

ADDITIONAL COW  
KOLODIN FLOOR AMENDMENT  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AMENDMENTS TO H.C.R. 2013  
(Reference to House engrossed 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, 16-449, 16-542, 16-544, 16-547, 16-548,  
9 16-551, 16-552 AND 16-579.01, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES;  
10 AMENDING TITLE 16, CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE 1.2, ARIZONA REVISED  
11 STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 16-919; RELATING TO ELECTIONS.

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

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

16 16-407.04. Donations from a foreign source; election  
17 administration; certification; quarterly  
18 reports; records; violation;  
19 classification; 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

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

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

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

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

30 F. A PERSON OR VENDOR THAT KNOWINGLY FAILS TO PROVIDE  
31 AN ACCURATE INITIAL OR UPDATED CERTIFICATION AS PRESCRIBED BY  
32 THIS SECTION IS ~~[LIABLE FOR A CIVIL PENALTY IN THE AMOUNT OF~~  
33 ~~THREE TIMES THE MONEY PAID OR CONTRACTED TO BE PAID BY THE~~  
34 ~~GOVERNMENT ENTITY, WHICH SHALL BE PAID TO THE FIRST SUCCESSFUL~~  
35 ~~LITIGANT UNDER THIS SECTION. THE CONTROLLING PERSON OF ANY~~  
36 ~~VENDOR SHALL BE JOINTLY AND SEVERALLY LIABLE TO PAY THAT~~  
37 ~~AMOUNT]~~ ~~[GUILTY OF A CLASS 1 MISDEMEANOR]~~.

38 G. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:

39 1. "COMMON GOODS" MEANS ITEMS THAT ARE COMMONLY USED  
40 ACROSS A WIDE VARIETY OF ORGANIZATIONS AND THAT ARE NOT  
41 SPECIFIC TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF ELECTIONS.

42 2. FOREIGN GOVERNMENT DOES NOT INCLUDE FEDERALLY  
43 RECOGNIZED SOVEREIGN TRIBAL NATIONS.

44 3. "FOREIGN NONGOVERNMENTAL SOURCE":

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

1 (b) DOES NOT INCLUDE FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED SOVEREIGN  
2 TRIBAL NATIONS.

3 4. "PERSON":

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

6 (b) DOES NOT INCLUDE POLL WORKERS.

7 16-407.05. Enforcement; attorney general; civil action  
8 for damages

9 [A. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL MAY FILE AN ACTION REGARDING A  
10 KNOWING VIOLATION OF SECTION 16-407.04, SUBSECTION F.]

11 [~~A.~~] [B.] ANY QUALIFIED ELECTOR MAY BRING A CIVIL  
12 ACTION FOR DAMAGES PURSUANT TO SECTION 16-407.04 OR 16-919[  
13 ~~THE PLAINTIFF MAY ALSO SEEK EQUITABLE RELIEF~~];

14 1. ENJOINING A VIOLATION OF SECTION 16-407.04.

15 2. ENFORCING ANY PROVISION OF SECTION 16-407.04.

16 [~~B.~~] [C.] IF THE CLAIMANT PREVAILS IN AN ACTION  
17 BROUGHT UNDER SUBSECTION [~~A~~] [B] OF THIS SECTION, THE COURT  
18 SHALL AWARD:

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

22 2. DAMAGES IN THE AMOUNT [OF THE CONTRIBUTION THAT  
23 SHOULD HAVE BEEN DECLARED.][~~THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN DECLARED IN~~  
24 ~~THE FILING ALONG WITH ANY CIVIL PENALTY AMOUNTS PRESCRIBED BY~~  
25 ~~SECTION 16-407.04~~] [THIS SHALL NOT BE CONSTRUED TO ALLOW  
26 MULTIPLE CLAIMANTS TO RECOVER ON THE SAME CLAIM].

27 3. COSTS AND ATTORNEY FEES.

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

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

37 16-411. Designation of election precincts and polling  
38 places; voting centers; electioneering; wait  
39 times

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

45 1. The election precinct boundaries shall be  
46 established so as to be included within election districts

1 prescribed by law for elected officers of the state and its  
2 political subdivisions, including community college district  
3 precincts, except those elected officers provided for in  
4 titles 30 and 48.

5 2. If after October 1 of the year preceding the year  
6 of a general election the board of supervisors must further  
7 adjust precinct boundaries due to the redistricting of  
8 election districts as prescribed by law and to comply with  
9 this subsection, the board of supervisors shall adjust these  
10 precinct boundaries as soon as is practicable.

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

15 1. On a specific finding of the board, included in the  
16 order or resolution designating polling places pursuant to  
17 this subsection, that no suitable polling place is available  
18 within a precinct, a polling place for that precinct may be  
19 designated within an adjacent precinct.

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

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

41 4. On a specific resolution of the board, the board  
42 may authorize the use of voting centers in place of or in  
43 addition to specifically designated polling places. A voting  
44 center shall allow any voter in that county to receive the  
45 appropriate ballot for that voter on election day after  
46 presenting identification as prescribed in section 16-579 and

1 to lawfully cast the ballot. Voting centers may be  
2 established in coordination and consultation with the county  
3 recorder, at other county offices or at other locations in the  
4 county deemed appropriate.

5 ~~5. On a specific resolution of the board of~~  
6 ~~supervisors that is limited to a specific election date and~~  
7 ~~that is voted on by a recorded vote, the board may authorize~~  
8 ~~the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections to~~  
9 ~~use emergency voting centers as follows:~~

10 ~~(a) The board shall specify in the resolution the~~  
11 ~~location and the hours of operation of the emergency voting~~  
12 ~~centers.~~

13 ~~(b) A qualified elector voting at an emergency voting~~  
14 ~~center shall provide identification as prescribed in section~~  
15 ~~16-579, except that notwithstanding section 16-579, subsection~~  
16 ~~A, paragraph 2, for any voting at an emergency voting center,~~  
17 ~~the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections~~  
18 ~~may allow a qualified elector to update the elector's voter~~  
19 ~~registration information as provided for in the secretary of~~  
20 ~~state's instructions and procedures manual adopted pursuant to~~  
21 ~~section 16-452.~~

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

33 C. If the board fails to designate the place for  
34 holding the election, or if it cannot be held at or about the  
35 place designated, the justice of the peace in the precinct,  
36 two days before the election, by an order, copies of which the  
37 justice of the peace shall immediately post in three public  
38 places in the precinct, shall designate the place within the  
39 precinct for holding the election. If there is no justice of  
40 the peace in the precinct, or if the justice of the peace  
41 fails to do so, the election board of the precinct shall  
42 designate and give notice of the place within the precinct of  
43 holding the election. For any election in which there are no  
44 candidates for elected office appearing on the ballot, the  
45 board may consolidate polling places and precinct boards and

1 may consolidate the tabulation of results for that election if  
2 all of the following apply:

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

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

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

12 D. The board is not required to designate a polling  
13 place for special district mail ballot elections held pursuant  
14 to article 8.1 of this chapter, but the board may designate  
15 one or more sites for voters to deposit marked ballots until  
16 7:00 p.m. on the day of the election.

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

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

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

28 ~~2. The safety or welfare of the children would be~~  
29 ~~jeopardized.~~

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

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

39 ~~I.~~ H. Except in the case of an emergency, any  
40 facility that is used as a polling place on election day or  
41 that is used as an early voting site during the period of  
42 early voting shall allow persons to electioneer and engage in  
43 other political activity outside of the seventy-five foot  
44 limit prescribed by section 16-515 in public areas and parking  
45 lots used by voters. This subsection does not allow the  
46 temporary or permanent construction of structures in public

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

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

29 1. An act of God renders a previously set polling place  
30 as unusable.

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

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

42 1. The number of ballots voted in the prior primary and  
43 general elections.

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

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

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

7           5. The number of election board members and clerks and  
8 the number of rosters that will reduce voter wait time at the  
9 polls.

10          Sec. 3. Section 16-449, Arizona Revised Statutes, is  
11 amended to read:

12           16-449. Required test of equipment and programs;  
13 notice; procedures manual

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



1 after the correction is made, stating the cause and the  
2 corrective action taken. The test shall be repeated  
3 immediately before the start of the official count of the  
4 ballots in the same manner as set forth above. After the  
5 completion of the count, the programs used and the ballots  
6 shall be sealed, retained and disposed of as provided for  
7 paper ballots.

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

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

26 D. NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION B OF THIS SECTION, FOR  
27 ANY COUNTY THAT PROVIDES FOR ON-SITE TABULATION PURSUANT TO  
28 SECTIONS 16-579.01 AND 16-579.02, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OR  
29 OFFICER IN CHARGE OF ELECTIONS SHALL TEST THE ELECTRONIC  
30 BALLOT TABULATING EQUIPMENT TO BE UTILIZED PURSUANT TO SECTION  
31 16-579.01 FOR LOGIC AND ACCURACY WITHIN FIFTY DAYS BEFORE  
32 ELECTION DAY. THIS DOES NOT IMPACT THE DEADLINES FOR  
33 PERFORMING LOGIC AND ACCURACY TESTING ON OTHER EQUIPMENT.

34 Sec. 4. Section 16-542, Arizona Revised Statutes, is  
35 amended to read:

36 16-542. Request for ballot; civil penalties; violation;  
37 classification

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

1 information on file would confirm the identity of the  
2 elector. If the request indicates that the elector needs a  
3 primary election ballot and a general election ballot, the  
4 county recorder or other officer in charge of elections shall  
5 honor the request. For any partisan primary election, if the  
6 elector is not registered as a member of a political party  
7 that is entitled to continued representation on the ballot  
8 pursuant to section 16-804, the elector shall designate the  
9 ballot of only one of the political parties that is entitled  
10 to continued representation on the ballot and the elector may  
11 receive and vote the ballot of only that one political party,  
12 which also shall include any nonpartisan offices and ballot  
13 questions, or the elector shall designate the ballot for  
14 nonpartisan offices and ballot questions only and the elector  
15 may receive and vote the ballot that contains only nonpartisan  
16 offices and ballot questions. The county recorder or other  
17 officer in charge of elections shall process any request for  
18 an early ballot for a municipal election pursuant to this  
19 subsection. The county recorder may establish on-site early  
20 voting locations at the recorder's office, which shall be open  
21 and available for use beginning the same day that a county  
22 begins to send out the early ballots. The county recorder may  
23 also establish any other early voting locations in the county  
24 the recorder deems necessary. Any on-site early voting  
25 location or other early voting location shall require each  
26 elector to present identification as prescribed in section  
27 16-579 before receiving a ballot. Notwithstanding section  
28 16-579, subsection A, paragraph 2, at any on-site early voting  
29 location or other early voting location the county recorder or  
30 other officer in charge of elections may provide for a  
31 qualified elector to update the elector's voter registration  
32 information as provided for in the secretary of state's  
33 instructions and procedures manual adopted pursuant to section  
34 16-452.

35 B. Notwithstanding subsection A of this section, a  
36 request for an official early ballot from an absent uniformed  
37 services voter or overseas voter as defined in the uniformed  
38 and overseas citizens absentee voting act (P.L. 99-410; 52  
39 United States Code section 20310) or a voter whose information  
40 is protected pursuant to section 16-153 that is received by  
41 the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections  
42 more than ninety-three days before the election is valid. If  
43 requested by the absent uniformed services or overseas voter,  
44 or a voter whose information is protected pursuant to section  
45 16-153, the county recorder or other officer in charge of  
46 elections shall provide to the requesting voter early ballot

1 materials through the next regularly scheduled general  
2 election for federal office immediately following receipt of  
3 the request unless a different period of time, which does not  
4 exceed the next two regularly scheduled general elections for  
5 federal office, is designated by the voter.

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

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

31 E. In order to be complete and correct and to receive  
32 an early ballot by mail, an elector's request that an early  
33 ballot be mailed to the elector's residence or temporary  
34 address must include all of the information prescribed by  
35 subsection A of this section and must be received by the  
36 county recorder or other officer in charge of elections not  
37 later than 5:00 p.m. on the eleventh day preceding the  
38 election. An elector who appears personally not later than  
39 7:00 p.m. on the ~~Friday~~ MONDAY preceding the election at an  
40 on-site early voting location OR OTHER EARLY VOTING LOCATION  
41 that is established by the county recorder or other officer in  
42 charge of elections shall be given a ballot after presenting  
43 identification as prescribed in section 16-579 and shall be  
44 allowed to vote at the on-site location. Notwithstanding  
45 section 16-579, subsection A, paragraph 2, at any on-site  
46 early voting location the county recorder or other officer in

1 charge of elections may provide for a qualified elector to  
2 update the elector's voter registration information as  
3 provided for in the secretary of state's instructions and  
4 procedures manual adopted pursuant to section 16-452. If an  
5 elector's request to receive an early ballot is not complete  
6 and correct but complies with all other requirements of this  
7 section, the county recorder or other officer in charge of  
8 elections shall attempt to notify the elector of the  
9 deficiency of the request.

10 F. Unless an elector specifies that the address to  
11 which an early ballot is to be sent is a temporary address,  
12 the recorder may use the information from an early ballot  
13 request form to update voter registration records.

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

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

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

45 ~~⌚~~ H. A candidate, political committee or other  
46 organization may distribute early ballot request forms to

1 voters. If the early ballot request forms include a printed  
2 address for return, the addressee shall be the political  
3 subdivision that will conduct the election. Failure to use  
4 the political subdivision as the return addressee is  
5 punishable by a civil penalty of up to three times the cost of  
6 the production and distribution of the request.

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

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

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

32 16-544. Active early voting list; unique number; civil  
33 penalty; violation; classification

34 A. Any voter may request to be included on a list of  
35 voters to receive an early ballot by mail for any election for  
36 which the county voter registration roll is used to prepare  
37 the election register. The county recorder of each county  
38 shall maintain the active early voting list as part of the  
39 voter registration roll.

40 B. In order to be included on the active early voting  
41 list, the **EARLY MAIL** voter shall make a written request  
42 specifically requesting that the **EARLY MAIL** voter's name be  
43 added to the active early voting list for all elections in  
44 which the applicant is eligible to vote. **A COUNTY WITH A**  
45 **POPULATION OF FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND PERSONS OR MORE SHALL**  
46 **REQUIRE THE EARLY MAIL VOTER, THROUGH AN AFFIRMATIVE ACT ON**

1 THE PART OF THE EARLY MAIL VOTER, TO CONFIRM THE EARLY MAIL  
2 VOTER'S ADDRESS PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION EACH ELECTION CYCLE  
3 BEFORE RECEIVING AN EARLY BALLOT BY MAIL REGARDLESS OF WHETHER  
4 THE EARLY MAIL VOTER IS ON THE ACTIVE EARLY VOTING LIST. A  
5 COUNTY WITH A POPULATION OF FEWER THAN FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND  
6 PERSONS SHALL REQUIRE AN EARLY MAIL VOTER, THROUGH AN  
7 AFFIRMATIVE ACT ON THE PART OF THE EARLY MAIL VOTER, TO  
8 CONFIRM THE EARLY MAIL VOTER'S ADDRESS PURSUANT TO THIS  
9 SECTION DURING THE FOUR-YEAR PERIOD THAT CONSTITUTES TWO  
10 CONSECUTIVE ELECTION CYCLES BEFORE RECEIVING AN EARLY BALLOT  
11 BY MAIL REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE EARLY MAIL VOTER IS ON THE  
12 ACTIVE EARLY VOTING LIST. An early MAIL voter request form  
13 shall conform to requirements prescribed in the instructions  
14 and procedures manual issued pursuant to section 16-452. The  
15 application shall allow for the EARLY MAIL voter to provide  
16 the EARLY MAIL voter's name, residence address, mailing  
17 address in the EARLY MAIL voter's county of residence, date of  
18 birth and signature and shall state that the EARLY MAIL voter  
19 is attesting that the voter is a registered voter who is  
20 eligible to vote in the county of residence. The EARLY MAIL  
21 voter shall not list a mailing address that is outside of this  
22 state for the purpose of the active early voting list unless  
23 the EARLY MAIL voter is an absent uniformed services voter or  
24 overseas voter as defined in the uniformed and overseas  
25 citizens absentee voting act (P.L. 99-410; 52 United States  
26 Code section 20310). In lieu of the application, the  
27 applicant may submit a written request that contains the  
28 required information. THE COUNTY RECORDER SHALL ALLOW THE  
29 EARLY MAIL VOTER TO PERFORM AN AFFIRMATIVE ACT TO CONFIRM THE  
30 EARLY MAIL VOTER'S ADDRESS BY ANY ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING  
31 METHODS:

32 1. MAILING THE EARLY MAIL VOTER A NOTICE TO CONFIRM OR  
33 UPDATE THE EARLY MAIL VOTER'S ADDRESS.

34 2. CALLING THE EARLY MAIL VOTER OR NOTIFYING THE EARLY  
35 MAIL VOTER TO CALL THE COUNTY RECORDER TO CONFIRM OR UPDATE  
36 THE EARLY MAIL VOTER'S ADDRESS.

37 3. ALLOWING THE EARLY MAIL VOTER TO CONFIRM OR UPDATE  
38 THE EARLY MAIL VOTER'S ADDRESS BY WAY OF A COUNTY WEBSITE  
39 PORTAL. A COUNTY WEBSITE PORTAL FOR THIS PURPOSE SHALL PROMPT  
40 THE EARLY MAIL VOTER TO CONFIRM OR UPDATE THE EARLY MAIL  
41 VOTER'S ADDRESS EACH TIME THE VOTER'S EARLY MAIL VOTER LOGS IN  
42 IF THE ADDRESS HAS NOT YET BEEN CONFIRMED FOR THAT ELECTION  
43 CYCLE.

44 C. A NOTICE SENT TO A VOTER TO CONFIRM THE VOTER'S  
45 ADDRESS PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION B, PARAGRAPH 1 OF THIS SECTION  
46 SHALL BE IN THE FOLLOWING FORM AND INCLUDE CHECK BOXES:

1                   [CHECK BOX] I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE NOT MOVED  
2                   AND MY ADDRESS IS THE SAME AS THE ADDRESS  
3                   INDICATED ON THE FRONT OF THE ENVELOPE.

4                   [CHECK BOX] MY ADDRESS HAS CHANGED AND I  
5                   WOULD LIKE TO UPDATE MY ADDRESS:\_\_\_\_\_

6                   D. ADDRESS CONFIRMATION RECEIVED AFTER THE LAST DAY TO  
7                   REQUEST AN EARLY BALLOT WILL BE PROCESSED FOR THE NEXT  
8                   UPCOMING ELECTION FOR WHICH THE EARLY MAIL VOTER IS ELIGIBLE  
9                   IN THE CURRENT ELECTION CYCLE.

10                  ~~E.~~ E. On receipt of a request to be included on the  
11                  active early voting list, the county recorder or other officer  
12                  in charge of elections shall compare the signature on the  
13                  request form with the voter's signature on the voter's  
14                  registration form and, if the request is from the voter, shall  
15                  mark the voter's registration file as an active early ballot  
16                  request.

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

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

41                         2. Update the voter's residence address in the voter's  
42                         county of residence.

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

45                  ~~G.~~ G. If the notice that is mailed to the voter is  
46                  returned undeliverable by the postal service, the county

1 recorder or other officer in charge of elections shall ~~take~~  
2 ~~the necessary steps to contact the voter at the voter's new~~  
3 ~~residence address in order to update that voter's address or~~  
4 ~~to~~ move the voter to inactive status as prescribed in section  
5 16-166, subsection A. If a voter is moved to inactive status,  
6 the voter shall be removed from the active early voting list.  
7 If the voter is removed from the active early voting list, the  
8 voter shall only be added to the active early voting list  
9 again if the voter submits a new request pursuant to this  
10 section.

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

21 ~~G.~~ I. If a voter who is on the active early voting  
22 list is not registered as a member of a recognized political  
23 party and fails to notify the county recorder of the voter's  
24 choice for political party ballot within forty-five days  
25 before a partisan open primary election, the following 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.~~ J. After a voter has requested to be included on  
34 the 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 until any of the  
37 following occurs:

38 1. The voter requests in writing to be removed from the  
39 active early voting list.

40 2. The voter's registration or eligibility for  
41 registration is moved to inactive status or canceled as  
42 otherwise provided by law.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

35           1. The county recorder or other officer in charge of  
36 elections complies with subsection ~~M-0~~ of this section.

37           2. The voter fails to vote using an early ballot in all  
38 of the following elections for two consecutive election  
39 cycles:

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

42           (b) A city or town candidate primary or first election  
43 and a city or town candidate second, general or runoff  
44 election.

45           ~~N.~~ N. On or before January 15 of each odd-numbered  
46 year, the county recorder or other officer in charge of

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

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

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

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

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

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

16           ~~P.~~ R. A person who receives an early ballot at an  
17 address at which another person formerly resided, without  
18 voting the ballot or signing the envelope, shall write "not at  
19 this address" on the envelope and place the mail piece in a  
20 United States postal service collection box or other mail  
21 receptacle. On receipt, the county recorder or other officer  
22 in charge of elections shall proceed in the manner prescribed  
23 in subsection ~~F~~ G of this section.

24           ~~S.~~ S. When the county recorder receives confirmation  
25 from another county that a person registered has registered to  
26 vote in that other county, the county recorder shall remove  
27 that person from the active early voting list.

28           ~~R.~~ T. If the county recorder receives credible  
29 information that a person has registered to vote in a  
30 different county, the county recorder shall confirm the  
31 person's voter registration with that other county and, on  
32 confirmation, shall remove that person from the county's  
33 active early voting list pursuant to subsection ~~S~~ of this  
34 section.

35           ~~S.~~ U. For the purposes of this section, "election  
36 cycle" means the two-year period beginning on January 1 in the  
37 year after a statewide general election or, for cities and  
38 towns, the two-year period beginning on the first day of the  
39 calendar quarter after the calendar quarter in which the  
40 city's or town's second, runoff or general election is  
41 scheduled and ending on the last day of the calendar quarter  
42 in which the city's or town's immediately following second,  
43 runoff or general election is scheduled, however that election  
44 is designated by the city or town.

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

1           16-547. Mail affidavit; form

2           A. The early ballot shall be accompanied by an envelope  
3 bearing on the front the name, official title and post office  
4 address of the recorder or other officer in charge of  
5 elections and on the other side a printed affidavit in  
6 substantially the following form:

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

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

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

29                 Name of voter assistant: \_\_\_\_\_

30                 Address of voter assistant: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

17 2. Beginning in 2026, the instructions FOR A COUNTY  
18 THAT PROVIDES ON-SITE TABULATION OF BALLOTS PURSUANT TO  
19 SECTION 16-579.01 OR 16-579.02 shall include the following  
20 statement:

21 In order to be valid and counted, the mail  
22 affidavit that contains the mail ballot must have  
23 the voter's signature on the envelope and must be  
24 returned to the office of the county recorder by  
25 any one of the following methods:

26 (a) ~~Delivering~~ MAILING it to the office of  
27 the county recorder or other officer in charge of  
28 elections WHERE IT MUST BE RECEIVED not later than  
29 7:00 p.m. on election day.

30 (b) ~~Depositing it at any polling place in~~  
31 ~~the county not later than 7:00 p.m. on election~~  
32 ~~day.~~ HAND DELIVERING IT TO THE OFFICE OF THE  
33 COUNTY RECORDER OR OFFICER IN CHARGE OF ELECTIONS  
34 NOT LATER THAN 7:00 P.M. ON ELECTION DAY.

35 (c) ~~Bringing the ballot to any polling~~  
36 ~~place in the county not later than 7:00 p.m. on~~  
37 ~~election day and choosing to present valid~~  
38 ~~identification that complies with section 16-579,~~  
39 ~~subsection A, paragraph 1, Arizona Revised~~  
40 ~~Statutes.~~

41 (c) DEPOSITING IT AT ANY VOTING LOCATION IN  
42 THE COUNTY BY 7:00 P.M. ON THE FRIDAY BEFORE  
43 ELECTION DAY.

44 (d) AFTER 7:00 P.M. ON THE FRIDAY BEFORE  
45 ELECTION DAY, BRINGING THE BALLOT TO ANY VOTING  
46 LOCATION IN THE COUNTY THAT OFFERS ON-SITE

1 TABULATION AND SUBMITTING IT TO THE ELECTION  
2 OFFICIALS FOR SEPARATION FROM THE ENVELOPE AND  
3 PROCESSING AS REQUIRED BY THE COUNTY.

4 3. BEGINNING IN 2026, THE INSTRUCTIONS FOR A COUNTY  
5 THAT DOES NOT PROVIDE ON-SITE TABULATION OF BALLOTS PURSUANT  
6 TO SECTION 16-579.01 OR 16-579.02 SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING  
7 STATEMENT:

8 IN ORDER TO BE VALID AND COUNTED, THE MAIL AFFIDAVIT  
9 THAT CONTAINS THE MAIL BALLOT MUST HAVE THE VOTER'S SIGNATURE  
10 ON THE ENVELOPE AND MUST BE RETURNED TO THE OFFICE OF THE  
11 COUNTY RECORDER BY ANY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING METHODS:

12 (a) MAILING IT TO THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY  
13 RECORDER OR OTHER OFFICER IN CHARGE OF ELECTIONS,  
14 WHICH MUST BE RECEIVED NOT LATER THAN 7:00 P.M. ON  
15 ELECTION DAY.

16 (b) HAND DELIVERING IT TO THE OFFICE OF THE  
17 COUNTY RECORDER OR OFFICER IN CHARGE OF ELECTIONS  
18 NOT LATER THAN 7:00 P.M. ON ELECTION DAY.

19 (c) DEPOSITING IT AT ANY VOTING LOCATION IN  
20 THE COUNTY NOT LATER THAN 7:00 P.M. ON THE FRIDAY  
21 BEFORE ELECTION DAY.

22 (d) AFTER 7:00 P.M. ON THE FRIDAY BEFORE  
23 ELECTION DAY, BRINGING THE BALLOT TO ANY POLLING  
24 PLACE IN THE COUNTY NOT LATER THAN 7:00 P.M. ON  
25 ELECTION DAY AND PRESENTING IDENTIFICATION THAT  
26 COMPLIES WITH SECTION 16-579, SUBSECTION A,  
27 PARAGRAPH 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES.

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

30 E. The printed instructions prescribed by subsection D  
31 of this section shall also include the following information  
32 regarding section 16-1005, subsections H and I in  
33 substantially the following form:

34 A person may only handle or return their own  
35 ballot or the ballot of family members, household  
36 members or persons for whom they are a caregiver.  
37 It is unlawful under section 16-1005, ARIZONA  
38 REVISED STATUTES, to handle or return the ballot  
39 of any other person.

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

42 16-548. Preparation and transmission of ballot

43 A. The early voter shall make and sign the affidavit  
44 and shall then mark ~~his~~ THE ballot in ~~such~~ a manner that ~~his~~  
45 THE EARLY VOTER'S vote cannot be seen. The early voter shall  
46 fold the ballot, if a paper ballot, so as to conceal the vote,

1 ~~and~~ deposit the voted ballot in the envelope provided for that  
2 purpose, which shall be securely sealed and, together with the  
3 affidavit, ~~delivered or~~ RETURN THE VOTED BALLOT BY ONE OF THE  
4 FOLLOWING METHODS:

5 1. ~~Mailed~~ MAIL THE VOTED BALLOT to the county recorder  
6 or other officer in charge of elections of the political  
7 subdivision in which the ~~elector~~ VOTER is registered ~~or~~  
8 ~~deposited by the voter or the voter's agent at any polling~~  
9 ~~place in the county.~~ In order to be counted and valid, the  
10 ballot must be received by the county recorder or other  
11 officer in charge of elections ~~or deposited at any polling~~  
12 ~~place in the county no~~ NOT later than 7:00 p.m. on election  
13 day.

14 2. HAND DELIVER THE VOTED BALLOT TO THE OFFICE OF THE  
15 COUNTY RECORDER OR OTHER OFFICER IN CHARGE OF ELECTIONS OF THE  
16 POLITICAL SUBDIVISION IN WHICH THE VOTER IS REGISTERED. IN  
17 ORDER TO BE COUNTED AND VALID, THE BALLOT MUST BE RECEIVED BY  
18 THE COUNTY RECORDER OR OTHER OFFICER IN CHARGE OF ELECTIONS  
19 NOT LATER THAN 7:00 P.M. ON ELECTION DAY.

20 3. DEPOSIT THE VOTED BALLOT AT ANY VOTING LOCATION IN  
21 THE COUNTY. IN ORDER TO BE COUNTED AND VALID, THE BALLOT MUST  
22 BE RECEIVED AT THE VOTING LOCATION NOT LATER THAN 7:00 P.M. ON  
23 THE FRIDAY BEFORE ELECTION DAY.

24 B. A PERSON WHO APPEARS PERSONALLY AT AN EARLY VOTING  
25 LOCATION ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION 16-542 DURING THE  
26 PERIOD OF EARLY VOTING, INCLUDING ON THE SATURDAY, SUNDAY AND  
27 MONDAY BEFORE ELECTION DAY, SHALL PRESENT IDENTIFICATION AS  
28 PRESCRIBED BY SECTION 16-579, SIGN THE EARLY VOTER AFFIDAVIT,  
29 MARK THE BALLOT IN A MANNER THAT THE EARLY VOTER'S VOTE CANNOT  
30 BE SEEN AND RETURN THE VOTED BALLOT TO THE ELECTION OFFICIAL  
31 AT THE EARLY VOTING LOCATION. FOR A COUNTY THAT PROVIDES FOR  
32 ON-SITE TABULATION OF BALLOTS PURSUANT TO SECTION 16-579.01  
33 DURING THE SATURDAY, SUNDAY OR MONDAY IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING  
34 ELECTION DAY, THE FOLLOWING APPLY:

35 1. THE EARLY VOTER SHALL APPEAR PERSONALLY AT THE  
36 ON-SITE TABULATION LOCATION AND SUBMIT THE VOTER'S EARLY  
37 BALLOT AND AFFIDAVIT.

38 2. THE ELECTION OFFICIAL SHALL ALLOW THE EARLY VOTER TO  
39 TABULATE THE EARLY BALLOT ON-SITE AS PRESCRIBED BY SECTIONS  
40 16-579.01 AND 16-579.02.

41 C. FOR EARLY BALLOTS THAT ARE CAST IN PERSON PURSUANT  
42 TO SUBSECTION B OF THIS SECTION, THE OFFICER IN CHARGE OF  
43 ELECTIONS SHALL ENSURE THAT CHAIN OF CUSTODY PROCEDURES FOR  
44 THESE EARLY BALLOTS ARE IDENTICAL TO THOSE PRESCRIBED FOR  
45 IN-PERSON ELECTION DAY VOTING.

1           ~~B.~~ D. If the early voter is an overseas citizen, a  
2           qualified elector absent from the United States or in the  
3           United States service, a spouse or dependent residing with the  
4           early voter or a qualified elector of a special district mail  
5           ballot election as provided in article 8.1 of this chapter,  
6           the early voter may subscribe to the affidavit before and  
7           obtain the signature and military identification number or  
8           passport number, if available, of any person who is a United  
9           States citizen eighteen years of age or older.

10           Sec. 8. Section 16-551, Arizona Revised Statutes, is  
11           amended to read:

12           16-551. Early election board; violation; classification

13           A. The board of supervisors or the governing body of  
14           the political subdivision shall appoint one or more early  
15           election boards to serve at places to be designated by the  
16           board of supervisors or the governing body to canvass and  
17           tally early election ballots. Members of early election  
18           boards shall be selected in accordance with the provisions for  
19           selecting members of regular election boards as provided in  
20           section 16-531.

21           B. If an electronic voting system is in use for early  
22           voting, the early election board shall consist of at least one  
23           inspector and two judges who shall perform the processing  
24           requirements in accordance with the rules issued by the  
25           secretary of state. The inspector and judges shall be  
26           appointed in the same manner by party as provided in section  
27           16-531.

28           C. All early ballots received by the county recorder or  
29           other officer in charge of elections before 7:00 p.m. on  
30           election day and the original mail ~~ballot~~ affidavit of the  
31           voter shall be delivered to the early election boards for  
32           processing as provided in the rules of the secretary of  
33           state. Beginning in 2026, all early ballots that are  
34           delivered by a voter to a voting location without presenting  
35           identification that complies with section 16-579, subsection  
36           A, paragraph 1 must be signature verified. The office of the  
37           county recorder or other officer in charge of elections shall  
38           remain open until 7:00 p.m. on election day for the purpose of  
39           receiving early ballots. Partial or complete tallies of the  
40           early election board shall not be released or divulged before  
41           all precincts have reported or one hour after the closing of  
42           the polls on election day, whichever occurs first. Any person  
43           who unlawfully releases information regarding vote tallies or  
44           who possesses a tally sheet or summary without authorization  
45           from the recorder or officer in charge of elections is guilty  
46           of a class 6 felony.



1           D. ~~The county recorder or other officer in charge of~~  
2 ~~elections shall count the number of early ballots that are~~  
3 ~~returned at voting locations on election day and shall post on~~  
4 ~~its website those totals with the last unofficial results that~~  
5 ~~are released on election night pursuant to section 16-622.~~

6 Beginning with the day following the election, the county  
7 recorder or other officer in charge of elections shall enter  
8 into the county's ballot tracking system, if established,  
9 early ballots that were returned at the voting location on  
10 election day.

11           E. The necessary printed blanks for poll lists, tally  
12 lists, lists of voters, ballots, oaths and returns, together  
13 with envelopes in which to enclose the returns, shall be  
14 furnished by the board of supervisors or the governing body of  
15 the political subdivision to the early election board for each  
16 election precinct at the expense of the county or the  
17 political subdivision.

18           Sec. 9. Section 16-552, Arizona Revised Statutes, is  
19 amended to read:

20           16-552. Early ballots; processing; challenges

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

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

43           C. The county chairman of each political party  
44 represented on the ballot, by written appointment addressed to  
45 the early election board, may designate party representatives  
46 and alternates to act as early ballot challengers for the

1 party. No party may have more than the number of such  
2 representatives or alternates that were mutually agreed on by  
3 each political party to be present at one time. If such  
4 agreement cannot be reached, the number of representatives  
5 shall be limited to one for each political party.

6 D. An early ballot may be challenged on any grounds set  
7 forth in section 16-591. All challenges shall be made in  
8 writing with a brief statement of the grounds before the early  
9 ballot is placed in the ballot box. A record of all  
10 challenges and resulting proceedings shall be kept in  
11 substantially the same manner as provided in section  
12 16-594. If an early ballot is challenged, it shall be set  
13 aside and retained in the possession of the early election  
14 board or other officer in charge of early ballot processing  
15 until a time that the early election board sets for  
16 determination of the challenge, subject to the procedure in  
17 subsection E of this section, at which time the  
18 early election board shall hear the grounds for the challenge  
19 and shall decide what disposition shall be made of the early  
20 ballot by majority vote. If the early ballot is not allowed,  
21 it shall be handled pursuant to subsection G of this section.

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

1 challenge. The early election board or other officer in  
2 charge of early ballot processing is not required to provide  
3 the notices described in this subsection if the written  
4 challenge fails to set forth at least one of the grounds  
5 listed in section 16-591 as a basis for the challenge. In  
6 that event, the challenge will be summarily rejected at the  
7 meeting of the board. Except for election contests pursuant  
8 to section 16-672, the board's decision is final and may not  
9 be appealed.

10 F. If the vote is allowed, the board shall open the  
11 envelope containing the ballot in such a manner that the mail  
12 ~~ballot~~ affidavit thereon is not destroyed, take out the ballot  
13 without unfolding it or permitting it to be opened or examined  
14 and show by the records of the election that the elector has  
15 voted.

16 G. If the vote is not allowed, the mail ~~ballot~~  
17 affidavit envelope containing the early ballot shall not be  
18 opened and the board shall mark across the face of such  
19 envelope the grounds for rejection. The mail ~~ballot~~ affidavit  
20 envelope and its contents shall then be deposited with the  
21 opened mail ~~ballot~~ affidavit envelopes and shall be preserved  
22 with official returns. If the voter does not enter an  
23 appearance, the board shall send the voter a notice stating  
24 whether the early ballot was disallowed and, if disallowed,  
25 providing the grounds for the determination. The notice shall  
26 be mailed by first class mail to the voter's mailing address  
27 as shown on the registration rolls within three days after the  
28 board's determination.

29 H. Party representatives and alternates may be  
30 appointed as provided in subsection C of this section to be  
31 present and to challenge the verification of questioned  
32 ballots pursuant to section 16-584 on any grounds allowed by  
33 this section. Questioned ballots that are challenged shall be  
34 presented to the early election board for decision under the  
35 provisions of this section.

36 Sec. 10. Section 16-579.01, Arizona Revised Statutes,  
37 is amended to read:

38 16-579.01. Early ballots; on-site tabulation

39 A. Every county recorder or other officer in charge of  
40 elections may provide for a qualified elector who appears at  
41 that elector's designated polling location or at a voting  
42 center **AT ANY TIME DURING THE PERIOD OF EARLY VOTING AND** on  
43 election day with the elector's voted early ballot to have the  
44 elector's voted early ballot tabulated as prescribed in  
45 section 16-579.02.

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

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

8 2. Provide adequate poll workers, election officials  
9 and equipment necessary to conduct voting pursuant to this  
10 section and section 16-579.02.

11 3. Categorize and tally separately in the official  
12 canvass and other reports electors whose voted early ballots  
13 are tabulated at the precinct or voting center. The tally  
14 shall be reported by precinct in the official canvass and  
15 other voting reports.

16 4. Reconcile for that polling place or voting center  
17 the number of electors who appear on the signature roster or  
18 ~~e-pollbook~~ ELECTRONIC POLLBOOK with the number of completed  
19 early ballot affidavits and the voted early ballots tabulated  
20 on-site.

21 <<Sec. 11. Section 16-579.02, Arizona Revised Statutes, is  
22 amended to read:

23 16-579.02. Election day early ballot on-site tabulation  
24 procedure; fund

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

30 1. If the elector does not present identification that  
31 complies with section 16-579, subsection A, paragraph 1, the elector  
32 shall ~~[either deposit the elector's voted early ballot in its~~  
33 ~~affidavit envelope in an official drop box or]~~ proceed to the area  
34 designated for election day voting to surrender the early ballot to  
35 the election board for retention and not for tabulating. The  
36 elector shall then be allowed to vote a provisional ballot as  
37 prescribed in section 16-584. An election official may not allow  
38 for the on-site tabulation of an early ballot if the elector does  
39 not present identification that complies with section 16-579,  
40 subsection A, paragraph 1.

41 2. If the elector presents sufficient identification to  
42 comply with section 16-579, subsection A, paragraph 1, the elector  
43 shall present the elector's early ballot affidavit to the election  
44 official in charge of the signature roster, and the election  
45 official shall confirm that the name and address on the completed

1 affidavit reasonably appear to be the same as the name and address  
2 on the precinct register.

3 3. If the elector's affidavit is not complete, the election  
4 official in charge of the signature roster shall allow the elector  
5 to complete the affidavit. The election official may not allow for  
6 the on-site tabulation of an early ballot until the elector presents  
7 a completed early ballot affidavit.

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

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

15 D. For precincts in which an electronic pollbook is used,  
16 each qualified elector shall sign the elector's name as prescribed  
17 in section 16-579, subsection E before proceeding to the tabulating  
18 equipment.

19 E. After signing the signature roster or electronic pollbook,  
20 the elector shall proceed to the tabulating equipment and while  
21 under the observation of an election official, remove the early  
22 ballot from the completed affidavit envelope, deposit the empty  
23 completed affidavit envelope in the secured and labeled drop box and  
24 insert the early ballot into a tabulating machine. An early ballot  
25 that has been separated from the elector's completed affidavit  
26 envelope may not be removed from the on-site early ballot tabulation  
27 area.

28 F. The drop box prescribed in subsection E of this section  
29 shall be clearly labeled to indicate that the completed affidavits  
30 are from ballots tabulated pursuant to this section and shall be  
31 secured in a manner substantially similar to other ballot boxes at  
32 that location.

33 G. Any qualified elector who lawfully brings to a polling  
34 place or voting center another elector's voted early ballot that is  
35 sealed in its affidavit envelope shall deposit the other elector's  
36 voted early ballot in the appropriate ballot drop box before  
37 entering the on-site early ballot tabulation area for purposes of  
38 tabulating the elector's own early ballot. The county recorder or  
39 other officer in charge of elections shall ensure that a voter is  
40 not in possession of another voter's ballot within the on-site early  
41 ballot tabulation area. >>

42 <<Sec. 12. Title 16, chapter 6, article 1.2, Arizona  
43 Revised Statutes, is amended by adding section 16-919, to  
44 read:

45 16-919. Foreign contributions prohibited; ballot measures;  
46 certification; definition

1           [A. A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT SHALL NOT GIVE AND A PERSON,  
2           ENTITY OR COMMITTEE SHALL NOT ACCEPT OR USE MONIES OR IN-KIND  
3           GOODS OR SERVICES THAT ARE CONTRIBUTED BY A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT  
4           OR A FOREIGN NONGOVERNMENTAL SOURCE TO INFLUENCE THE OUTCOME  
5           OF AN ELECTION ON A BALLOT MEASURE.

6           B. A PERSON, ENTITY OR COMMITTEE THAT IS REQUIRED TO  
7           FILE CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS PURSUANT TO SECTION 16-926 SHALL  
8           CERTIFY UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY IN THOSE REPORTS THAT THE  
9           PERSON, ENTITY OR COMMITTEE HAS NOT ACCEPTED OR USED MONIES OR  
10           IN-KIND GOODS OR SERVICES IN VIOLATION OF SUBSECTION A OF THIS  
11           SECTION.

12           C. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:

13           1. FOREIGN GOVERNMENT DOES NOT INCLUDE FEDERALLY  
14           RECOGNIZED SOVEREIGN TRIBAL NATIONS.

15           2. "FOREIGN NONGOVERNMENTAL SOURCE":

16           (A) MEANS ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO IS NOT A UNITED STATES  
17           CITIZEN OR NATIONAL.

18           (B) DOES NOT INCLUDE FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED SOVEREIGN  
19           TRIBAL NATIONS.] >>

20           Sec. 13. Severability

21           If a provision of this act or its application to any  
22           person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does  
23           not affect other provisions or applications of the act that  
24           can be given effect without the invalid provision or  
25           application, and to this end the provisions of this act are  
26           severable.

27           Sec. 14. Legislative findings

28           The legislature finds that:

29           1. Arizona takes far longer than most other states to  
30           report its final vote tabulations for elections.

31           2. The most significant causal factor in Arizona's  
32           delayed vote count is matching signatures to the signatures in  
33           the voter file for envelopes for early ballots that are  
34           returned on or shortly before election day, sometimes called  
35           "late early ballots".

36           3. Another cause of administrative delays in Arizona  
37           elections is the recent surge in emergency voting during the  
38           weekend before election day. Originally intended to  
39           accommodate voters with bona fide last-minute emergencies that  
40           would otherwise interfere with voting, emergency voting has  
41           recently shifted to an unauthorized expansion of the early  
42           voting period without any meaningful confirmation that voters  
43           are, in fact, burdened by a last-minute emergency that would  
44           otherwise prevent them from voting. This recent expansion of  
45           emergency voting diverts scarce resources from elections  
46           officials' offices at the very end of the election cycle, when

1 time and manpower are most precious, that otherwise could be  
2 used to fully process early ballots, ensure smooth operations  
3 on election day and facilitate the prompt reporting of  
4 election results.

5 4. Arizona's delayed results are sometimes perceived as  
6 evidence of election worker incompetence or inefficiency or as  
7 an opportunity for unscrupulous participants to affect the  
8 ballot tabulation process improperly. In this way, Arizona's  
9 delay in reporting final numbers reduces public confidence in  
10 Arizona's voting system.

11 5. By decentralizing and streamlining the process for  
12 confirming voter identity associated with late early ballots  
13 and eliminating emergency voting during the days immediately  
14 before election day, Arizona can substantially reduce  
15 administrative burdens, speed up the ballot tabulation process  
16 and increase confidence in the electoral system.

17 6. By enlarging the overall early voting period and  
18 maintaining other voting rights and processes such as  
19 in-person early voting, in person election day voting, early  
20 voting by mail through the Friday before election day, special  
21 election boards, accessible voting systems and translations  
22 for protected language groups, the proposed changes in Arizona  
23 election administration processes will not have a substantial  
24 net effect on either access to or the ease of voting in  
25 Arizona.

26 Sec. 15. Short title

27 This act may be cited as the "Arizona Free and Fair  
28 Elections Act".

29 2. The Secretary of State shall submit this proposition to the  
30 voters at the next general election as provided by article IV, part 1,  
31 section 1, Constitution of Arizona.

32 Enroll and engross to conform

33 Amend title to conform

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