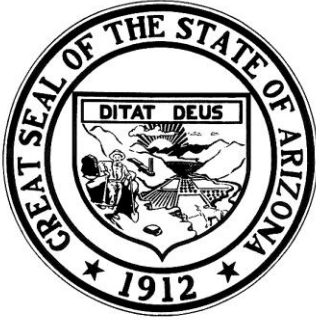


HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENT EXPLANATION



Bill Number: **HB 2005**

Gillette Floor Amendment

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- Allows a County Recorder to place a person's voter registration in paused status upon receipt of information that provides reasonable cause to believe the person's registration information does not match existing records or open-source public data.
 - Defines *paused status*.

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GILLETTE SUBSTITUTE FLOOR AMENDMENT
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AMENDMENTS TO H.B. 2005

I move the following SUBSTITUTE amendment to the FEDERALISM, MILITARY AFFAIRS & ELECTIONS
Committee Amendment to
HOUSE BILL 2005 (Reference to printed bill)

Amendment instruction key:

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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 16-166, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 16-166. Verification of registration; definition

5 A. Except for the mailing of sample ballots, a county recorder who
6 mails an item to any elector shall send the mailing by nonforwardable
7 first class mail marked with the statement required by the postmaster to
8 receive an address correction notification. If the item is returned
9 undelivered, the county recorder shall send a follow-up notice to that
10 elector within three weeks of receipt of the returned notice. The county
11 recorder shall send the follow-up notice to the address that appears in
12 the general county register or to the forwarding address provided by the
13 United States postal service. The follow-up notice shall include an
14 appropriate internet address for revising voter registration information
15 or a registration form and the information prescribed by section 16-131,
16 subsection C and shall state that if the elector does not complete and
17 return a new registration form with current information to the county
18 recorder or make changes to the elector's voter registration information
19 that is maintained online within thirty-five days, the elector's
20 registration status shall be changed from active to inactive.

21 B. If the elector provides the county recorder with a new
22 registration form or otherwise revises the elector's information, the
23 county recorder shall change the general register to reflect the changes

1 indicated on the new registration. If the elector indicates a new
2 residence address outside that county, the county recorder shall forward
3 the voter registration form or revised information to the county recorder
4 of the county in which the elector's address is located. If the elector
5 provides a new residence address that is located outside this state, the
6 county recorder shall cancel the elector's registration.

7 C. The county recorder shall maintain on the inactive voter list
8 the names of electors who have been removed from the general register
9 pursuant to subsection A or E of this section for a period of four years
10 or through the date of the second general election for federal office
11 following the date of the notice from the county recorder that is sent
12 pursuant to subsection E of this section.

13 D. On notice that a government agency has changed the name of any
14 street, route number, post office box number or other address designation,
15 the county recorder shall revise the registration records and shall send a
16 new verification of registration notice to the electors whose records were
17 changed.

18 E. The county recorder on or before May 1 of each year preceding a
19 state primary and general election or more frequently as the recorder
20 deems necessary may use the change of address information supplied by the
21 postal service through its licensees and the information provided by an
22 electronic voter registration information center to identify registrants
23 whose addresses may have changed. If it appears from information provided
24 by the postal service or an electronic voter registration information
25 center that a registrant has moved to a different residence address, the
26 county recorder shall send the registrant a notice of the change by
27 forwardable mail and a postage prepaid preaddressed return form or an
28 appropriate internet address for revising voter registration information
29 by which the registrant may verify or correct the registration
30 information. If the registrant fails to revise the information or return
31 the form postmarked not later than thirty-five days after the mailing of
32 the notice, the elector's registration status shall be changed from active
33 to inactive. If the notice sent by the recorder is not returned, the
34 registrant may be required to provide affirmation or confirmation of the
35 registrant's address in order to vote. If the registrant does not vote in
36 an election during the period after the date of the notice from the
37 recorder through the date of the second general election for federal
38 office following the date of that notice, the registrant's name shall be
39 removed from the list of inactive voters. If the registrant has changed
40 residence to a new county, the county recorder shall provide information
41 on how the registrant can continue to be eligible to vote.

42 F. The county recorder shall reject any application for
43 registration that is not accompanied by satisfactory evidence of United
44 States citizenship. Satisfactory evidence of citizenship shall include
45 any of the following:

1 1. The number of the applicant's driver license or nonoperating
2 identification license issued after October 1, 1996 by the department of
3 transportation or the equivalent governmental agency of another state
4 within the United States if the agency indicates on the applicant's driver
5 license or nonoperating identification license that the person has
6 provided satisfactory proof of United States citizenship.

7 2. A legible photocopy of the applicant's birth certificate that
8 verifies citizenship to the satisfaction of the county recorder.

9 3. A legible photocopy of pertinent pages of the applicant's United
10 States passport identifying the applicant and the applicant's passport
11 number or presentation to the county recorder of the applicant's United
12 States passport.

13 4. A presentation to the county recorder of the applicant's United
14 States naturalization documents or the number of the certificate of
15 naturalization. If only the number of the certificate of naturalization
16 is provided, the applicant shall not be included in the registration rolls
17 until the number of the certificate of naturalization is verified with the
18 United States immigration and naturalization service by the county
19 recorder.

20 5. Other documents or methods of proof that are established
21 pursuant to the immigration reform and control act of 1986.

22 6. The applicant's bureau of Indian affairs card number, tribal
23 treaty card number or tribal enrollment number.

24 G. Notwithstanding subsection F of this section, any person who is
25 registered in this state on the effective date of this amendment to this
26 section is deemed to have provided satisfactory evidence of citizenship
27 and shall not be required to resubmit evidence of citizenship unless the
28 person is changing voter registration from one county to another.

29 H. For the purposes of this section, proof of voter registration
30 from another state or county is not satisfactory evidence of citizenship.

31 I. A person who modifies voter registration records with a new
32 residence ballot shall not be required to submit evidence of citizenship.
33 After citizenship has been demonstrated to the county recorder, the person
34 is not required to resubmit satisfactory evidence of citizenship in that
35 county.

36 J. After a person has submitted satisfactory evidence of
37 citizenship, the county recorder shall indicate this information in the
38 person's permanent voter file. After two years the county recorder may
39 destroy all documents that were submitted as evidence of citizenship.

40 K. ON RECEIPT OF INFORMATION THAT PROVIDES REASONABLE CAUSE TO
41 BELIEVE A ~~[PERSON HAS FRAUDULENTLY REGISTERED TO VOTE OR THAT THE]~~
42 ~~PERSON'S REGISTRATION INFORMATION [IS INCORRECT] [DOES NOT MATCH EXISTING~~
43 ~~RECORDS OR OPEN-SOURCE PUBLIC DATA],~~ THE COUNTY RECORDER MAY PLACE THAT
44 PERSON'S VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION IN ~~[INACTIVE]~~ [PAUSED] STATUS AND
45 PROVIDE NOTICE TO THE PERSON AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW.

1 [L. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "PAUSED STATUS" MEANS A
2 TEMPORARY STATUS IN THE STATEWIDE VOTER REGISTRATION DATABASE. A VOTER
3 WHO IS IN PAUSED STATUS MAY STILL VOTE IN ANY ELECTION FOR WHICH THE VOTER
4 IS ELIGIBLE IF THE VOTER PROVIDES THE COUNTY RECORDER WITH THE APPROPRIATE
5 CORRECTIVE INFORMATION.]

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