



**Bill Number: S.B. 1001**

**Mesnard Floor Amendment**

**Reference to: printed bill**

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## **FLOOR AMENDMENT EXPLANATION**

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- 1. Beginning on the general effective date, modifies procedures that must be followed in order for a voted early ballot to be valid and counted by:
  - a) specifying that a ballot must be deposited at a designated location, including the county recorder if applicable, rather than any polling place, by 7:00 p.m. the Friday before the election, after which the voter must present identification;**
  - b) specifying that if a voter's agent delivers a voter's ballot to any location in the county after the 7:00 p.m. Friday deadline, the voter must present identification; and**
  - c) requiring a person who appears personally at an early voting location during the period of early voting with a ballot that was mailed to them to present identification and follow instructions to have the ballot processed accordingly.****
- 2. Stipulates that for counties that provide for on-site tabulation, a person who appears personally at an on-site tabulation location after the 7:00 p.m. Friday deadline must submit their early ballot and affidavit to the election official to allow the ballot to be tabulated as prescribed.**
- 3. Stipulates that any voter whose ballot is dropped off by the voter or the voter's agent after the 7:00 p.m. Friday deadline will be removed from the Active Early Voting List if they do not present sufficient identification.**
- 4. Modifies early ballot instructions to reflect new procedures and requirements for dropping off early ballots.**
- 5. Requires all government-owned buildings or facilities of a county, city, town, or a school district office, to be made available as voting locations when requested by the officer in charge of elections.**
- 6. Requires a school that serves grades 7 through 12 to provide sufficient space for use as a voting location if the officer in charge of elections is unable to obtain sufficient voting places from all other prescribed locations.**
- 7. Removes the ability of a school principal to deny a request from the officer in charge of elections to use the school as a voting location.**

- 8. Eliminates emergency voting between 7:00 p.m. on the Friday before election day and 5:00 p.m. on the Monday before election day and repeals the statute delegating the authority to establish emergency voting centers to the county board of supervisors.**
- 9. Extends on-site early voting from the Friday before election day to the Saturday, Sunday and Monday before election day.**
- 10. Specifies that the signature cure period consists of five calendar days after the election, rather than five business days.**
- 11. Exempts county recorders from early ballot hard count requirements if the county provides for on-site tabulation of early ballots.**
- 12. Requires the county board of supervisors or other officer in charge of elections in a county that provides for on-site tabulation to test electronic ballot tabulating equipment for logic and accuracy within 50 days before the election day.**
- 13. Specifies that this 50-day deadline does not impact deadlines for performing logic and accuracy testing on other equipment.**
- 14. Makes technical and conforming changes.**

MESNARD FLOOR AMENDMENT  
SENATE AMENDMENTS TO S.B. 1001  
(Reference to printed 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  
3 amended to read:

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

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

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

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

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

26 1. On a specific finding of the board, included in the order  
27 or resolution designating polling places pursuant to this  
28 subsection, that no suitable polling place is available within a

1 precinct, a polling place for that precinct may be designated within  
2 an adjacent precinct.

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

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

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

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

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

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

46 ~~(c) If an emergency voting center established pursuant to~~  
47 ~~this section becomes unavailable and there is not sufficient time~~

~~for the board of supervisors to convene to approve an alternate location for that emergency voting center, the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections may make changes to the approved emergency voting center location and shall notify the public and the board of supervisors regarding that change as soon as practicable. The alternate emergency voting center shall be as close in proximity to the approved emergency voting center location as possible.]~~

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

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

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

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

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

E. ~~[Except as provided]~~ [IF THE OFFICER IN CHARGE OF ELECTIONS IS UNABLE TO OBTAIN SUFFICIENT VOTING LOCATIONS FROM ALL OF THE LOCATIONS PRESCRIBED] in subsection F of this section, a public school [THAT SERVES GRADES 7 THROUGH 12] shall provide sufficient space for use as a ~~[polling place]~~ [VOTING LOCATION] for any city, county or state election when requested by the officer in charge of elections.

~~[F. The principal of the school may deny a request to provide space for use as a polling place for any city, county or state election if, within two weeks after a request has been made, the principal provides a written statement indicating a reason the~~

~~election cannot be held in the school, including any of the following:~~

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

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

~~[G.] [F.]~~ Beginning in 2026, the department of administration shall coordinate with state agencies and counties to provide available and appropriate state-owned facilities for use as a voting location for any city, county or state election when requested by the officer in charge of elections. [NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER LAW, ALL GOVERNMENT-OWNED BUILDINGS OR FACILITIES OF A COUNTY, CITY OR TOWN AND SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICES THAT ARE ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE AS VOTING LOCATIONS FOR ANY CITY, COUNTY OR STATE ELECTION WHEN REQUESTED BY THE OFFICER IN CHARGE OF ELECTIONS.]

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

~~[I.] [H.]~~ Except in the case of an emergency, any facility that is used as a polling place on election day or that is used as an early voting site during the period of early voting shall allow persons to electioneer and engage in other political activity outside of the seventy-five foot limit prescribed by section 16-515 in public areas and parking lots used by voters. This subsection does not allow the temporary or permanent construction of structures in public areas and parking lots or the blocking or other impairment of access to parking spaces for voters. The county recorder or other officer in charge of elections shall post on its website at least two weeks before election day a list of those polling places in which emergency conditions prevent electioneering and shall specify the reason the emergency designation was granted and the number of attempts that were made to find a polling place before granting an emergency designation. If the polling place is not on the website list of polling places with emergency designations, electioneering and other political activity shall be allowed outside of the seventy-five foot limit. If an emergency arises after the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections' initial website posting, the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections shall update the website as soon as is practicable to include any new polling places, shall highlight the polling place location on the website and shall specify the reason the emergency designation was granted and the number of attempts that were made to find a polling place before granting an emergency designation.

~~[J.] [I.]~~ For the purposes of this section, a county recorder or other officer in charge of elections shall designate a polling place as an emergency polling place and thus prohibit persons from electioneering and engaging in other political activity

1 outside of the seventy-five foot limit prescribed by section 16-515  
2 but inside the property of the facility that is hosting the polling  
3 place if any of the following occurs:

4 1. An act of God renders a previously set polling place as  
5 unusable.

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

10 ~~[K.]~~ [J.] The secretary of state shall provide through the  
11 instructions and procedures manual adopted pursuant to section  
12 16-452 the maximum allowable wait time for any election that is  
13 subject to section 16-204 and provide for a method to reduce voter  
14 wait time at the polls in the primary and general elections. The  
15 method shall consider at least all of the following for primary and  
16 general elections in each precinct:

17 1. The number of ballots voted in the prior primary and  
18 general elections.

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

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

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

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

29 <<Sec. 2. Section 16-449, Arizona Revised Statutes, is  
30 amended to read:

31 16-449. Required test of equipment and programs;  
32 notice; procedures manual

33 A. Within the period of time before the election day  
34 prescribed by the secretary of state in the instructions and  
35 procedures manual adopted pursuant to section 16-452, the board of  
36 supervisors or other ~~[election]~~ officer in charge [OF ELECTIONS], or  
37 for an election involving state or federal candidates, the secretary  
38 of state, shall ~~[have]~~ [TEST] the automatic tabulating equipment and  
39 programs ~~[tested]~~ to ascertain that the equipment and programs will  
40 correctly count the votes cast for all offices and on all measures.  
41 Public notice of the time and place of the test shall be given at  
42 least forty-eight hours ~~[prior thereto]~~ [BEFORE THE TEST] by  
43 publication once in one or more daily or weekly newspapers published  
44 in the town, city or village using such equipment, if a newspaper is  
45 published ~~[therein]~~ [IN THE TOWN, CITY OR VILLAGE], otherwise in a  
46 newspaper of general circulation ~~[therein]~~. The test shall be  
47 observed by at least two election inspectors, who shall not be of

the same political party, and shall be open to representatives of the political parties, candidates, the press and the public. The test shall be conducted by processing a preaudited group of ballots so marked as to record a predetermined number of valid votes for each candidate and on each measure and shall include for each office one or more ballots that have votes in excess of the number allowed by law in order to test the ability of the automatic tabulating equipment and programs to reject such votes. If any error is detected, the cause ~~[therefor]~~ [FOR THE ERROR] shall be ascertained and corrected and an errorless count shall be made before the automatic tabulating equipment and programs are approved. A copy of a revised program shall be filed with the secretary of state within forty-eight hours after the revision is made. If the error was created by automatic tabulating equipment malfunction, a report shall be filed with the secretary of state within forty-eight hours after the correction is made, stating the cause and the corrective action taken. The test shall be repeated immediately before the start of the official count of the ballots in the same manner as set forth above. After the completion of the count, the programs used and the ballots shall be sealed, retained and disposed of as provided for paper ballots.

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

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

[D. NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION B OF THIS SECTION, FOR ANY COUNTY THAT PROVIDES FOR ON-SITE TABULATION PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 16-579.01 AND 16-579.02, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OR OFFICER IN CHARGE OF ELECTIONS SHALL TEST THE ELECTRONIC BALLOT TABULATING EQUIPMENT TO BE USED PURSUANT TO SECTION 16-579.01 OR 16-579.02 FOR LOGIC AND ACCURACY WITHIN FIFTY DAYS BEFORE ELECTION DAY. THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT AFFECT THE DEADLINES FOR PERFORMING LOGIC AND ACCURACY TESTING ON OTHER EQUIPMENT.]>>



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

3           16-542. Request for ballot; civil penalties; violation;  
4                   classification

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

44           B. Notwithstanding subsection A of this section, a request  
45 for an official early ballot from an absent uniformed services voter  
46 or overseas voter as defined in the uniformed and overseas citizens  
47 absentee voting act (P.L. 99-410; 52 United States Code section

1 20310) or a voter whose information is protected pursuant to section  
2 16-153 that is received by the county recorder or other officer in  
3 charge of elections more than ninety-three days before the election  
4 is valid. If requested by the absent uniformed services or overseas  
5 voter, or a voter whose information is protected pursuant to section  
6 16-153, the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections  
7 shall provide to the requesting voter early ballot materials through  
8 the next regularly scheduled general election for federal office  
9 immediately following receipt of the request unless a different  
10 period of time, which does not exceed the next two regularly  
11 scheduled general elections for federal office, is designated by the  
12 voter.

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

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

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

1 be allowed to vote at the on-site location, EXCEPT THAT IF THE  
2 COUNTY RECORDER OR OTHER OFFICER IN CHARGE OF ELECTIONS IS NOT ABLE  
3 TO REVISE PRECINCT REGISTERS AND OTHER ELECTIONS MATERIALS IN A  
4 TIMELY MANNER FOR USE ON ELECTION DAY TO INDICATE WHICH VOTERS HAVE  
5 REQUESTED AN EARLY BALLOT, WHICH VOTERS HAVE ALREADY VOTED AND WHICH  
6 VOTERS ARE ON THE INACTIVE VOTER LIST, THE COUNTY RECORDER OR OTHER  
7 OFFICER IN CHARGE OF ELECTIONS MAY NOT OPERATE THE ON-SITE EARLY  
8 VOTING LOCATIONS AFTER 7:00 P.M. ON THE FRIDAY PRECEDING THE  
9 ELECTION. Notwithstanding section 16-579, subsection A, paragraph  
10 2, at any on-site early voting location the county recorder or other  
11 officer in charge of elections may provide for a qualified elector  
12 to update the elector's voter registration information as provided  
13 for in the secretary of state's instructions and procedures manual  
14 adopted pursuant to section 16-452. If an elector's request to  
15 receive an early ballot is not complete and correct but complies  
16 with all other requirements of this section, the county recorder or  
17 other officer in charge of elections shall attempt to notify the  
18 elector of the deficiency of the request.

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

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

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

44 ~~I. Notwithstanding section 16-579, subsection A, paragraph 2,~~  
45 ~~for any voting pursuant to subsection H of this section, the county~~  
46 ~~recorder or other officer in charge of elections may allow a~~  
47 ~~qualified elector to update the elector's voter registration~~

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

~~§.~~ [H.] A candidate, political committee or other organization may distribute early ballot request forms to voters. If the early ballot request forms include a printed address for return, the addressee shall be the political subdivision that will conduct the election. Failure to use the political subdivision as the return addressee is punishable by a civil penalty of up to three times the cost of the production and distribution of the request.

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

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

<<Sec. 4. Section 16-544, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

16-544. Active early voting list; civil penalty; violation; classification; definition

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

B. In order to be included on the active early voting list, the voter shall make a written request specifically requesting that the voter's name be added to the active early voting list for all elections in which the applicant is eligible to vote. An early voter request form shall conform to requirements prescribed in the instructions and procedures manual issued pursuant to section

1 16-452. The application shall allow for the voter to provide the  
2 voter's name, residence address, mailing address in the voter's  
3 county of residence, date of birth and signature and shall state  
4 that the voter is attesting that the voter is a registered voter who  
5 is eligible to vote in the county of residence. The voter shall not  
6 list a mailing address that is outside of this state for the purpose  
7 of the active early voting list unless the voter is an absent  
8 uniformed services voter or overseas voter as defined in the  
9 uniformed and overseas citizens absentee voting act (P.L. 99-410; 52  
10 United States Code section 20310). In lieu of the application, the  
11 applicant may submit a written request that contains the required  
12 information.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

16 G. If a voter who is on the active early voting list is not  
17 registered as a member of a recognized political party and fails to  
18 notify the county recorder of the voter's choice for political party  
19 ballot within forty-five days before a partisan open primary  
20 election, the following apply:

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

24 2. To receive an early ballot for the primary election, the  
25 voter shall submit the voter's choice for political party ballot to  
26 the county recorder.

27 H. After a voter has requested to be included on the active  
28 early voting list, the voter shall be sent an early ballot by mail  
29 automatically for any election at which a voter at that residence  
30 address is eligible to vote until any of the following occurs:

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

33 2. The voter's registration or eligibility for registration  
34 is moved to inactive status or canceled as otherwise provided by  
35 law.

36 3. The notice sent by the county recorder or other officer in  
37 charge of elections is returned undeliverable and the county  
38 recorder or officer in charge of elections is unable to contact the  
39 voter to determine the voter's continued desire to remain on the  
40 list.

41 4. The voter fails to vote an early ballot in all elections  
42 for two consecutive election cycles. For the purposes of this  
43 paragraph, "election" means any regular primary or regular general  
44 election for which there was a federal race on the ballot or for  
45 which a city or town candidate primary or first election or city or  
46 town candidate second, general or runoff election was on the  
47 ballot. This paragraph does not apply to:

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

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

5 [5. THE VOTER'S EARLY BALLOT IS DROPPED OFF BY THE VOTER OR  
6 THE VOTER'S AGENT AFTER 7:00 P.M. ON THE FRIDAY PRECEDING ELECTION  
7 DAY WITHOUT PRESENTING SUFFICIENT IDENTIFICATION THAT COMPLIES WITH  
8 SECTION 16-579, SUBSECTION A, PARAGRAPH 1.]

9 I. A voter may make a written request at any time to be  
10 removed from the active early voting list. The request shall  
11 include the voter's name, residence address, date of birth and  
12 signature. On receipt of a completed request to remove a voter from  
13 the active early voting list, the county recorder or other officer  
14 in charge of elections shall remove the voter's name from the list  
15 as soon as practicable.

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

20 K. A voter's failure to vote an early ballot once received  
21 does not constitute grounds to remove the voter from the active  
22 early voting list, except that a county recorder shall remove a  
23 voter from the active early voting list if both of the following  
24 apply:

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

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

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

31 (b) A city or town candidate primary or first election and a  
32 city or town candidate second, general or runoff election.

33 L. On or before January 15 of each odd-numbered year, the  
34 county recorder or other officer in charge of elections shall send a  
35 notice to each voter who is on the active early voting list and who  
36 did not vote an early ballot in all elections for two consecutive  
37 election cycles as prescribed by subsection K of this section. If  
38 the voter has provided the voter's telephone or mobile phone number  
39 or email address to the county recorder, the county recorder may  
40 additionally provide the notice to the voter by telephone call, text  
41 message or email. The notice shall inform the voter that if the  
42 voter wishes to remain on the active early voting list, the voter  
43 shall do both of the following with the notice received:

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

46 2. Return the completed notice to the county recorder or  
47 other officer in charge of elections within ninety days after the

1 notice is sent to the voter. The notice shall be signed by the  
2 voter and shall contain the voter's address and date of birth.

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

7 N. A candidate, political committee or other organization may  
8 distribute active early voting list request forms to voters. If the  
9 active early voting list request forms include a printed address for  
10 return, that address shall be the political subdivision that will  
11 conduct the election. Failure to use the political subdivision as  
12 the return addressee is punishable by a civil penalty of up to three  
13 times the cost of the production and distribution of the active  
14 early voting list request.

15 O. All original and completed active early voting list  
16 request forms that are received by a candidate, political committee  
17 or other organization shall be submitted within six business days  
18 after receipt by a candidate or political committee or eleven days  
19 before the election day, whichever is earlier, to the political  
20 subdivision that will conduct the election. Any person, political  
21 committee or other organization that fails to submit a completed  
22 active early voting list request form within the prescribed time is  
23 subject to a civil penalty of up to \$25 per day for each completed  
24 form withheld from submittal. Any person who knowingly fails to  
25 submit a completed active early voting list request form before the  
26 submission deadline for the election immediately following the  
27 completion of the form is guilty of a class 6 felony.

28 P. A person who receives an early ballot at an address at  
29 which another person formerly resided, without voting the ballot or  
30 signing the envelope, shall write "not at this address" on the  
31 envelope and place the mail piece in a United States postal service  
32 collection box or other mail receptacle. On receipt the county  
33 recorder or other officer in charge of elections shall proceed in  
34 the manner prescribed in subsection E of this section.

35 Q. When the county recorder receives confirmation from  
36 another county that a person registered has registered to vote in  
37 that other county, the county recorder shall remove that person from  
38 the active early voting list.

39 R. If the county recorder receives credible information that  
40 a person has registered to vote in a different county, the county  
41 recorder shall confirm the person's voter registration with that  
42 other county and, on confirmation, shall remove that person from the  
43 county's active early voting list pursuant to subsection Q of this  
44 section.

45 S. For the purposes of this section, "election cycle" means  
46 the two-year period beginning on January 1 in the year after a  
47 statewide general election or, for cities and towns, the two-year



1 period beginning on the first day of the calendar quarter after the  
2 calendar quarter in which the city's or town's second, runoff or  
3 general election is scheduled and ending on the last day of the  
4 calendar quarter in which the city's or town's immediately following  
5 second, runoff or general election is scheduled, however that  
6 election is designated by the city or town.>>

7 Sec. 5. Section 16-547, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended  
8 to read:

9 16-547. Mail affidavit; form

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

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

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

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

36 Name of voter assistant: \_\_\_\_\_

37 Address of voter assistant: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

12 1. ~~Through 2025~~ UNTIL THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS AMENDMENT TO  
13 THIS SECTION, the instructions shall include the following  
14 statement:

15 In order to be valid and counted, the ballot and  
16 mail affidavit must be delivered to the office of the  
17 county recorder or other officer in charge of elections  
18 or may be deposited at any polling place in the county  
19 not later than 7:00 p.m. on election day. The ballot  
20 will not be counted without the voter's signature on the  
21 envelope.

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

24 2. Beginning ~~in 2026~~ ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS AMENDMENT  
25 TO THIS SECTION, the instructions shall include the following  
26 statement:

27 In order to be valid and counted, the mail  
28 affidavit that contains the mail ballot must have the  
29 voter's signature on the envelope and must be returned  
30 to the office of the county recorder by any one of the  
31 following methods:

32 ~~[(a) Delivering it to the office of the county~~  
33 ~~recorder or other officer in charge of elections SO THAT~~  
34 ~~IT IS RECEIVED not later than 7:00 p.m. on THE FRIDAY~~  
35 ~~BEFORE election day.]~~

36 ~~[(b)]~~ [(a)] MAILING IT TO THE OFFICE OF THE  
37 COUNTY RECORDER OR OTHER OFFICER IN CHARGE OF ELECTIONS  
38 SO THAT IT IS RECEIVED ~~[BY THE COUNTY RECORDER OR OTHER~~  
39 ~~OFFICER IN CHARGE OF ELECTIONS]~~ NOT LATER THAN 7:00 P.M.  
40 ON ELECTION DAY.

41 ~~(b)~~ ~~[(c)]~~ [(b)] Depositing it at ~~[any polling~~  
42 ~~place]~~ [A DESIGNATED LOCATION] in the county ~~not later~~  
43 ~~than 7:00 p.m. on election day.~~ BEGINNING AFTER 7:00  
44 P.M. ON THE FRIDAY BEFORE ELECTION DAY, THE VOTER MUST  
45 PRESENT SUFFICIENT IDENTIFICATION AT ~~[THE POLLING PLACE]~~  
46 [A VOTING LOCATION] AND SIGN THE SIGNATURE ROSTER OR  
47 POLLBOOK.

~~(c) [(d) IF A COUNTY IS USING ON-SITE TABULATION PRESCRIBED BY SECTION 16-579.02, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, bringing the ballot to any polling place in the county not later than 7:00 p.m. on election day and choosing to present PRESENTING valid identification that complies with section 16-579, subsection A, paragraph 1, Arizona Revised Statutes.]~~

[(c) IN ANY COUNTY THAT PROVIDES ON-SITE TABULATION OF BALLOTS PURSUANT TO SECTION 16-579.01 OR 16-579.02 AND AFTER 7:00 P.M. ON THE FRIDAY BEFORE ELECTION DAY, BRINGING THE BALLOT TO A VOTING LOCATION IN THE COUNTY THAT OFFERS ON-SITE TABULATION AND SUBMITTING IT TO THE ELECTION OFFICIALS FOR SEPARATION FROM THE ENVELOPE AND PROCESSING AS REQUIRED BY THE COUNTY.]

FOR ANY VOTER WHOSE BALLOT IS DROPPED OFF BY THE VOTER OR THE VOTER'S AGENT AT A DESIGNATED LOCATION AFTER 7:00 P.M. ON THE FRIDAY IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING ELECTION DAY WITHOUT PRESENTING SUFFICIENT IDENTIFICATION, THE VOTER SHALL BE REMOVED FROM THE ACTIVE EARLY VOTING LIST.]

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

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

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

Sec. 6. Section 16-548, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

16-548. Preparation and transmission of ballot; definition

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

1. ~~[Mailed]~~ [MAILING THE VOTED BALLOT] to the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections of the political subdivision in which the ~~elector~~ VOTER is registered ~~or deposited by the voter~~

1 ~~or the voter's agent at any polling place in the county.~~ In order  
2 to be counted and valid, the ballot must be received by the county  
3 recorder or other officer in charge of elections ~~or deposited at any~~  
4 ~~polling place in the county~~ **NOT** later than 7:00 p.m. on election  
5 day.

6 ~~[2. DELIVERED TO THE COUNTY RECORDER OR OTHER OFFICER IN~~  
7 ~~CHARGE OF ELECTIONS OF THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION IN WHICH THE VOTER~~  
8 ~~IS REGISTERED. IN ORDER TO BE COUNTED AND VALID, THE BALLOT MUST BE~~  
9 ~~RECEIVED BY THE COUNTY RECORDER OR OTHER OFFICER IN CHARGE OF~~  
10 ~~ELECTIONS NOT LATER THAN 7:00 P.M. ON THE FRIDAY PRECEDING ELECTION~~  
11 ~~DAY.]~~

12 ~~[3.] [2.] [DEPOSITED BY THE VOTER] [DEPOSITING IT] AT [ANY~~  
13 ~~POLLING PLACE] [A DESIGNATED LOCATION] IN THE COUNTY. BEGINNING~~  
14 ~~AFTER 7:00 P.M. ON THE FRIDAY PRECEDING ELECTION DAY, THE EARLY~~  
15 ~~VOTER MUST PRESENT IDENTIFICATION THAT COMPLIES WITH SECTION 16-579,~~  
16 ~~SUBSECTION A, PARAGRAPH 1 AND SIGN THE SIGNATURE ROSTER OR~~  
17 ~~ELECTRONIC POLLBOOK BEFORE DEPOSITING THE BALLOT AT THE [POLLING~~  
18 ~~PLACE] [VOTING LOCATION]. [IF THE VOTER DOES NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT~~  
19 ~~IDENTIFICATION WHILE AT THE POLLING PLACE, THE VOTER SHALL PROVIDE~~  
20 ~~SUFFICIENT IDENTIFICATION WITHIN THE TIME LIMITS PRESCRIBED BY~~  
21 ~~SUBSECTION B OF THIS SECTION.]~~

22 ~~4. TABULATED BY USE OF THE ON-SITE TABULATION PROCEDURE~~  
23 ~~PRESCRIBED BY SECTION 16-579.02 IF A COUNTY IS USING THIS~~  
24 ~~PROCEDURE.]~~

25 ~~B. IF A VOTER'S AGENT DELIVERS A VOTER'S BALLOT TO ANY~~  
26 ~~[POLLING PLACE] [LOCATION] IN THE [VOTER'S] COUNTY [AFTER 7:00 P.M.~~  
27 ~~ON THE FRIDAY PRECEDING ELECTION DAY], THE VOTER'S BALLOT WILL BE~~  
28 ~~COUNTED AND VALID ONLY IF THE VOTER PRESENTS IDENTIFICATION THAT~~  
29 ~~COMPLIES WITH SECTION 16-579, SUBSECTION A, PARAGRAPH 1 [TO THE~~  
30 ~~COUNTY RECORDER OR OTHER OFFICER IN CHARGE OF ELECTIONS NOT LATER~~  
31 ~~THAN THE FIFTH BUSINESS DAY AFTER A PRIMARY, GENERAL OR SPECIAL~~  
32 ~~ELECTION THAT INCLUDES A FEDERAL OFFICE OR THE THIRD BUSINESS DAY~~  
33 ~~AFTER ANY OTHER ELECTION].~~

34 ~~[C. A PERSON WHO APPEARS PERSONALLY AT AN EARLY VOTING~~  
35 ~~LOCATION ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION 16-542 DURING THE PERIOD OF~~  
36 ~~EARLY VOTING, INCLUDING ON THE SATURDAY, SUNDAY AND MONDAY~~  
37 ~~IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING ELECTION DAY, WITH A BALLOT THAT WAS MAILED TO~~  
38 ~~THAT PERSON SHALL PRESENT IDENTIFICATION AS PRESCRIBED BY SECTION~~  
39 ~~16-579, SIGN THE EARLY VOTER AFFIDAVIT, MARK THE BALLOT IN A MANNER~~  
40 ~~THAT THE EARLY VOTER'S VOTE CANNOT BE SEEN AND RETURN THE VOTED~~  
41 ~~BALLOT TO THE ELECTION OFFICIAL AT THE EARLY VOTING LOCATION. FOR A~~  
42 ~~COUNTY THAT PROVIDES ON-SITE TABULATION OF BALLOTS PURSUANT TO~~  
43 ~~SECTION 16-579.01 DURING THE SATURDAY, SUNDAY OR MONDAY IMMEDIATELY~~  
44 ~~PRECEDING ELECTION DAY, THE FOLLOWING APPLY:]~~

45 ~~1. THE EARLY VOTER SHALL APPEAR PERSONALLY AT THE ON-SITE~~  
46 ~~TABULATION LOCATION AND SUBMIT THE VOTER'S EARLY BALLOT AND~~  
47 ~~AFFIDAVIT.]~~

1           2. THE ELECTION OFFICIAL SHALL ALLOW THE EARLY VOTER TO  
2           TABULATE THE EARLY BALLOT ON-SITE AS PRESCRIBED BY SECTIONS  
3           16-579.01 AND 16-579.02.

4           D. FOR ANY VOTER WHOSE BALLOT IS DROPPED OFF AT A LOCATION BY  
5           THE VOTER OR THE VOTER'S AGENT AFTER 7:00 P.M. ON THE FRIDAY  
6           IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING ELECTION DAY WITHOUT PRESENTING SUFFICIENT  
7           IDENTIFICATION THAT COMPLIES WITH SECTION 16-579, SUBSECTION A,  
8           PARAGRAPH 1, THE COUNTY RECORDER OR OTHER OFFICER IN CHARGE OF  
9           ELECTIONS SHALL REMOVE THE VOTER FROM THE ACTIVE EARLY VOTING LIST.]

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

19           ~~[D.]~~ [E.] FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "VOTER'S AGENT"  
20           MEANS THE VOTER'S FAMILY MEMBER, HOUSEHOLD MEMBER OR CAREGIVER AS  
21           DEFINED IN SECTION 16-1005.

22           Sec. 7. Section 16-550, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended  
23           to read:

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

26           A. Except for early ballots tabulated as prescribed in  
27           section 16-579.02 or, beginning ~~in 2026~~ ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF  
28           THIS AMENDMENT TO THIS SECTION, received at a voting location after  
29           a voter's identification is confirmed as prescribed by section  
30           16-579, subsection A, paragraph 4, on receipt of the envelope  
31           containing the early ballot and the mail ~~ballot~~ affidavit, the  
32           county recorder or other officer in charge of elections shall  
33           compare the signature on the envelope with the signature of the  
34           elector on the elector's registration record as prescribed by  
35           section 16-550.01. If the signature is inconsistent with the  
36           elector's signature on the elector's registration record, the county  
37           recorder or other officer in charge of elections shall make  
38           reasonable efforts to contact the voter, advise the voter of the  
39           inconsistent signature and allow the voter to correct or the county  
40           to confirm the inconsistent signature. The county recorder or other  
41           officer in charge of elections shall allow signatures to be  
42           corrected not later than the fifth ~~business~~ [CALENDAR] day after a  
43           primary, general or special election that includes a federal office  
44           or the third business day after any other election. If the election  
45           is a primary, general or special election that includes a federal  
46           office, in addition to the office's regular business hours, the  
47           county recorder's and any city or town clerks' offices that have an

1 agreement with a county to be used as locations at which a voter may  
2 submit proof of identification shall be open during regular business  
3 hours to allow for curing signatures during the Friday and weekend  
4 before and the Friday and weekend after the election. Regular  
5 business hours include at a minimum 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. If  
6 the signature is missing, the county recorder or other officer in  
7 charge of elections shall make reasonable efforts to contact the  
8 elector, advise the elector of the missing signature and allow the  
9 elector to add the elector's signature not later than 7:00 p.m. on  
10 election day. If satisfied that the signatures correspond, the  
11 recorder or other officer in charge of elections shall hold the  
12 envelope containing the early ballot and the completed mail  
13 affidavit unopened in accordance with the rules of the secretary of  
14 state. Signatures that cannot be verified pursuant to section  
15 16-550.01 or cured pursuant to this section shall be rejected. If  
16 the ballot is a conditional provisional ballot, the voter shall  
17 provide proof of identification to the county recorder or other  
18 officer in charge of elections not later than the fifth [business]  
19 [CALENDAR] day after a primary, general or special election that  
20 includes a federal office or the third business day after any other  
21 election. Beginning with the first missing or mismatched signature  
22 that is identified after the period of early voting begins through  
23 the Monday immediately preceding the election, the county recorder  
24 or other officer in charge of elections shall submit daily to the  
25 political parties that are qualified for continued representation on  
26 the state ballot an updated list of all voters whose signatures are  
27 missing or inconsistent with the voter's signature on the voter's  
28 registration record. Beginning on the Wednesday immediately  
29 following the election through the end of the signature cure period  
30 after a primary, general or special election that includes a federal  
31 office, or the third business day after the election for any other  
32 election, the county recorder or other officer in charge of  
33 elections shall submit daily to the political parties that are  
34 qualified for continued representation on the state ballot an  
35 updated list of all voters whose signatures are inconsistent with  
36 the voter's signature on the voter's registration record and all  
37 voters who voted with a conditional provisional ballot. This list  
38 of voters whose signatures require curing shall include for those  
39 voters all voter information that is provided to the political  
40 parties that are qualified for continued representation on the state  
41 ballot as prescribed by section 16-168.

42 B. The recorder or other officer in charge of elections shall  
43 thereafter safely keep the mail [ballot] affidavits and early  
44 ballots in the recorder's or other officer's office and may deliver  
45 them for tallying pursuant to section 16-551.

46 C. Processing and tabulation of individual ballots may begin  
47 immediately after the envelope and completed mail ~~ballot~~ affidavit

1 are processed pursuant to this section and delivered to the early  
2 election board and shall continue without delay until completed.  
3 Until election day, the early election board and the county recorder  
4 or other officer in charge of elections shall:

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 F. For a county that uses early ballots, the county recorder  
27 or other officer in charge of elections shall provide an early  
28 ballot tracking system that indicates whether the voter's early  
29 ballot has been received and whether the early ballot has been  
30 verified and sent to be tabulated or rejected. The county recorder  
31 or other officer in charge of elections shall provide voters with  
32 access to the early ballot tracking system on the county's website.

33 G. This section does not apply to:

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

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

38 <<Sec. 8. Section 16-551, Arizona Revised Statutes, is  
39 amended to read:

40 16-551. Early election board; violation; classification

41 A. The board of supervisors or the governing body of the  
42 political subdivision shall appoint one or more early election  
43 boards to serve at places to be designated by the board of  
44 supervisors or the governing body to canvass and tally early  
45 election ballots. Members of early election boards shall be  
46 selected in accordance with the provisions for selecting members of  
47 regular election boards as provided in section 16-531.



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

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

24           D. [EXCEPT FOR A COUNTY THAT TABULATES EARLY BALLOTS ON-SITE  
25 PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 16-579.01 AND 16-579.02.] the county recorder  
26 or other officer in charge of elections shall count the number of  
27 early ballots that are returned at voting locations on election day  
28 and shall post on its website those totals with the last unofficial  
29 results that are released on election night pursuant to section  
30 16-622. Beginning with the day following the election, the county  
31 recorder or other officer in charge of elections shall enter into  
32 the county's ballot tracking system, if established, early ballots  
33 that were returned at the voting location on election day.

34           E. The necessary printed blanks for poll lists, tally lists,  
35 lists of voters, ballots, oaths and returns, together with envelopes  
36 in which to enclose the returns, shall be furnished by the board of  
37 supervisors or the governing body of the political subdivision to  
38 the early election board for each election precinct at the expense  
39 of the county or the political subdivision.>>

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

42           16-552. Early ballots; processing; challenges

43           A. In a jurisdiction that uses optical scan ballots, the  
44 officer in charge of elections may use the procedure prescribed by  
45 this section or may request approval from the secretary of state for  
46 a different method for processing early ballots. The request shall  
47 be made in writing at least ninety days before the election for



1 which the procedure is intended to be used. After the election  
2 official has confirmed with the secretary of state that all election  
3 equipment passes the logic and accuracy test, the election official  
4 may begin to count early ballots. No early ballot results may be  
5 released except as prescribed by section 16-551.

6 B. The early election board shall check the voter's mail  
7 ~~ballot~~ affidavit on the envelope containing the early ballot. If it  
8 is found to be sufficient, the vote shall be allowed. If the mail  
9 ~~ballot~~ affidavit is insufficient, the vote shall not be allowed.  
10 Beginning ~~in 2026~~ ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS AMENDMENT TO THIS  
11 SECTION, for an early ballot that is received and verified as  
12 prescribed by section 16-579, subsection A, paragraph 4, additional  
13 signature verification is not required.

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

22 D. An early ballot may be challenged on any grounds set forth  
23 in section 16-591. All challenges shall be made in writing with a  
24 brief statement of the grounds before the early ballot is placed in  
25 the ballot box. A record of all challenges and resulting  
26 proceedings shall be kept in substantially the same manner as  
27 provided in section 16-594. If an early ballot is challenged, it  
28 shall be set aside and retained in the possession of the early  
29 election board or other officer in charge of early ballot processing  
30 until a time that the early election board sets for determination of  
31 the challenge, subject to the procedure in subsection E of this  
32 section, at which time the early election board shall hear the  
33 grounds for the challenge and shall decide what disposition shall be  
34 made of the early ballot by majority vote. If the early ballot is  
35 not allowed, it shall be handled pursuant to subsection G of this  
36 section.

37 E. Within twenty-four hours ~~of receipt of~~ AFTER RECEIVING a  
38 challenge, the early election board or other officer in charge of  
39 early ballot processing shall mail, by first class mail, a notice of  
40 the challenge including a copy of the written challenge, and also  
41 including the time and place at which the voter may appear to defend  
42 the challenge, to the voter at the mailing address shown on the  
43 request for an early ballot or, if none was provided, to the mailing  
44 address shown on the registration rolls. Notice shall also be  
45 mailed to the challenger at the address listed on the written  
46 challenge and provided to the county chairman of each political  
47 party represented on the ballot. The board shall meet to determine

1 the challenge at the time specified by the notice but, in any event,  
2 not earlier than ninety-six hours after the notice is mailed, or  
3 forty-eight hours if the notifying party chooses to deliver the  
4 notice by overnight or hand delivery, and not later than 5:00 p.m.  
5 on the Monday following the election. The board shall provide the  
6 voter with an informal opportunity to make, or to submit, brief  
7 statements regarding the challenge. The board may decline to ~~permit~~  
8 ~~ALLOW~~ comments, either in person or in writing, by anyone other than  
9 the voter, the challenger and the party representatives. The burden  
10 of proof is on the challenger to show why the voter should not be  
11 ~~permitted~~ ~~ALLOWED~~ to vote. The fact that the voter fails to appear  
12 shall not be deemed to be an admission of the validity of the  
13 challenge. The early election board or other officer in charge of  
14 early ballot processing is not required to provide the notices  
15 described in this subsection if the written challenge fails to set  
16 forth at least one of the grounds listed in section 16-591 as a  
17 basis for the challenge. In that event, the challenge will be  
18 summarily rejected at the meeting of the board. Except for election  
19 contests pursuant to section 16-672, the board's decision is final  
20 and may not be appealed.

21 F. If the vote is allowed, the board shall open the envelope  
22 containing the ballot in such a manner that the mail ~~ballot~~  
23 affidavit ~~thereon~~ ~~ON THE BALLOT~~ is not destroyed, take out the  
24 ballot without unfolding it or ~~permitting~~ ~~ALLOWING~~ it to be opened  
25 or examined and show by the records of the election that the elector  
26 has voted.

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

39 H. Party representatives and alternates may be appointed as  
40 provided in subsection C of this section to be present and to  
41 challenge the verification of questioned ballots pursuant to section  
42 16-584 on any grounds allowed by this section. Questioned ballots  
43 that are challenged shall be presented to the early election board  
44 for decision under the provisions of this section.

45 Sec. 10. Section 16-572, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended  
46 to read:

1           16-572. Delivery and custody of ballots at polling  
2                           place

3           A. On opening the polls, the inspector shall produce the  
4           sealed package of official ballots and publicly open it and deliver  
5           one book or block of ballots therein contained to the judges. The  
6           INSPECTOR SHALL RETAIN THE other blocks or books of ballots, if any,  
7           ~~shall be retained by the inspector~~ until called for by the judges  
8           and required for voting.

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

12          C. A person shall not take or remove a ballot from the  
13          polling place before the polls are closed EXCEPT THAT EARLY BALLOTS  
14          RETURNED AT VOTING LOCATIONS ON ELECTION DAY AFTER A VOTER'S  
15          IDENTIFICATION IS CONFIRMED AS PRESCRIBED BY SECTION 16-579,  
16          SUBSECTION A, PARAGRAPH 4 MAY BE REMOVED BY TWO AUTHORIZED ELECTION  
17          WORKERS WHO MUST EACH BE A DIFFERING MEMBER OF ONE OF THE TWO  
18          LARGEST POLITICAL PARTIES, WHO HAVE COMPLETED A CHAIN OF CUSTODY LOG  
19          MAINTAINED AT THE VOTING LOCATION THAT INCLUDES THE TOTAL COUNT OF  
20          THE EARLY BALLOTS BEING TRANSPORTED AND WHO DELIVER THE BALLOTS TO A  
21          DESIGNATED RECEIVING SITE THAT IS AN OFFICIAL ELECTIONS FACILITY AND  
22          NOT A THIRD PARTY VENDOR. THE CHAIN OF CUSTODY LOG FOR EARLY  
23          BALLOTS RETURNED AT VOTING LOCATIONS ON ELECTION DAY SHALL BE  
24          AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION BY THE PUBLIC, THE POLITICAL PARTIES,  
25          COMMITTEES REPRESENTING BALLOT MEASURES ON THE BALLOT AND THE  
26          CANDIDATES ON THE BALLOT WITHIN FORTY-EIGHT HOURS AFTER ELECTION  
27          DAY.

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

30          16-579. Procedure for obtaining ballot by elector;  
31                           definition

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

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

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

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

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

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

27 3. ~~Through 2025~~ UNTIL THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS AMENDMENT TO  
28 THIS SECTION, if the voter surrenders the early ballot to the  
29 precinct inspector and the voter is not otherwise required to be  
30 issued a provisional ballot, the voter shall be issued a standard  
31 ballot after presenting identification pursuant to this subsection.  
32 The precinct inspector shall retain the surrendered early ballot,  
33 unopened in its MAIL affidavit envelope.

34 4. Beginning ~~in 2026~~ ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS AMENDMENT  
35 TO THIS SECTION, DURING THE PERIOD OF EARLY VOTING [~~AND ON ELECTION~~  
36 ~~DAY~~] [UNTIL 7:00 P.M. ON THE FRIDAY IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING ELECTION  
37 DAY], at any voting location the voter may choose to provide  
38 identification [AND AFTER 7:00 P.M. ON THE FRIDAY IMMEDIATELY  
39 PRECEDING ELECTION DAY, THE VOTER SHALL PROVIDE IDENTIFICATION] when  
40 presenting the voter's mailed early ballot OR WHEN THE VOTER IS  
41 ISSUED AN EARLY BALLOT, and if so the election official shall:

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

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

1 (c) Stamp the signed MAIL affidavit with a stamp that reads  
2 "ID verified" and place the stamped MAIL affidavit that contains the  
3 early ballot in a secured ballot box that is labeled for VERIFIED  
4 early ballots. The stamped MAIL affidavit envelope is not required  
5 to be reviewed at the voting location, the voter's early ballot is  
6 deemed ready for tabulating and additional signature verification of  
7 the completed MAIL affidavit envelope as prescribed by section  
8 16-550 is not required.

9 (d) Maintain a tally of the number of ballots that have been  
10 deposited in the secured ballot box THAT IS DESIGNATED FOR VERIFIED  
11 EARLY BALLOTS and sign ~~an~~ A MAIL affidavit that includes the  
12 election official's name, the polling location, the time and date,  
13 the number of early ballots deposited according to the tally  
14 maintained by the election official and a statement sufficient to  
15 record and maintain the chain of custody for those ballots. IN THE  
16 STATEMENT THE ELECTION OFFICIAL SHALL:

17 (i) AFFIRM THAT THE ELECTION OFFICIAL REQUIRED EVERY VOTER TO  
18 PRESENT IDENTIFICATION THAT COMPLIES WITH PARAGRAPH 1 OF THIS  
19 SUBSECTION.

20 (ii) CONFIRM THAT THE NAME AND ADDRESS ON THE IDENTIFICATION  
21 PRESENTED BY EACH VOTER REASONABLY APPEARED TO BE THE SAME NAME AND  
22 ADDRESS ON EACH VOTER'S EARLY MAIL AFFIDAVIT.

23 (e) FOR ANY COMPLETED EARLY MAIL AFFIDAVIT THAT IS DEPOSITED  
24 IN THE SECURED BALLOT BOX DESIGNATED FOR VERIFIED EARLY BALLOTS  
25 PURSUANT TO THIS PARAGRAPH AND THAT IS NOT STAMPED "ID VERIFIED",  
26 PROCESS THAT BALLOT AS PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 16-550.

27 B. Any qualified elector who is listed as having applied for  
28 an early ballot but who states that the elector has not voted and  
29 will not vote an early ballot for this election or surrenders the  
30 early ballot to the precinct inspector on election day shall be  
31 allowed to vote pursuant to the procedure set forth in section  
32 16-584, except that for elections conducted using an electronic  
33 pollbook or similar system with continuous voter usage updates, the  
34 following apply:

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

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

45 C. Each qualified elector's name shall be numbered  
46 consecutively by the clerks and in the order of applications for  
47 ballots. The judge shall give the qualified elector only one ballot

1 and a ballot privacy folder, and the elector's name shall be  
2 immediately checked on the precinct register. Notwithstanding any  
3 provision of this subsection, an elector shall not be required to  
4 accept or use a ballot privacy folder.

5 D. For precincts in which a paper signature roster is used,  
6 each qualified elector shall sign the elector's name in the  
7 signature roster before receiving a ballot, but an inspector or  
8 judge may sign the roster for an elector who is unable to sign  
9 because of physical disability, and in that event the name of the  
10 elector shall be written with red ink, and no attestation or other  
11 proof shall be necessary. The provisions of this subsection  
12 relating to signing the signature roster do not apply to electors  
13 casting a ballot using early voting procedures.

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

22 F. A person offering to vote at a special district election  
23 for which no special district register has been supplied shall sign  
24 an affidavit stating the person's address and that the person  
25 resides within the district boundaries or proposed district  
26 boundaries and swearing that the person is a qualified elector and  
27 has not already voted at the election being held.

28 G. EACH ~~[POLLING]~~ ~~[VOTING]~~ LOCATION THAT IS OPEN FOR EARLY  
29 VOTING OR ON ELECTION DAY SHALL INCLUDE A MINIMUM OF AT LEAST ONE  
30 SECURE BALLOT BOX FOR A VOTER TO DEPOSIT THE VOTER'S COMPLETED EARLY  
31 BALLOT AND AT LEAST ONE SECURE BALLOT BOX FOR A VOTER WHO PRESENTS  
32 IDENTIFICATION AND THE VOTER'S COMPLETED EARLY BALLOT PURSUANT TO  
33 SUBSECTION A, PARAGRAPH 4 OF THIS SECTION TO DEPOSIT THE VOTER'S  
34 COMPLETED EARLY BALLOT AFTER THE ENVELOPE HAS BEEN STAMPED BY THE  
35 ELECTION OFFICIAL. EACH TYPE OF BALLOT BOX SHALL BE PHYSICALLY  
36 SEPARATED AND CLEARLY LABELED. THE ELECTION OFFICIAL IN CHARGE OF  
37 THE ~~[POLLING]~~ ~~[VOTING]~~ LOCATION SHALL ENSURE THAT A VOTER WHO DOES  
38 NOT PRESENT IDENTIFICATION IS NOT ABLE TO DEPOSIT THE VOTER'S  
39 COMPLETED EARLY BALLOT IN THE BALLOT BOX DESIGNATED FOR VERIFIED  
40 EARLY BALLOTS PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION A, PARAGRAPH 4 OF THIS SECTION.

41 H. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "ID VERIFIED" MEANS A  
42 BALLOT FOR WHICH A VOTER HAS PRESENTED IDENTIFICATION THAT COMPLIES  
43 WITH SUBSECTION A, PARAGRAPH 1 OF THIS SECTION.

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

46 16-579.01. Early ballots: on-site tabulation

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

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

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

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

17           3. Categorize and tally separately in the official canvass  
18 and other reports electors whose voted early ballots are tabulated  
19 at the precinct or voting center. The tally shall be reported by  
20 precinct in the official canvass and other voting reports.

21           4. Reconcile for that polling place or voting center the  
22 number of electors who appear on the signature roster or  
23 [e-pollbook] [ELECTRONIC POLLBOOK] with the number of completed  
24 early ballot affidavits and the voted early ballots tabulated  
25 on-site.>>

26           Sec. 13. Section 16-579.02, Arizona Revised Statutes, is  
27 amended to read:

28           16-579.02. Election day early ballot on-site tabulation  
29 procedure: fund

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

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

46           2. If the elector presents sufficient identification to  
47 comply with section 16-579, subsection A, paragraph 1, the elector



1 shall present the elector's early ballot affidavit to the election  
2 official in charge of the signature roster, and the election  
3 official shall confirm that the name and address on the completed  
4 affidavit reasonably appear to be the same as the name and address  
5 on the precinct register.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

45 Enroll and engross to conform

46 Amend title to conform



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