
12 ~~[signatures]~~ [EARLY VOTER ID NUMBERS] during the Friday and
13 weekend before and the Friday and weekend after the election.
14 Regular business hours include at a minimum 8:00 a.m. until
15 5:00 p.m. If the ~~[signature]~~ [EARLY VOTER ID NUMBER] is
16 missing, the county recorder or other officer in charge of
17 elections shall make reasonable efforts to contact the
18 elector, advise the elector of the missing ~~[signature]~~ [EARLY
19 VOTER ID NUMBER] and allow the elector to add the elector's
20 ~~[signature]~~ [EARLY VOTER ID NUMBER] not later than 7:00 p.m.
21 on election day. If satisfied that the ~~[signatures]~~ [EARLY
22 VOTER ID NUMBERS] correspond AND AFTER COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION
23 16-550.01, the recorder or other officer in charge of
24 elections shall hold the envelope containing the early ballot
25 and the completed mail affidavit unopened in accordance with
26 the rules of the secretary of state. ~~[Signatures]~~ [EARLY
27 VOTER ID NUMBERS] that cannot be verified pursuant to section
28 16-550.01 or cured pursuant to this section shall be
29 rejected. If the ballot is a conditional provisional ballot,
30 the voter shall provide proof of identification to the county
31 recorder or other officer in charge of elections not later
32 than the fifth business day after a primary, general or
33 special election that includes a federal office or the third
34 business day after any other election. Beginning with the
35 first missing or mismatched ~~[signature]~~ [EARLY VOTER ID
36 NUMBER] that is identified after the period of early voting
37 begins through the Monday immediately preceding the election,
38 the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections
39 shall submit daily to the political parties that are qualified
40 for continued representation on the state ballot an updated
41 list of all voters whose ~~[signatures]~~ [EARLY VOTER ID NUMBERS]
42 are missing or inconsistent with the voter's ~~[signature]~~ [
43 EARLY VOTER ID NUMBER] on the voter's registration record.
44 Beginning on the Wednesday immediately following the election
45 through the end of the ~~[signature]~~ [EARLY VOTER ID NUMBER]
46 cure period after a primary, general or special election that
47 includes a federal office, or the third business day after the

1 election for any other election, the county recorder or other
2 officer in charge of elections shall submit daily to the
3 political parties that are qualified for continued
4 representation on the state ballot an updated list of all
5 voters whose [signatures] [EARLY VOTER ID NUMBERS] are
6 inconsistent with the voter's [signature] [EARLY VOTER ID
7 NUMBER] on the voter's registration record and all voters who
8 voted with a conditional provisional ballot. This list of
9 voters whose [signatures] [EARLY VOTER ID NUMBER] require
10 curing shall include for those voters all voter information
11 that is provided to the political parties that are qualified
12 for continued representation on the state ballot as prescribed
13 by section 16-168.

14 B. The recorder or other officer in charge of elections
15 shall thereafter safely keep the mail ~~ballot~~ affidavits and
16 early ballots in the recorder's or other officer's office and
17 may deliver them for tallying pursuant to section 16-551.

18 C. Processing and tabulation of individual ballots may
19 begin immediately after the envelope and completed mail ~~ballot~~
20 affidavit are processed pursuant to this section and delivered
21 to the early election board and shall continue without delay
22 until completed. Until election day, the early election board
23 and the county recorder or other officer in charge of
24 elections shall:

25 1. Not access an aggregated complete results file of
26 early voting and vote by mail ballots that were processed and
27 tabulated by the end of the early voting period.

28 2. Not produce for internal or external use an
29 aggregated results report or associated files of complete
30 results.

31 3. Only produce a partial results report or associated
32 files if it is part of the internal preparation for the hand
33 count pursuant to section 16-602 or for the logic and accuracy
34 testing required pursuant to section 16-449.

35 4. Not publicly release complete or partial results,
36 whether for internal or external use, until all precincts have
37 reported or one hour after the closing of the polls on
38 election day, whichever is earlier.

39 D. The county recorder or other officer in charge of
40 elections shall post on its website within forty-eight hours
41 after all ballot tabulation is complete all system log files
42 and other similar files from the election management system
43 that verify compliance with subsection C of this section.

44 E. The county recorder shall send a list of all voters
45 who were issued early ballots to the election board of the
46 precinct in which the voter is registered.

1 F. For a county that uses early ballots, the county
2 recorder or other officer in charge of elections shall provide
3 an early ballot tracking system that indicates whether the
4 voter's early ballot has been received and whether the early
5 ballot has been verified and sent to be tabulated or rejected.
6 The county recorder or other officer in charge of elections
7 shall provide voters with access to the early ballot tracking
8 system on the county's website.

9 [G. AFTER PROCESSING AND TABULATION OF EARLY BALLOTS
10 IS COMPLETE, EARLY BALLOT ENVELOPES ARE PUBLIC RECORDS AND
11 COPIES MAY BE REQUESTED AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW, WITH THE
12 FOLLOWING LIMITATIONS:

13 1. THE VOTER'S EARLY VOTER ID NUMBER SHALL BE REDACTED
14 FROM ANY COPY OF AN EARLY BALLOT ENVELOPE THAT IS PROVIDED TO
15 ANYONE OTHER THAN THE EARLY VOTER.

16 2. AN EARLY VOTER SHALL RECEIVE AN UNREDACTED COPY OF
17 THE EARLY VOTER'S EARLY BALLOT ENVELOPE IF THE EARLY VOTER
18 PROVIDES SUFFICIENT IDENTIFYING INFORMATION.]

19 ~~[G.]~~ [H.] This section does not apply to:

20 1. A special taxing district that is authorized
21 pursuant to section 16-191 to conduct its own elections.

22 2. A special district mail ballot election that is
23 conducted pursuant to article 8.1 of this chapter.

24 Sec. 9. Section 16-550.01, Arizona Revised Statutes, is
25 amended to read:

26 16-550.01. Signature verification: procedures

27 A. Except for early ballots tabulated as prescribed in
28 section 16-579.02, on receipt of the envelope containing the
29 early ballot and the ballot affidavit, the county recorder or
30 other officer in charge of elections shall conduct [signature]
31 [EARLY VOTER ID NUMBER] verification as prescribed by this
32 section.

33 B. The evaluator shall ~~examine all the broad~~
34 ~~characteristics of the signature. If the broad~~
35 ~~characteristics of the signature on the ballot affidavit are~~
36 ~~clearly consistent with the broad characteristics of the~~
37 ~~voter's signature in the voter's registration record, the~~
38 ~~evaluator may accept the signature as valid~~ COMPARE THE EARLY
39 VOTER ID NUMBER ON THE ENVELOPE TO THE VOTER'S NAME AND
40 ADDRESS IN THE VOTER'S REGISTRATION RECORD AND ON THE EARLY
41 BALLOT SECURITY ENVELOPE. IF THE EARLY VOTER ID NUMBER
42 MATCHES THE NAME AND ADDRESS IN THE VOTER'S REGISTRATION
43 RECORD AND ON THE EARLY BALLOT SECURITY ENVELOPE, THE ENVELOPE
44 SHALL BE OPENED AND THE BALLOT COUNTED. IF THE EARLY VOTER ID
45 NUMBER DOES NOT MATCH THE NAME OR ADDRESS IN THE VOTER'S
46 REGISTRATION RECORD THE PROCEDURES SET FORTH IN SECTION 16-550
47 FOR CURING SHALL BE FOLLOWED. IF THE ENVELOPE CANNOT BE

1 VERIFIED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION OR CURED PURSUANT TO
2 SECTION 16-550, THE EARLY BALLOT SECURITY ENVELOPE SHALL NOT
3 BE OPENED AND THE BALLOT THEREIN SHALL NOT BE COUNTED.

4 ~~C. If the evaluator finds discrepancies between the~~
5 ~~signature on the ballot affidavit and the voter's signature in~~
6 ~~the voter's registration record, the evaluator shall examine~~
7 ~~the local characteristics of the signature. If the local~~
8 ~~characteristics of the signature on the ballot affidavit are~~
9 ~~clearly consistent with the local characteristics of the~~
10 ~~voter's signature in the voter's registration record, the~~
11 ~~evaluator may accept the signature as valid.~~

12 ~~D. If the evaluator finds a combination of broad and~~
13 ~~local characteristic differences between the signature on the~~
14 ~~ballot affidavit and the voter's signature in the voter's~~
15 ~~registration record, the evaluator shall denote the signature~~
16 ~~for a second review that shall be conducted by an evaluator~~
17 ~~using the same standards prescribed by this section.~~

18 ~~E. Electronic signatures shall be evaluated as~~
19 ~~prescribed by this section, except that electronic signatures~~
20 ~~that use a typed font shall be rejected.~~

21 ~~F. The legislature intends that the illustrations of~~
22 ~~broad and local characteristics in the 2020 secretary of~~
23 ~~state's signature verification guide be used as reference.~~

24 ~~G. For the purposes of this section:~~

25 ~~1. "Broad characteristics" means all of the following:~~

26 ~~(a) The type of writing.~~

27 ~~(b) The speed of writing.~~

28 ~~(c) Overall spacing.~~

29 ~~(d) Overall size and proportions.~~

30 ~~(e) Position of the signature.~~

31 ~~(f) Spelling and punctuation.~~

32 ~~2. "Evaluator" means the individual who is designated~~
33 ~~by the county recorder or officer in charge of elections and~~
34 ~~who conducts signature verification.~~

35 ~~3. "Local characteristics" means all of the following:~~

36 ~~(a) Internal spacing.~~

37 ~~(b) The size or proportions of a letter or letter~~
38 ~~combination.~~

39 ~~(c) Curves, loops and cross points.~~

40 ~~(d) The presence or absence of pen lifts.~~

41 ~~(e) Beginning and ending strokes.~~

42 ~~4. "Signature verification" means the process of~~
43 ~~manually comparing the signature on a voter's affidavit~~
44 ~~envelope or ballot affidavit with the voter's signature in the~~
45 ~~voter's registration record.~~

46 ~~H. The legislature intends by this section to codify~~
47 ~~procedures based on the 2020 secretary of state signature~~

~~verification guide, provided that in the event of any conflict between the guide and this section, this section controls. This section is not intended to modify the grounds on which a party-appointed challenger may challenge an early ballot. This section does not require signature evaluators to examine broad or local characteristics one at a time. This section is not intended to require an exact match.~~

<<Sec. 10. Section 16-552, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

16-552. Early ballots; processing; challenges

A. In a jurisdiction that uses optical scan ballots, the officer in charge of elections may use the procedure prescribed by this section or may request approval from the secretary of state for a different method for processing early ballots. The request shall be made in writing at least ninety days before the election for which the procedure is intended to be used. After the election official has confirmed with the secretary of state that all election equipment passes the logic and accuracy test, the election official may begin to count early ballots. No early ballot results may be released except as prescribed by section 16-551.

B. [EXCEPT FOR A PERSON WHO VOTES PERSONALLY AT AN EARLY VOTING LOCATION DURING THE PERIOD OF EARLY VOTING AS PRESCRIBED BY SECTION 16-548, SUBSECTION B.] the early election board shall check the voter's mail ballot affidavit on the envelope containing the early ballot. If it is found to be sufficient, the vote shall be allowed. If the mail [ballot] affidavit is insufficient, the vote shall not be allowed. Beginning in 2026, for an early ballot that is received and verified as prescribed by section 16-579, subsection A, paragraph 4, additional signature verification is not required.

C. The county chairman of each political party represented on the ballot, by written appointment addressed to the early election board, may designate party representatives and alternates to act as early ballot challengers for the party. No party may have more than the number of such representatives or alternates that were mutually agreed on by each political party to be present at one time. If such agreement cannot be reached, the number of representatives shall be limited to one for each political party.

D. An early ballot may be challenged on any grounds set forth in section 16-591. All challenges shall be made in writing with a brief statement of the grounds before the early ballot is placed in the ballot box. A record of all

1 challenges and resulting proceedings shall be kept in
2 substantially the same manner as provided in section
3 16-594. If an early ballot is challenged, it shall be set
4 aside and retained in the possession of the early election
5 board or other officer in charge of early ballot processing
6 until a time that the early election board sets for
7 determination of the challenge, subject to the procedure in
8 subsection E of this section, at which time the
9 early election board shall hear the grounds for the
10 challenge and shall decide what disposition shall be made of
11 the early ballot by majority vote. If the early ballot is
12 not allowed, it shall be handled pursuant to subsection G of
13 this section.

14 E. Within twenty-four hours of receipt of a challenge,
15 the early election board or other officer in charge of early
16 ballot processing shall mail, by first class mail, a notice
17 of the challenge including a copy of the written challenge,
18 and also including the time and place at which the voter may
19 appear to defend the challenge, to the voter at the mailing
20 address shown on the request for an early ballot or, if none
21 was provided, to the mailing address shown on the
22 registration rolls. Notice shall also be mailed to the
23 challenger at the address listed on the written challenge and
24 provided to the county chairman of each political party
25 represented on the ballot. The board shall meet to determine
26 the challenge at the time specified by the notice but, in any
27 event, not earlier than ninety-six hours after the notice is
28 mailed, or forty-eight hours if the notifying party chooses
29 to deliver the notice by overnight or hand delivery, and not
30 later than 5:00 p.m. on the Monday following the
31 election. The board shall provide the voter with an informal
32 opportunity to make, or to submit, brief statements regarding
33 the challenge. The board may decline to permit comments,
34 either in person or in writing, by anyone other than the
35 voter, the challenger and the party representatives. The
36 burden of proof is on the challenger to show why the voter
37 should not be permitted to vote. The fact that the voter
38 fails to appear shall not be deemed to be an admission of the
39 validity of the challenge. The early election board or other
40 officer in charge of early ballot processing is not required
41 to provide the notices described in this subsection if the
42 written challenge fails to set forth at least one of the
43 grounds listed in section 16-591 as a basis for the
44 challenge. In that event, the challenge will be summarily
45 rejected at the meeting of the board. Except for election
46 contests pursuant to section 16-672, the board's decision is
47 final and may not be appealed.

1 F. If the vote is allowed, the board shall open the
2 envelope containing the ballot in such a manner that the mail
3 [ballot] affidavit thereon is not destroyed, take out the
4 ballot without unfolding it or permitting it to be opened or
5 examined and show by the records of the election that the
6 elector has voted.

7 G. If the vote is not allowed, the mail [ballot]
8 affidavit envelope containing the early ballot shall not be
9 opened and the board shall mark across the face of such
10 envelope the grounds for rejection. The mail [ballot]
11 affidavit envelope and its contents shall then be deposited
12 with the opened mail [ballot] affidavit envelopes and shall
13 be preserved with official returns. If the voter does not
14 enter an appearance, the board shall send the voter a notice
15 stating whether the early ballot was disallowed and, if
16 disallowed, providing the grounds for the determination. The
17 notice shall be mailed by first class mail to the voter's
18 mailing address as shown on the registration rolls within
19 three days after the board's determination.

20 H. Party representatives and alternates may be
21 appointed as provided in subsection C of this section to be
22 present and to challenge the verification of questioned
23 ballots pursuant to section 16-584 on any grounds allowed by
24 this section. Questioned ballots that are challenged shall
25 be presented to the early election board for decision under
26 the provisions of this section.>>

27 <<Sec. 11. Section 16-579, Arizona Revised Statutes,
28 is amended to read:

29 16-579. Procedure for obtaining ballot by elector

30 A. Every qualified elector, before receiving a ballot,
31 shall announce the elector's name and place of residence in a
32 clear, audible tone of voice to the election official in
33 charge of the signature roster or present the elector's name
34 and residence in writing. The election official in charge of
35 the signature roster shall comply with the following and the
36 qualified elector shall be allowed within the voting area:

37 1. The elector shall present any of the following:

38 (a) A valid form of identification that bears the
39 photograph, name and address of the elector that reasonably
40 appear to be the same as the name and address in the precinct
41 register, including an Arizona driver license, an Arizona
42 nonoperating identification license, a tribal enrollment card
43 or other form of tribal identification or a United States
44 federal, state or local government issued identification.
45 Identification is deemed valid unless it can be determined on
46 its face that it has expired.

1 (b) Two different items that contain the name and
2 address of the elector that reasonably appear to be the same
3 as the name and address in the precinct register, including a
4 utility bill, a bank or credit union statement that is dated
5 within ninety days of the date of the election, a valid
6 Arizona vehicle registration, an Arizona vehicle insurance
7 card, an Indian census card, tribal enrollment card or other
8 form of tribal identification, a property tax statement, a
9 recorder's certificate, a voter registration card, a valid
10 United States federal, state or local government issued
11 identification or any mailing that is labeled as "official
12 election material". Identification is deemed valid unless it
13 can be determined on its face that it has expired.

14 (c) A valid form of identification that bears the
15 photograph, name and address of the elector except that if
16 the address on the identification does not reasonably appear
17 to be the same as the address in the precinct register or the
18 identification is a valid United States military
19 identification card or a valid United States passport and
20 does not bear an address, the identification must be
21 accompanied by one of the items listed in subdivision (b) of
22 this paragraph.

23 2. If the elector does not present identification that
24 complies with paragraph 1 of this subsection, the elector is
25 only eligible to vote a provisional ballot as prescribed by
26 section 16-584 or a conditional provisional ballot as
27 provided for in the secretary of state's instruction and
28 procedures manual adopted pursuant to section 16-452.

29 3. Through 2025, if the voter surrenders the early
30 ballot to the precinct inspector and the voter is not
31 otherwise required to be issued a provisional ballot, the
32 voter shall be issued a standard ballot after presenting
33 identification pursuant to this subsection. The precinct
34 inspector shall retain the surrendered early ballot, unopened
35 in its affidavit envelope.

36 4. Beginning in 2026, at any voting location the voter
37 may choose to provide identification when presenting the
38 voter's mailed early ballot, and if so the election official
39 shall:

40 (a) Require the voter to present identification that
41 complies with paragraph 1 of this subsection.

42 (b) Confirm that the name and address on the
43 identification reasonably appear to be the same name and
44 address shown on the voter's registration record.

45 (c) Stamp the signed affidavit with a stamp that reads
46 "ID verified" and place the stamped affidavit that contains
47 the early ballot in a secured ballot box that is labeled for

1 early ballots. The stamped affidavit envelope is not
2 required to be reviewed at the voting location, the voter's
3 early ballot is deemed ready for tabulating and additional
4 [signature] [EARLY VOTER ID NUMBER] verification of the
5 completed affidavit envelope as prescribed by section 16-550
6 is not required.

7 (d) Maintain a tally of the number of ballots that
8 have been deposited in the secured ballot box and sign an
9 affidavit that includes the election official's name, the
10 polling location, the time and date, the number of early
11 ballots deposited according to the tally maintained by the
12 election official and a statement sufficient to record and
13 maintain the chain of custody for those ballots.

14 B. Any qualified elector who is listed as having
15 applied for an early ballot but who states that the elector
16 has not voted and will not vote an early ballot for this
17 election or surrenders the early ballot to the precinct
18 inspector on election day shall be allowed to vote pursuant
19 to the procedure set forth in section 16-584, except that for
20 elections conducted using an electronic pollbook or similar
21 system with continuous voter usage updates, the following
22 apply:

23 1. If the electronic pollbook or other system
24 indicates that the voter's early ballot has not been returned
25 or accepted by the county recorder and the voter is not
26 otherwise required to be issued a provisional ballot, the
27 voter may be issued a standard ballot after presenting
28 identification pursuant to subsection A of this section.

29 2. If the electronic pollbook or other system
30 indicates that the voter's early ballot has been received or
31 accepted by the county recorder, the voter may not be issued
32 a standard ballot and may only be issued a provisional ballot
33 as prescribed in section 16-584.

34 C. Each qualified elector's name shall be numbered
35 consecutively by the clerks and in the order of applications
36 for ballots. The judge shall give the qualified elector only
37 one ballot and a ballot privacy folder, and the elector's
38 name shall be immediately checked on the precinct register.
39 Notwithstanding any provision of this subsection, an elector
40 shall not be required to accept or use a ballot privacy
41 folder.

42 D. For precincts in which a paper signature roster is
43 used, each qualified elector shall sign the elector's name in
44 the signature roster before receiving a ballot, but an
45 inspector or judge may sign the roster for an elector who is
46 unable to sign because of physical disability, and in that
47 event the name of the elector shall be written with red ink,

1 and no attestation or other proof shall be necessary. The
2 provisions of this subsection relating to signing the
3 signature roster do not apply to electors casting a ballot
4 using early voting procedures.

5 E. For precincts in which an electronic poll book
6 system is used, each qualified elector shall sign the
7 elector's name as prescribed in the instructions and
8 procedures manual adopted by the secretary of state pursuant
9 to section 16-452 before receiving a ballot, but an inspector
10 or judge may sign the roster for an elector who is unable to
11 sign because of physical disability, and in that event the
12 name of the elector shall be written with the inspector's or
13 judge's attestation on the same signature line.

14 F. A person offering to vote at a special district
15 election for which no special district register has been
16 supplied shall sign an affidavit stating the person's address
17 and that the person resides within the district boundaries or
18 proposed district boundaries and swearing that the person is
19 a qualified elector and has not already voted at the election
20 being held.>>

21 <<Sec. 12. Section 16-579.01, Arizona Revised
22 Statutes, is amended to read:

23 16-579.01. Early ballots; on-site tabulation

24 A. Every county recorder or other officer in charge of
25 elections may provide for a qualified elector who appears at
26 that elector's designated polling location or at a voting
27 center [AT ANY TIME DURING THE PERIOD OF EARLY VOTING AND] on
28 election day with the elector's voted early ballot to have
29 the elector's voted early ballot tabulated as prescribed in
30 section 16-579.02.

31 B. The county recorder or other officer in charge of
32 elections shall do all of the following if the on-site
33 tabulation of early ballots is allowed:

34 1. Designate an area within a precinct or voting
35 center for processing electors with their voted early ballots
36 that is physically separate from the area for voters who are
37 voting pursuant to section 16-579.

38 2. Provide adequate poll workers, election officials
39 and equipment necessary to conduct voting pursuant to this
40 section and section 16-579.02.

41 3. Categorize and tally separately in the official
42 canvass and other reports electors whose voted early ballots
43 are tabulated at the precinct or voting center. The tally
44 shall be reported by precinct in the official canvass and
45 other voting reports.

46 4. Reconcile for that polling place or voting center
47 the number of electors who appear on the signature roster or

1 e-pollbook with the number of completed early ballot
2 affidavits and the voted early ballots tabulated on-site.>>

3 <<Sec. 13. Section 16-579.02, Arizona Revised
4 Statutes, is amended to read:

5 16-579.02. Election day early ballot on-site
6 tabulation procedure; fund

7 A. A qualified elector who appears at a voting center
8 or at the elector's designated polling place that allows for
9 the on-site tabulation of early ballots with the elector's
10 voted early ballot shall present identification as prescribed
11 in section 16-579, subsection A, paragraph 1 and proceed as
12 follows:

13 1. If the elector does not present identification that
14 complies with section 16-579, subsection A, paragraph 1, the
15 elector shall ~~[either deposit the elector's voted early~~
16 ~~ballot in its affidavit envelope in an official drop box or]~~
17 proceed to the area designated for election day voting to
18 surrender the early ballot to the election board for
19 retention and not for tabulating. The elector shall then be
20 allowed to vote a provisional ballot as prescribed in section
21 16-584. An election official may not allow for the on-site
22 tabulation of an early ballot if the elector does not present
23 identification that complies with section 16-579, subsection
24 A, paragraph 1.

25 2. If the elector presents sufficient identification
26 to comply with section 16-579, subsection A, paragraph 1, the
27 elector shall present the elector's early ballot affidavit to
28 the election official in charge of the signature roster, and
29 the election official shall confirm that the name and address
30 on the completed affidavit reasonably appear to be the same
31 as the name and address on the precinct register.

32 3. If the elector's affidavit is not complete, the
33 election official in charge of the signature roster shall
34 allow the elector to complete the affidavit. The election
35 official may not allow for the on-site tabulation of an early
36 ballot until the elector presents a completed early ballot
37 affidavit.

38 B. If the elector's affidavit is complete, the
39 elector's name shall be numbered consecutively by the clerk
40 and in the order of application for early ballot tabulation.

41 C. For precincts in which a paper signature roster is
42 used, each qualified elector shall sign the elector's name in
43 the signature roster as prescribed in section 16-579,
44 subsection D before proceeding to the tabulating equipment.

45 D. For precincts in which an electronic pollbook is
46 used, each qualified elector shall sign the elector's name as

1 prescribed in section 16-579, subsection E before proceeding
2 to the tabulating equipment.

3 E. After signing the signature roster or electronic
4 pollbook, the elector shall proceed to the tabulating
5 equipment and while under the observation of an election
6 official, remove the early ballot from the completed
7 affidavit envelope, deposit the empty completed affidavit
8 envelope in the secured and labeled drop box and insert the
9 early ballot into a tabulating machine. An early ballot that
10 has been separated from the elector's completed affidavit
11 envelope may not be removed from the on-site early ballot
12 tabulation area.

13 F. The drop box prescribed in subsection E of this
14 section shall be clearly labeled to indicate that the
15 completed affidavits are from ballots tabulated pursuant to
16 this section and shall be secured in a manner substantially
17 similar to other ballot boxes at that location.

18 G. Any qualified elector who lawfully brings to a
19 polling place or voting center another elector's voted early
20 ballot that is sealed in its affidavit envelope shall deposit
21 the other elector's voted early ballot in the appropriate
22 ballot drop box before entering the on-site early ballot
23 tabulation area for purposes of tabulating the elector's own
24 early ballot. The county recorder or other officer in charge
25 of elections shall ensure that a voter is not in possession of
26 another voter's ballot within the on-site early ballot
27 tabulation area.>>

28 Sec. 14. Title 16, chapter 6, article 1.2, Arizona
29 Revised Statutes, is amended by adding section 16-919, to
30 read:

31 16-919. Foreign contributions prohibited; ballot
32 measures; certification; definitions

33 A. A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT SHALL NOT KNOWINGLY GIVE AND A
34 PERSON, ENTITY OR COMMITTEE SHALL NOT KNOWINGLY ACCEPT OR USE
35 MONIES OR IN-KIND GOODS OR SERVICES THAT ARE CONTRIBUTED BY A
36 FOREIGN GOVERNMENT OR A FOREIGN NONGOVERNMENTAL SOURCE TO
37 INFLUENCE THE OUTCOME OF AN ELECTION ON A BALLOT MEASURE.

38 B. A PERSON, ENTITY OR COMMITTEE THAT IS REQUIRED TO
39 FILE CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS PURSUANT TO SECTION 16-926 SHALL
40 CERTIFY UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY IN THOSE REPORTS THAT THE
41 PERSON, ENTITY OR COMMITTEE HAS NOT ACCEPTED OR USED MONIES OR
42 IN-KIND GOODS OR SERVICES IN VIOLATION OF SUBSECTION A OF THIS
43 SECTION.

44 C. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:

45 1. FOREIGN GOVERNMENT DOES NOT INCLUDE FEDERALLY
46 RECOGNIZED SOVEREIGN TRIBAL NATIONS.

47 2. "FOREIGN NONGOVERNMENTAL SOURCE":

1 (a) MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS NOT A UNITED STATES
2 CITIZEN OR NATIONAL.
3 (b) DOES NOT INCLUDE FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED SOVEREIGN
4 TRIBAL NATIONS.
5 Sec. 15. Emergency
6 This act may be cited as the "Florida-Style Election
7 Act".
8 2. The Secretary of State shall submit this proposition to the
9 voters at the next general election as provided by article IV, part 1,
10 section 1, Constitution of Arizona.

11 Enroll and engross to conform
12 Amend title to conform
And, as so amended, it do pass

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