



Bill Number: S.B. 1011

Fernandez Floor Amendment

Reference to: Judiciary and Elections
Committee Amendment

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FLOOR AMENDMENT EXPLANATION

1. Reinserts the ability of a voter to drop off an early ballot at any voting location until 7:00 p.m. on election night, rather than 7:00 p.m. on the Friday before the election.
2. Removes the requirement that a voted early ballot dropped off between 7:00 p.m. on the Friday before an election and 7:00 p.m. on election day be delivered to the office of the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections.
3. Reinserts the ability for a school principal to deny a request to provide space for use as a polling place for an election if the principal provides a reason that the election cannot be held and includes that either space is not available or the safety or welfare of the school would be jeopardized.
4. Requires a county recorder to establish on-site early voting locations and requires the locations to be open until:
 - a) 7:00 p.m. on the Saturday and Sunday preceding election day; and
 - b) at least 3:00 p.m. on the Monday before election day.
5. Allows early ballots returned at voting locations on election day to be returned by two authorized elections workers of different political parties who have completed a chain of custody log maintained at the voting location.
6. Allows a voter to opt to show identification when presenting their mailed early ballot during early voting and have the ballot be stamped "ID verified" and skip signature verification.
7. Requires the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections to allow early ballot signatures to be cured each of the five business days after an election that includes a federal office and each of the three business days after all other elections.
8. Reinserts the requirement that early voting begin 27 days, rather than 29 days, prior to the election.
9. Removes language allowing and outlining requirements for a county to provide for on-site tabulation of early ballots during early voting.

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FERNANDEZ FLOOR AMENDMENT
SENATE AMENDMENTS TO S.B. 1011
(Reference to JUDICIARY AND ELECTIONS Committee amendment)

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<<Green carets>> indicate a section added to the bill.

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

2 Section 1. Section 16-411, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 16-411. Designation of election precincts and polling places;
5 voting centers; electioneering; wait times

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

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

15 2. If after October 1 of the year preceding the year of a general
16 election the board of supervisors must further adjust precinct boundaries
17 due to the redistricting of election districts as prescribed by law and to
18 comply with this subsection, the board of supervisors shall adjust these
19 precinct boundaries as soon as is practicable.

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

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

1 2. Adjacent precincts may be combined if boundaries so established
2 are included in election districts prescribed by law for state elected
3 officials and political subdivisions including community college districts
4 but not including elected officials prescribed by titles 30 and 48. The
5 officer in charge of elections may also split a precinct for
6 administrative purposes. The polling places shall be listed in separate
7 sections of the order or resolution.

8 3. On a specific finding of the board that the number of persons
9 who are listed as early voters pursuant to section 16-544 and who are not
10 expected to have their ballots tabulated at the polling place as
11 prescribed in section 16-579.02 is likely to substantially reduce the
12 number of voters appearing at one or more specific polling places at that
13 election, adjacent precincts may be consolidated by combining polling
14 places and precinct boards for that election. The board of supervisors
15 shall ensure that a reasonable and adequate number of polling places will
16 be designated for that election. Any consolidated polling places shall be
17 listed in separate sections of the order or resolution of the board.

18 4. On a specific resolution of the board, the board may authorize
19 the use of voting centers in place of or in addition to specifically
20 designated polling places. A voting center shall allow any voter in that
21 county to receive the appropriate ballot for that voter on election day
22 after presenting identification as prescribed in section 16-579 and to
23 lawfully cast the ballot. Voting centers may be established in
24 coordination and consultation with the county recorder, at other county
25 offices or at other locations in the county deemed appropriate.

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

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

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

39 ~~(c) If an emergency voting center established pursuant to this~~
40 ~~section becomes unavailable and there is not sufficient time for the board~~
41 ~~of supervisors to convene to approve an alternate location for that~~
42 ~~emergency voting center, the county recorder or other officer in charge of~~
43 ~~elections may make changes to the approved emergency voting center~~
44 ~~location and shall notify the public and the board of supervisors~~
45 ~~regarding that change as soon as practicable. The alternate emergency~~
46 ~~voting center shall be as close in proximity to the approved emergency~~
47 ~~voting center location as possible.~~

1 C. If the board fails to designate the place for holding the
2 election, or if it cannot be held at or about the place designated, the
3 justice of the peace in the precinct, two days before the election, by an
4 order, copies of which the justice of the peace shall immediately post in
5 three public places in the precinct, shall designate the place within the
6 precinct for holding the election. If there is no justice of the peace in
7 the precinct, or if the justice of the peace fails to do so, the election
8 board of the precinct shall designate and give notice of the place within
9 the precinct of holding the election. For any election in which there are
10 no candidates for elected office appearing on the ballot, the board may
11 consolidate polling places and precinct boards and may consolidate the
12 tabulation of results for that election if all of the following apply:

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

15 2. Notice of the change in polling places includes notice of the
16 new voting location, notice of the hours for voting on election day and
17 notice of the telephone number to call for voter assistance.

18 3. All affected voters receive information on early voting that
19 includes the application used to request an early voting ballot.

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

24 E. [{{Except as provided in subsection F of this section.}}] A
25 public school shall provide sufficient space for use as a polling place
26 for any city, county or state election when requested by the officer in
27 charge of elections.

28 [{{F. The principal of the school may deny a request to provide
29 space for use as a polling place for any city, county or state election
30 if, within two weeks after a request has been made, the principal provides
31 a written statement indicating a reason the election cannot be held in the
32 school, including any of the following:

33 1. Space is not available at the school.

34 2. The safety or welfare of the children would be jeopardized.}}]

35 [{{G.}}] [{{F.}}] Beginning in 2026, the department of
36 administration shall coordinate with state agencies and counties to
37 provide available and appropriate state-owned facilities for use as a
38 voting location for any city, county or state election when requested by
39 the officer in charge of elections.

40 [{{H.}}] [{{G.}}] The board shall make available to the public as
41 a public record a list of the polling places for all precincts in which
42 the election is to be held.

43 [{{I.}}] [{{H.}}] Except in the case of an emergency, any facility
44 that is used as a polling place on election day or that is used as an
45 early voting site during the period of early voting shall allow persons to
46 electioneer and engage in other political activity outside of the
47 seventy-five foot limit prescribed by section 16-515 in public areas and

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

19 ~~[[J.]]~~ ~~[[I.]]~~ For the purposes of this section, a county
20 recorder or other officer in charge of elections shall designate a polling
21 place as an emergency polling place and thus prohibit persons from
22 electioneering and engaging in other political activity outside of the
23 seventy-five foot limit prescribed by section 16-515 but inside the
24 property of 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 place as
27 unusable.

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

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

38 1. The number of ballots voted in the prior primary and general
39 elections.

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

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

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

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

3 Sec. 2. Section 16-542, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
4 read:

5 16-542. Request for ballot; civil penalties; violation;
6 classification

7 A. Within ninety-three days before any election called pursuant to
8 the laws of this state, an elector may make a verbal or signed request to
9 the county recorder, or other officer in charge of elections for the
10 applicable political subdivision of this state in whose jurisdiction the
11 elector is registered to vote, for an official early ballot. In addition
12 to name and address, the requesting elector shall provide the date of
13 birth and state or country of birth or other information that if compared
14 to the voter registration information on file would confirm the identity
15 of the elector. If the request indicates that the elector needs a primary
16 election ballot and a general election ballot, the county recorder or
17 other officer in charge of elections shall honor the request. For any
18 partisan primary election, if the elector is not registered as a member of
19 a political party that is entitled to continued representation on the
20 ballot pursuant to section 16-804, the elector shall designate the ballot
21 of only one of the political parties that is entitled to continued
22 representation on the ballot and the elector may receive and vote the
23 ballot of only that one political party, which also shall include any
24 nonpartisan offices and ballot questions, or the elector shall designate
25 the ballot for nonpartisan offices and ballot questions only and the
26 elector may receive and vote the ballot that contains only nonpartisan
27 offices and ballot questions. The county recorder or other officer in
28 charge of elections shall process any request for an early ballot for a
29 municipal election pursuant to this subsection. The county recorder
30 ~~{{may}}~~ {{SHALL}} establish on-site early voting locations at the
31 recorder's office, which shall be open and available for use beginning the
32 same day that a county begins to send out the early ballots. {{THE EARLY
33 VOTING LOCATIONS, INCLUDING THE LOCATIONS AT THE COUNTY RECORDER'S
34 OFFICES, SHALL BE OPEN UNTIL 7:00 P.M. ON THE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY
35 IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING ELECTION DAY. ON MONDAY IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING
36 ELECTION DAY, THE EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS, INCLUDING THE LOCATIONS AT THE
37 COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICES, SHALL BE OPEN UNTIL AT LEAST 3:00 P.M. AND MAY
38 BE OPEN UNTIL 7:00 P.M., AS DETERMINED BY THE COUNTY RECORDER.}} The
39 county recorder may also establish any other early voting locations in the
40 county the recorder deems necessary. Any on-site early voting location or
41 other early voting location shall ~~[BE OPEN AND AVAILABLE FOR USE ON THE~~
42 ~~SATURDAY AND MONDAY BEFORE ELECTION DAY AND SHALL]~~ require each elector to
43 present identification as prescribed in section 16-579 before receiving a
44 ballot. Notwithstanding section 16-579, subsection A, paragraph 2, at any
45 on-site early voting location or other early voting location the county
46 recorder or other officer in charge of elections may provide for a
47 qualified elector to update the elector's voter registration information

1 as provided for in the secretary of state's instructions and procedures
2 manual adopted pursuant to section 16-452.

3 B. Notwithstanding subsection A of this section, a request for an
4 official early ballot from an absent uniformed services voter or overseas
5 voter as defined in the uniformed and overseas citizens absentee voting
6 act (P.L. 99-410; 52 United States Code section 20310) or a voter whose
7 information is protected pursuant to section 16-153 that is received by
8 the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections more than
9 ninety-three days before the election is valid. If requested by the
10 absent uniformed services or overseas voter, or a voter whose information
11 is protected pursuant to section 16-153, the county recorder or other
12 officer in charge of elections shall provide to the requesting voter early
13 ballot materials through the next regularly scheduled general election for
14 federal office immediately following receipt of the request unless a
15 different period of time, which does not exceed the next two regularly
16 scheduled general elections for federal office, is designated by the
17 voter.

18 C. The county recorder or other officer in charge of elections
19 shall mail the early ballot and the envelope for its return postage
20 prepaid to the address provided by the requesting elector within five days
21 after receipt of the official early ballots from the officer charged by
22 law with the duty of preparing ballots pursuant to section 16-545, except
23 that early ballot distribution shall not begin more than [{{twenty-
24 seven}}] ~~[{{TWENTY-NINE}}]~~ days before the election. If an early ballot
25 request is received on or before the thirty-first day before the election,
26 the early ballot shall be distributed not earlier than the [{{twenty-
27 seventh}}] ~~[{{TWENTY-NINTH}}]~~ day before the election and not later than
28 the twenty-fourth day before the election.

29 D. Only the elector may be in possession of that elector's unvoted
30 early ballot. If a complete and correct request is made by the elector
31 within [{{twenty-seven}}] ~~[{{TWENTY-NINE}}]~~ days before the election, the
32 mailing must be made within forty-eight hours after receipt of the
33 request. Saturdays, Sundays and other legal holidays are excluded from
34 the computation of the forty-eight-hour period prescribed by this
35 subsection. If a complete and correct request is made by an absent
36 uniformed services voter or an overseas voter before the election, the
37 regular early ballot shall be transmitted by mail, by fax or by other
38 electronic format approved by the secretary of state within twenty-four
39 hours after the early ballots are delivered pursuant to section 16-545,
40 subsection B, excluding Sundays.

41 E. In order to be complete and correct and to receive an early
42 ballot by mail, an elector's request that an early ballot be mailed to the
43 elector's residence or temporary address must include all of the
44 information prescribed by subsection A of this section and must be
45 received by the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections
46 not later than 5:00 p.m. on the eleventh day preceding the election. An
47 elector who appears personally not later than 7:00 p.m. on the ~~Friday~~

1 MONDAY preceding the election at an on-site early voting location OR OTHER
2 EARLY VOTING LOCATION that is established by the county recorder or other
3 officer in charge of elections shall be given a ballot[, ~~SHALL COMPLETE AN~~
4 ~~EARLY VOTING CERTIFICATE~~] after presenting identification as prescribed in
5 section 16-579 and shall be allowed to vote at the on-site location
6 ~~[WITHOUT ISSUING OR COMPLETING A MAIL AFFIDAVIT ENVELOPE]~~.
7 Notwithstanding section 16-579, subsection A, paragraph 2, at any on-site
8 early voting location the county recorder or other officer in charge of
9 elections may provide for a qualified elector to update the elector's
10 voter registration information as provided for in the secretary of state's
11 instructions and procedures manual adopted pursuant to section 16-452. If
12 an elector's request to receive an early ballot is not complete and
13 correct but complies with all other requirements of this section, the
14 county recorder or other officer in charge of elections shall attempt to
15 notify the elector of the deficiency of the request.

16 F. Unless an elector specifies that the address to which an early
17 ballot is to be sent is a temporary address, the recorder may use the
18 information from an early ballot request form to update voter registration
19 records.

20 G. The county recorder or other officer in charge of early
21 balloting shall provide an alphabetized list of all voters in the precinct
22 who have requested and have been sent an early ballot to the election
23 board of the precinct in which the voter is registered not later than the
24 day before the election.

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

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

46 ~~J.~~ H. A candidate, political committee or other organization may
47 distribute early ballot request forms to voters. If the early ballot

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

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

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

26 Sec. 3. Section 16-547, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
27 read:

28 16-547. Mail affidavit; early voting certificate; form

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

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

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

42 I declare the following under penalty of perjury: At
43 the registered voter's request I assisted the voter identified
44 in this MAIL affidavit with marking the voter's ballot, I
45 marked the ballot as directly instructed by the voter, I
46 provided the assistance because the voter was physically
47 unable to mark the ballot solely due to illness, injury or

1 physical limitation and I understand that there is no power of
2 attorney for voting and that the voter must be able to make
3 the voter's selection even if the voter cannot physically mark
4 the ballot.

5 Name of voter assistant: _____

6 Address of voter assistant: _____

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

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

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

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

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

26 In order to be valid and counted, the ballot and mail
27 affidavit must be delivered to the office of the county
28 recorder or other officer in charge of elections or may be
29 deposited at any polling place in the county not later than
30 7:00 p.m. on election day. The ballot will not be counted
31 without the voter's signature on the envelope.
32 (WARNING – It is a felony to offer or receive any compensation
33 for a ballot.)

34 2. Beginning in 2026, the instructions shall include the following
35 statement:

36 In order to be valid and counted, the mail affidavit
37 that contains the mail ballot must have the voter's signature
38 on the envelope and must be returned to the office of the
39 county recorder by any one of the following methods:

40 (a) Delivering it to the office of the county recorder
41 or other officer in charge of elections not later than
42 7:00 p.m. on election day.

43 (b) Depositing it at any ~~polling place~~ VOTING LOCATION
44 in the county not later than 7:00 p.m. on ~~{{THE FRIDAY~~
45 ~~BEFORE}}~~ election day.

46 ~~[[{(c) Bringing the ballot to any polling place in the~~
47 ~~county not later than 7:00 p.m. on election day and choosing~~

1 ~~to present valid identification that complies with section~~
2 ~~16-579, subsection A, paragraph 1, Arizona Revised~~
3 ~~Statutes.}}]~~

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

6 ~~[E. BEGINNING IN 2026, A PERSON WHO APPEARS PERSONALLY AT AN EARLY~~
7 ~~VOTING LOCATION DURING THE PERIOD OF EARLY VOTING, INCLUDING ON THE~~
8 ~~SATURDAY AND MONDAY BEFORE ELECTION DAY, SHALL BE GIVEN A BALLOT AFTER~~
9 ~~PRESENTING IDENTIFICATION AS PRESCRIBED BY SECTION 16-579, SHALL COMPLETE~~
10 ~~AN EARLY VOTING CERTIFICATE AND SHALL BE ALLOWED TO VOTE AT THE EARLY~~
11 ~~VOTING LOCATION WITHOUT ISSUING OR COMPLETING A MAIL AFFIDAVIT ENVELOPE.~~
12 ~~THE EARLY VOTING CERTIFICATE SHALL BE IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FOLLOWING FORM:~~

13 ~~EARLY VOTING CERTIFICATE~~

14 ~~I, _____, A QUALIFIED~~
15 ~~ELECTOR FOR THIS ELECTION AND REGISTERED VOTER IN~~
16 ~~_____ COUNTY, ARIZONA, DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR OR~~
17 ~~AFFIRM THAT I AM THE PERSON LISTED ON THE VOTER REGISTRATION~~
18 ~~ROLLS OF _____ COUNTY AND THAT I RESIDE AT THE~~
19 ~~LISTED ADDRESS. I UNDERSTAND THAT IF I COMMIT OR ATTEMPT TO~~
20 ~~COMMIT FRAUD IN CONNECTION WITH VOTING, VOTE A FRAUDULENT~~
21 ~~BALLOT OR VOTE MORE THAN ONCE IN AN ELECTION, I COULD BE~~
22 ~~CONVICTED OF A FELONY AND FINED OR IMPRISONED, OR BOTH. I~~
23 ~~UNDERSTAND THAT MY FAILURE TO SIGN THIS CERTIFICATE~~
24 ~~INVALIDATES MY BALLOT.]~~

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

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

33 ~~<<Sec. 4. Section 16-548, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to~~
34 ~~read:~~

35 ~~16-548. Preparation and transmission of ballot~~

36 ~~A. The early voter shall make and sign the affidavit and shall then~~
37 ~~mark his THE ballot in such a manner that his THE EARLY VOTER'S vote~~
38 ~~cannot be seen. The early voter shall fold the ballot, if a paper ballot,~~
39 ~~so as to conceal the vote, and deposit the voted ballot in the envelope~~
40 ~~provided for that purpose, which shall be securely sealed and, together~~
41 ~~with the affidavit, delivered or RETURN THE VOTED BALLOT BY ONE OF THE~~
42 ~~FOLLOWING METHODS:~~

43 ~~1. mailed MAIL THE VOTED BALLOT to the county recorder or other~~
44 ~~officer in charge of elections of the political subdivision in which the~~
45 ~~elector VOTER is registered or deposited by the voter or the voter's agent~~
46 ~~at any polling place in the county. In order to be counted and valid, the~~
47 ~~ballot must be received by the county recorder or other officer in charge~~

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

3 ~~2. DELIVER THE VOTED BALLOT TO THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OR~~
4 ~~OTHER OFFICER IN CHARGE OF ELECTIONS OF THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION IN WHICH~~
5 ~~THE VOTER IS REGISTERED. IN ORDER TO BE COUNTED AND VALID, THE BALLOT~~
6 ~~MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE COUNTY RECORDER OR OTHER OFFICER IN CHARGE OF~~
7 ~~ELECTIONS NOT LATER THAN 7:00 P.M. ON ELECTION DAY.~~

8 ~~3. DEPOSIT THE VOTED BALLOT AT ANY VOTING LOCATION IN THE COUNTY.~~
9 ~~IN ORDER TO BE COUNTED AND VALID, THE BALLOT MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE~~
10 ~~VOTING LOCATION NOT LATER THAN 7:00 P.M. ON THE FRIDAY BEFORE ELECTION~~
11 ~~DAY.~~

12 ~~B. A PERSON WHO APPEARS PERSONALLY AT AN EARLY VOTING LOCATION~~
13 ~~DURING THE PERIOD OF EARLY VOTING, INCLUDING ON THE SATURDAY AND MONDAY~~
14 ~~BEFORE ELECTION DAY, SHALL PRESENT IDENTIFICATION AS PRESCRIBED BY SECTION~~
15 ~~16-579, SIGN THE EARLY VOTER [certificate] [AFFIDAVIT], MARK THE BALLOT IN~~
16 ~~A MANNER THAT THE EARLY VOTER'S VOTE CANNOT BE SEEN AND RETURN THE VOTED~~
17 ~~BALLOT TO THE ELECTION OFFICIAL AT THE EARLY VOTING LOCATION. [A mail~~
18 ~~affidavit envelope may not be required.] [FOR A COUNTY THAT PROVIDES FOR~~
19 ~~ON-SITE TABULATION OF BALLOTS PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 16-579.01 AND 16-579.02~~
20 ~~DURING THE SATURDAY OR MONDAY IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING ELECTION DAY, THE~~
21 ~~FOLLOWING APPLY:~~

22 ~~1. THE EARLY VOTER SHALL APPEAR PERSONALLY AT THE ON-SITE~~
23 ~~TABULATION LOCATION AND SURRENDER THE VOTER'S EARLY BALLOT AND AFFIDAVIT.~~

24 ~~2. THE ELECTION OFFICIAL SHALL ALLOW THE EARLY VOTER TO TABULATE~~
25 ~~THE EARLY BALLOT ON-SITE AS PRESCRIBED BY SECTIONS 16-579.01 AND~~
26 ~~16-579.02.]~~

27 ~~[C. FOR EARLY BALLOTS THAT ARE CAST IN PERSON PURSUANT TO~~
28 ~~SUBSECTION B OF THIS SECTION, THE OFFICER IN CHARGE OF ELECTIONS SHALL~~
29 ~~ENSURE THAT CHAIN OF CUSTODY PROCEDURES FOR THESE EARLY BALLOTS ARE~~
30 ~~IDENTICAL TO THOSE PRESCRIBED FOR IN-PERSON ELECTION DAY VOTING.]~~

31 ~~B. [C.] [D.] If the early voter is an overseas citizen, a~~
32 ~~qualified elector absent from the United States or in the United States~~
33 ~~service, a spouse or dependent residing with the early voter or a~~
34 ~~qualified elector of a special district mail ballot election as provided~~
35 ~~in article 8.1 of this chapter, the early voter may subscribe to the~~
36 ~~affidavit before and obtain the signature and military identification~~
37 ~~number or passport number, if available, of any person who is a United~~
38 ~~States citizen eighteen years of age or older.>>~~

39 <<Sec. 4. Section 16-550, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
40 read:

41 16-550. Receipt of voter's ballot; cure period; tracking
42 system

43 A. Except for early ballots tabulated as prescribed in section
44 16-579.02 or, beginning in 2026, received at a voting location after a
45 voter's identification is confirmed as prescribed by section 16-579,
46 subsection A, paragraph 4, on receipt of the envelope containing the early
47 ballot and the mail ballot affidavit, the county recorder or other officer

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

1 officer in charge of elections shall submit daily to the political parties
2 that are qualified for continued representation on the state ballot an
3 updated list of all voters whose signatures are inconsistent with the
4 voter's signature on the voter's registration record and all voters who
5 voted with a conditional provisional ballot. This list of voters whose
6 signatures require curing shall include for those voters all voter
7 information that is provided to the political parties that are qualified
8 for continued representation on the state ballot as prescribed by section
9 16-168.

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

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

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

23 2. Not produce for internal or external use an aggregated results
24 report or associated files of complete results.

25 3. Only produce a partial results report or associated files if it
26 is part of the internal preparation for the hand count pursuant to section
27 16-602 or for the logic and accuracy testing required pursuant to section
28 16-449.

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

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

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

40 F. For a county that uses early ballots, the county recorder or
41 other officer in charge of elections shall provide an early ballot
42 tracking system that indicates whether the voter's early ballot has been
43 received and whether the early ballot has been verified and sent to be
44 tabulated or rejected. The county recorder or other officer in charge of
45 elections shall provide voters with access to the early ballot tracking
46 system on the county's website.

47 G. This section does not apply to:

1 1. A special taxing district that is authorized pursuant to section
2 16-191 to conduct its own elections.

3 2. A special district mail ballot election that is conducted
4 pursuant to article 8.1 of this chapter. >>

5 <<Sec. 5. Section 16-551, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
6 read:

7 16-551. Early election board: violation: classification

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

14 B. If an electronic voting system is in use for early voting, the
15 early election board shall consist of at least one inspector and two
16 judges who shall perform the processing requirements in accordance with
17 the rules issued by the secretary of state. The inspector and judges
18 shall be appointed in the same manner by party as provided in section
19 16-531.

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

36 D. ~~[The county recorder or other officer in charge of elections~~
37 ~~shall count the number of early ballots that are returned at voting~~
38 ~~locations on election day and shall post on its website those totals with~~
39 ~~the last unofficial results that are released on election night pursuant~~
40 ~~to section 16-622.]~~ Beginning with the day following the election, the
41 county recorder or other officer in charge of elections shall enter into
42 the county's ballot tracking system, if established, early ballots that
43 were returned at the voting location on election day.

44 E. The necessary printed blanks for poll lists, tally lists, lists
45 of voters, ballots, oaths and returns, together with envelopes in which to
46 enclose the returns, shall be furnished by the board of supervisors or the
47 governing body of the political subdivision to the early election board

1 for each election precinct at the expense of the county or the political
2 subdivision. >>

3 Sec. 6. Section 16-552, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
4 read:

5 16-552. Early ballots; processing; challenges

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

15 B. ~~EXCEPT FOR {{A PERSON WHO VOTES PERSONALLY AT AN EARLY VOTING~~
16 ~~LOCATION DURING THE PERIOD OF EARLY VOTING AS PRESCRIBED BY SECTION~~
17 ~~16-548, SUBSECTION B}} {{AN EARLY BALLOT THAT IS ISSUED AND VERIFIED AS~~
18 ~~PRESCRIBED BY SECTION 16-579, SUBSECTION A, PARAGRAPH 4 OR THAT IS MAILED,~~
19 ~~PRESENTED BY THE VOTER AT A VOTING LOCATION AND VERIFIED AS PRESCRIBED BY~~
20 ~~SECTION 16-579, SUBSECTION A, PARAGRAPH 4}}~~, the early election board
21 shall check the voter's mail ~~ballot~~ affidavit on the envelope containing
22 the early ballot. If it is found to be sufficient, the vote shall be
23 allowed. If the mail ~~ballot~~ affidavit is insufficient, the vote shall not
24 be allowed. Beginning in 2026, for an early ballot that is received and
25 verified as prescribed by section 16-579, subsection A, paragraph 4,
26 additional signature verification is not required.

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

35 D. An early ballot may be challenged on any grounds set forth in
36 section 16-591. All challenges shall be made in writing with a brief
37 statement of the grounds before the early ballot is placed in the ballot
38 box. A record of all challenges and resulting proceedings shall be kept
39 in substantially the same manner as provided in section 16-594. If an
40 early ballot is challenged, it shall be set aside and retained in the
41 possession of the early election board or other officer in charge of early
42 ballot processing until a time that the early election board sets for
43 determination of the challenge, subject to the procedure in subsection E
44 of this section, at which time the early election board shall hear the
45 grounds for the challenge and shall decide what disposition shall be made
46 of the early ballot by majority vote. If the early ballot is not allowed,
47 it shall be handled pursuant to subsection G of this section.

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

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

34 G. If the vote is not allowed, the mail ~~ballot~~ affidavit envelope
35 containing the early ballot shall not be opened and the board shall mark
36 across the face of such envelope the grounds for rejection. The mail
37 ~~ballot~~ affidavit envelope and its contents shall then be deposited with
38 the opened mail ~~ballot~~ affidavit envelopes and shall be preserved with
39 official returns. If the voter does not enter an appearance, the board
40 shall send the voter a notice stating whether the early ballot was
41 disallowed and, if disallowed, providing the grounds for the
42 determination. The notice shall be mailed by first class mail to the
43 voter's mailing address as shown on the registration rolls within three
44 days after the board's determination.

45 H. Party representatives and alternates may be appointed as
46 provided in subsection C of this section to be present and to challenge
47 the verification of questioned ballots pursuant to section 16-584 on any

1 grounds allowed by this section. Questioned ballots that are challenged
2 shall be presented to the early election board for decision under the
3 provisions of this section.

4 ~~<<Sec. 7. Section 16-558.01, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended~~
5 ~~to read:~~

6 ~~16-558.01. Mailing of ballots~~

7 ~~Not more than [twenty-seven] [TWENTY-NINE] days before the election~~
8 ~~and not fewer than fifteen days before the election, the county recorder~~
9 ~~or other officer in charge of elections for the special district shall~~
10 ~~send by nonforwardable mail all official ballots with printed instructions~~
11 ~~and a return envelope bearing a printed ballot affidavit as described in~~
12 ~~section 16-547 to each qualified elector entitled to vote in the~~
13 ~~election. The envelope in which the ballot is mailed shall be clearly~~
14 ~~marked with the statement required by the postmaster to receive an address~~
15 ~~correction and notification. The district governing board shall determine~~
16 ~~whether the voter or the district governing board will pay for the postage~~
17 ~~for the return of electors' marked ballots. An elector who votes in a~~
18 ~~special district mail ballot election shall return the elector's marked~~
19 ~~ballot to the recorder or other officer in charge of the election or to a~~
20 ~~designated depository site as provided in section 16-411 no later than~~
21 ~~7:00 p.m. on the day of the election. >>~~

22 ~~<<Sec. 8. Section 16-579.01, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended~~
23 ~~to read:~~

24 ~~16-579.01. Early ballots; on-site tabulation~~

25 ~~A. Every county recorder or other officer in charge of elections~~
26 ~~may provide for a qualified elector who appears at that elector's~~
27 ~~designated polling location or at a voting center [AT ANY TIME DURING THE~~
28 ~~PERIOD OF EARLY VOTING AND] on election day with the elector's voted early~~
29 ~~ballot to have 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 elections~~
32 ~~shall do all of the following if the on-site tabulation of early ballots~~
33 ~~is allowed:~~

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

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

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

45 ~~4. Reconcile for that polling place or voting center the number of~~
46 ~~electors who appear on the signature roster or e-pollbook with the number~~

1 ~~of completed early ballot affidavits and the voted early ballots tabulated~~
2 ~~on-site. >>~~

3 ~~<<Sec. 9. Section 16-579.02, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended~~
4 ~~to read:~~

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

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

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

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

28 ~~3. If the elector's affidavit is not complete, the election~~
29 ~~official in charge of the signature roster shall allow the elector to~~
30 ~~complete the affidavit. The election official may not allow for the~~
31 ~~on-site tabulation of an early ballot until the elector presents a~~
32 ~~completed early ballot affidavit.~~

33 ~~B. If the elector's affidavit is complete, the elector's name shall~~
34 ~~be numbered consecutively by the clerk and in the order of application for~~
35 ~~early ballot tabulation.~~

36 ~~C. For precincts in which a paper signature roster is used, each~~
37 ~~qualified elector shall sign the elector's name in the signature roster as~~
38 ~~prescribed in section 16-579, subsection D before proceeding to the~~
39 ~~tabulating equipment.~~

40 ~~D. For precincts in which an electronic pollbook is used, each~~
41 ~~qualified elector shall sign the elector's name as prescribed in section~~
42 ~~16-579, subsection E before proceeding to the tabulating equipment.~~

43 ~~E. After signing the signature roster or electronic pollbook, the~~
44 ~~elector shall proceed to the tabulating equipment and while under the~~
45 ~~observation of an election official, remove the early ballot from the~~
46 ~~completed affidavit envelope, deposit the empty completed affidavit~~
47 ~~envelope in the secured and labeled drop box and insert the early ballot~~

1 ~~into a tabulating machine. An early ballot that has been separated from~~
2 ~~the elector's completed affidavit envelope may not be removed from the~~
3 ~~on-site early ballot tabulation area.~~

4 ~~F. The drop box prescribed in subsection E of this section shall be~~
5 ~~clearly labeled to indicate that the completed affidavits are from ballots~~
6 ~~tabulated pursuant to this section and shall be secured in a manner~~
7 ~~substantially similar to other ballot boxes at that location.~~

8 ~~G. Any qualified elector who lawfully brings to a polling place or~~
9 ~~voting center another elector's voted early ballot that is sealed in its~~
10 ~~affidavit envelope shall deposit the other elector's voted early ballot in~~
11 ~~the appropriate ballot drop box before entering the on-site early ballot~~
12 ~~tabulation area for purposes of tabulating the elector's own early ballot.~~
13 ~~The county recorder or other officer in charge of elections shall ensure~~
14 ~~that a voter is not in possession of another voter's ballot within the~~
15 ~~on-site early ballot tabulation area.>> >>~~

16 ~~<<Sec. 7. Section 16-572, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to~~
17 ~~read:~~

18 ~~16-572. Delivery and custody of ballots at polling place~~

19 A. On opening the polls, the inspector shall produce the sealed
20 package of official ballots and publicly open it and deliver one book or
21 block of ballots therein contained to the judges. The ~~{{INSPECTOR SHALL~~
22 ~~RETAIN THE}}~~ other blocks or books of ballots, if any, ~~{{shall be retained~~
23 ~~by the inspector}}~~ until called for by the judges and required for voting.

24 B. One of the judges of election shall keep the ballots within the
25 polling place in plain view of the public and deliver them only to
26 qualified voters.

27 C. A person shall not take or remove a ballot from the polling
28 place before the polls are closed~~{{. EXCEPT THAT EARLY BALLOTS RETURNED AT~~
29 ~~VOTING LOCATIONS ON ELECTION DAY MAY BE REMOVED BY TWO AUTHORIZED~~
30 ~~ELECTIONS WORKERS WHO MUST EACH BE A MEMBER OF A DIFFERENT ONE OF THE TWO~~
31 ~~LARGEST POLITICAL PARTIES, WHO HAVE COMPLETED A CHAIN OF CUSTODY LOG~~
32 ~~MAINTAINED AT THE VOTING LOCATION THAT INCLUDES WHO DELIVERED THE BALLOTS~~
33 ~~TO A DESIGNATED RECEIVING SITE THAT IS AN OFFICIAL ELECTIONS~~
34 ~~FACILITY.}}>>>.~~

35 ~~<<Sec. 8. Section 16-579, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to~~
36 ~~read:~~

37 ~~16-579. Procedure for obtaining ballot by elector~~

38
39 (Caution: 1998 Prop. 105 applies)
40

41 A. Every qualified elector, before receiving a ballot, shall
42 announce the elector's name and place of residence in a clear, audible
43 tone of voice to the election official in charge of the signature roster
44 or present the elector's name and residence in writing. The election
45 official in charge of the signature roster shall comply with the following
46 and the qualified elector shall be allowed within the voting area:

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

1 (a) A valid form of identification that bears the photograph, name
2 and address of the elector that reasonably appear to be the same as the
3 name and address in the precinct register, including an Arizona driver
4 license, an Arizona nonoperating identification license, a tribal
5 enrollment card or other form of tribal identification or a United States
6 federal, state or local government issued identification. Identification
7 is deemed valid unless it can be determined on its face that it has
8 expired.

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

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

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

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

38 4. Beginning in 2026, at any voting location {{DURING THE PERIOD OF
39 EARLY VOTING AND ON ELECTION DAY,}} the voter may choose to provide
40 identification when presenting the voter's mailed early ballot{{OR WHEN
41 THE VOTER IS ISSUED AN EARLY BALLOT}}, and if so the election official
42 shall:

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

45 (b) Confirm that the name and address on the identification
46 reasonably appear to be the same name and address shown on the voter's
47 registration record.

1 (c) Stamp the signed affidavit with a stamp that reads
2 "ID verified" and place the stamped affidavit that contains the early
3 ballot in a secured ballot box that is labeled for early ballots. The
4 stamped affidavit envelope is not required to be reviewed at the voting
5 location, the voter's early ballot is deemed ready for tabulating and
6 additional signature verification of the completed affidavit envelope as
7 prescribed by section 16-550 is not required.

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

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

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

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

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

36 D. For precincts in which a paper signature roster is used, each
37 qualified elector shall sign the elector's name in the signature roster
38 before receiving a ballot, but an inspector or judge may sign the roster
39 for an elector who is unable to sign because of physical disability, and
40 in that event the name of the elector shall be written with red ink, and
41 no attestation or other proof shall be necessary. The provisions of this
42 subsection relating to signing the signature roster do not apply to
43 electors casting a ballot using early voting procedures.

44 E. For precincts in which an electronic poll book system is used,
45 each qualified elector shall sign the elector's name as prescribed in the
46 instructions and procedures manual adopted by the secretary of state
47 pursuant to section 16-452 before receiving a ballot, but an inspector or

1 judge may sign the roster for an elector who is unable to sign because of
2 physical disability, and in that event the name of the elector shall be
3 written with the inspector's or judge's attestation on the same signature
4 line.

5 F. A person offering to vote at a special district election for
6 which no special district register has been supplied shall sign an
7 affidavit stating the person's address and that the person resides within
8 the district boundaries or proposed district boundaries and swearing that
9 the person is a qualified elector and has not already voted at the
10 election being held. >>

11 Enroll and engross to conform

12 Amend title to conform

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