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Senator Gould

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 16-248, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING SECTION 16-531, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, AS AMENDED BY LAWS 2010, CHAPTER 318, SECTION 22; AMENDING SECTIONS 16-547, 16-580, 16-801 AND 16-803, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO ELECTIONS AND ELECTORS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Section 16-248, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 16-248. Designation of polling places

5 A. Not less than twenty days before a presidential preference  
6 election, the board of supervisors shall designate a reasonable and adequate  
7 number of polling places where the election shall be held.

8 B. The number of polling places for the presidential preference  
9 election is to be determined according to the number of active registered  
10 voters as of January 1 of the year of the presidential preference election.

11 C. Each county with ~~more than~~ two hundred thousand **OR MORE** active  
12 registered voters shall determine the number of polling places for the  
13 presidential preference election by using no more than one-half of the number  
14 of precincts as of January 1 of the year of the presidential preference  
15 election.

16 D. Each county with less than two hundred thousand active registered  
17 voters but ~~more than~~ ten thousand **OR MORE** active registered voters shall  
18 determine the number of polling places for the presidential preference  
19 election by using no more than one polling place for every two thousand  
20 active registered voters as of January 1 of the year of the presidential  
21 preference primary.

22 E. Each county with less than ten thousand active registered voters  
23 shall determine the number of polling places for the presidential preference  
24 election by using no more than one polling place for every one thousand  
25 active registered voters as of January 1 of the year of the presidential  
26 preference election.

27 F. If it is determined by the secretary of state that compliance with  
28 state and federal regulations would be jeopardized, the secretary of state  
29 has the authority to release a county from the number of polling places  
30 prescribed by this section.

31 G. ~~The provisions of~~ This section ~~do~~ **DOES** not apply to land located on  
32 an Indian reservation.

33 H. In precincts that contain fewer than ~~two~~ **THREE** hundred active  
34 registered voters, the officer in charge of elections may conduct a  
35 presidential preference election by mail.

36 Sec. 2. Section 16-531, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended by Laws  
37 2010, chapter 318, section 22, is amended to read:

38 16-531. Appointment of election boards and tally boards;  
39 qualifications

40 A. When an election is ordered, and not less than twenty days ~~prior to~~  
41 **BEFORE** a general or primary election, the board of supervisors shall appoint  
42 for each election precinct one inspector, one marshal, two judges and ~~not~~  
43 ~~less than two~~ **AS MANY** clerks of election **AS DEEMED NECESSARY**. The inspector,  
44 marshal, judges and clerks shall be qualified voters of the precinct for  
45 which appointed, unless there is not a sufficient number of persons available

1 to provide the number of appointments required. The inspector, marshal and  
2 judges shall not have changed their political party affiliation or their no  
3 party preference affiliation since the last preceding general election, and  
4 if they are members of the two political parties ~~which~~ THAT cast the highest  
5 number of votes in the state at the last preceding general election, they  
6 shall be divided equally between these two parties. There shall be an equal  
7 number of inspectors in the various precincts in the county who are members  
8 of the two largest political parties. In each precinct where the inspector  
9 is a member of one of the two largest political parties, the marshal in that  
10 precinct shall be a member of the other of the two largest political parties.  
11 Whenever possible, any person appointed as an inspector shall have had  
12 previous experience as an inspector, judge, marshal or clerk of elections.  
13 If there is no qualified person in a given precinct, the appointment of an  
14 inspector may be made from names provided by the county party chairman. If  
15 not less than ninety days ~~prior to~~ BEFORE the election the chairman of the  
16 county committee of either of the parties designates qualified voters of the  
17 precinct, or of another precinct if there are not sufficient members of his  
18 party available in the precinct to provide the necessary representation on  
19 the election board as judge, such designated qualified voters shall be  
20 appointed. The judges, together with the inspector, shall constitute the  
21 board of elections. Any registered voter in the election precinct, or in  
22 another election precinct if there are not sufficient persons available in  
23 the election precinct for which the clerks are being appointed, may be  
24 appointed as clerk.

25 B. If the election precinct consists of fewer than ~~two~~ THREE hundred  
26 qualified electors, the board of supervisors may appoint not fewer than one  
27 inspector and two judges. The board of supervisors shall give notice of  
28 election precincts consisting of fewer than ~~two~~ THREE hundred qualified  
29 electors to the county chairmen of the two largest political parties not  
30 later than thirty days before the election. The inspector and judges shall  
31 be appointed in the same manner by party as provided in subsection A of this  
32 section.

33 C. If a nonpartisan election is ordered, not less than twenty days  
34 before the election the governing board holding the election shall appoint,  
35 without consideration for political party, a minimum of three election  
36 workers for each polling place. The election workers shall consist of at  
37 least one inspector and two judges. Whenever possible, they shall be  
38 qualified electors of the precinct located within the district, without  
39 consideration for political party.

40 D. Where the election precinct consists of three hundred fifty or more  
41 qualified electors, the board of supervisors may in addition to the board of  
42 elections appoint a similar board to be known as the tally board. The tally  
43 board shall take custody of the ballots from the closing of the polls until  
44 the tally of the ballots is completed. The tally board shall consist of the  
45 inspector of the board of elections, two judges and not less than two clerks.

1 The inspector and two judges shall be appointed to provide as equal as  
2 practicable representation of members of the two largest political parties on  
3 the board in the same manner as provided for the election boards. Any  
4 registered voter in the election precinct, or in another election precinct if  
5 there are not sufficient persons available in the election precinct for which  
6 the clerks are being appointed, may be appointed as clerk. A member  
7 appointed to serve on the tally board, with the exception of the inspector of  
8 the board of elections, shall not be appointed to serve on the board of  
9 elections. The inspector of the board of elections shall be a member of the  
10 tally board and during such time shall act as the supervisor of the tally  
11 board. No United States, state, county or precinct officer, nor a candidate  
12 for office at the election, other than a precinct committeeman or a candidate  
13 for the office of precinct committeeman, is qualified to act as judge,  
14 inspector, marshal or clerk.

15 E. If an electronic voting system is in use the write-in ballots shall  
16 be tallied by a board of elections consisting of one inspector and two judges  
17 who are appointed in the same manner by party as provided in subsection A of  
18 this section.

19 F. At least ten days before a special election, the governing body  
20 conducting the election may in like manner appoint a special tally board or  
21 boards for the specific purpose of tallying the ballots on the closing of the  
22 polls. The tally boards shall consist of at least one inspector and two  
23 judges. The inspector of the board of elections shall act as the supervisor  
24 of the tally board.

25 G. Notwithstanding any other law, the board of supervisors may appoint  
26 to an election board to serve as a clerk of election a person who is not  
27 eligible to vote if all of the following conditions are met:

28 1. The person is a minor who will be at least sixteen years of age at  
29 the time of the election for which the person is named to the election board.

30 2. The person is a citizen of the United States at the time of the  
31 election for which the person is named to the election board.

32 3. The person is supervised by an adult who has been trained as an  
33 elections officer.

34 4. The person has received training provided by the officer in charge  
35 of elections.

36 5. The parent or guardian of the person has provided written  
37 permission for the person to serve.

38 H. A school district or charter school shall not be required to reduce  
39 its average daily membership, as defined in section 15-901, for any pupil who  
40 is absent from one or more instructional programs as a result of the pupil's  
41 service on an election board pursuant to subsection G of this section.

42 I. A school district or charter school shall not count any pupil's  
43 absence from one or more instructional programs as a result of the pupil's  
44 service on an election board pursuant to subsection G of this section against  
45 any mandatory attendance requirements for the pupil.

1 J. Nothing in this section shall prevent the board of supervisors or  
2 governing body from refusing for cause to reappoint, or from removing for  
3 cause, an election or tally board member.

4 Sec. 3. Section 16-547, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:  
5 16-547. Ballot affidavit; form

6 A. The early ballot shall be accompanied by an envelope bearing ~~upon~~  
7 **ON** the front the name, official title and post office address of the recorder  
8 or other officer in charge of elections and ~~upon~~ **ON** the other side a printed  
9 affidavit in substantially the following form:

10 ~~State of Arizona~~

11 ~~County of \_\_\_\_\_~~

12 ~~I, \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly swear that I am the identical~~  
13 ~~person whose name is signed to this affidavit and that this name~~  
14 ~~and signature are my true name and signature, or if I did not~~  
15 ~~personally sign, it was because of physical disability and that~~  
16 ~~I requested \_\_\_\_\_ (name of person signing~~  
17 ~~affidavit) to sign for me, that I have not voted and will not~~  
18 ~~vote in this election in any other state during the calendar~~  
19 ~~year of this affidavit and that I personally voted the enclosed~~  
20 ~~ballot or that it was marked according to my instructions~~  
21 ~~because I was unable to do so. I understand that knowingly~~  
22 ~~voting more than once in any election is a class 5 felony. I~~  
23 ~~declare that I am more than eighteen years of age, that I am a~~  
24 ~~qualified elector of the state of Arizona and the county of~~  
25 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ and that I reside at \_\_\_\_\_.~~ If a challenge  
26 ~~is filed against my early ballot, I understand that a copy of~~  
27 ~~the challenge will be sent to me by first class mail and that I~~  
28 ~~may have as little as forty eight hours' notice of an~~  
29 ~~opportunity to appear. For purposes of notifying me of a ballot~~  
30 ~~challenge between the time I return my ballot and seven days~~  
31 ~~after election day, please use the following address:~~  
32 ~~\_\_\_\_\_.~~ (If no address is provided, notice will be  
33 ~~mailed to the mailing address listed on the registration rolls.)~~

34 ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~

35 ~~Elector~~

36 I DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR OR AFFIRM ALL OF THE FOLLOWING: THAT I  
37 AM A REGISTERED VOTER IN \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, ARIZONA AND THAT I  
38 VOTED THE ENCLOSED BALLOT AND SIGNED THIS AFFIDAVIT PERSONALLY.  
39 I WILL BE AT LEAST EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS OF AGE ON OR BEFORE  
40 ELECTION DAY. I HAVE NOT VOTED AND WILL NOT VOTE IN THIS  
41 ELECTION IN ANY OTHER COUNTY OR STATE. I UNDERSTAND THAT  
42 KNOWINGLY VOTING MORE THAN ONCE IN ANY ELECTION IS A CLASS 5  
43 FELONY. IF A CHALLENGE IS FILED AGAINST MY EARLY BALLOT, I  
44 UNDERSTAND THAT I WILL RECEIVE NOTICE OF THE CHALLENGE AT THE  
45 ADDRESS ON MY VOTER REGISTRATION FILE UNLESS ANOTHER ADDRESS IS

1 SPECIFIED HERE:\_\_\_\_\_. I UNDERSTAND THAT I MAY HAVE AS  
2 LITTLE AS FORTY-EIGHT (48) HOURS' NOTICE TO APPEAR AT A  
3 CHALLENGE TO MY BALLOT. I UNDERSTAND THAT THERE IS NO POWER OF  
4 ATTORNEY FOR VOTING AND THAT I MUST BE ABLE TO MAKE MY OWN  
5 SELECTIONS EVEN IF I AM PHYSICALLY UNABLE TO MARK THE BALLOT.

6 \_\_\_\_\_  
7 VOTER'S SIGNATURE

8 IF THE VOTER WAS ASSISTED BY ANOTHER PERSON IN MARKING THE  
9 BALLOT, COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

10 I DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR OF AFFIRM ALL OF THE FOLLOWING: THAT  
11 I ASSISTED THE REGISTERED VOTER IDENTIFIED IN THIS AFFIDAVIT  
12 WITH MARKING THE VOTER'S BALLOT. I MARKED THE BALLOT AS DIRECTLY  
13 INSTRUCTED BY THE VOTER AND I PROVIDED THE ASSISTANCE BECAUSE  
14 THE VOTER WAS PHYSICALLY UNABLE TO MARK THE BALLOT SOLELY DUE TO  
15 ILLNESS, INJURY OR PHYSICAL LIMITATION.

16 NAME OF VOTER ASSISTANT \_\_\_\_\_

17 ADDRESS OF VOTER ASSISTANT \_\_\_\_\_

18 SIGNATURE OF VOTER ASSISTANT \_\_\_\_\_

19 NOTICE: A PERSON WHO IS A CANDIDATE FOR AN OFFICE IN THIS  
20 ELECTION OR WHO HAS BEEN EMPLOYED BY OR VOLUNTEERED FOR A  
21 CANDIDATE OR A CAMPAIGN IN THIS ELECTION IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO  
22 ASSIST ANY VOTER.

23 B. The face of each envelope in which a ballot is sent to a federal  
24 postcard applicant or in which a ballot is returned by such applicant to the  
25 recorder or other officer in charge of elections shall be in the form  
26 prescribed in accordance with the uniformed and overseas citizens absentee  
27 voting act of 1986 (P.L. 99-410; 42 United States Code section 1973ff).  
28 Otherwise, the envelopes shall be the same as those used to send ballots to,  
29 or receive ballots from, other early voters.

30 C. The county recorder or other officer in charge of elections shall  
31 supply printed instructions to early voters that direct them to sign the  
32 affidavit, mark the ballot and return both in the enclosed self-addressed  
33 envelope. The instructions shall include the following statement:

34 In order to be valid and counted, the ballot and affidavit must  
35 be delivered to the office of the county recorder or other  
36 officer in charge of elections or may be deposited at any  
37 polling place in the county no later than 7:00 p.m. on election  
38 day.

39 Sec. 4. Section 16-580, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:  
40 16-580. Manner of voting; assistance for certain electors

41 A. Except as prescribed by subsection G of this section, only one  
42 person per voting booth shall be permitted at any one time to sign for the  
43 receipt of a ballot and to wait for an opportunity to vote.

1 B. On receiving a ballot the voter shall promptly and without leaving  
 2 the voting area retire alone, except as provided in subsection G of this  
 3 section, to one of the voting booths that is not occupied, prepare the ballot  
 4 in secret and vote in the manner and substantial form as required by the  
 5 instruction to voters.

6 C. In order that the rights of other voters shall not be interfered  
 7 with, a voter shall not be allowed to occupy a voting booth for more than  
 8 five minutes when other voters are waiting to occupy the booth. If the voter  
 9 refuses to leave after the lapse of five minutes, the voter may be removed by  
 10 the judges. If a voter has not completed a ballot after the allotted five  
 11 minutes, the voter may request the marshal to hold the ballot and when  
 12 another booth is empty and all voters present have had an opportunity to vote  
 13 the removed person may be allowed an additional five minutes in the booth.

14 D. Before leaving the voting booth the voter shall fold the ballot  
 15 lengthwise and crosswise, or place the voter's card in the ballot envelope,  
 16 but in such a way that the contents of the ballot shall be concealed and the  
 17 stub, if any, can be removed without exposing the contents of the ballot and  
 18 shall keep the ballot folded until the voter has delivered it to the  
 19 inspector, or judge acting as such.

20 E. The election board official shall receive the ballot from the voter  
 21 and in the presence of the election board and if the ballot includes a stub,  
 22 remove the stub without opening the ballot, deposit the ballot in the ballot  
 23 box, or if the voter so requests, hand the ballot to the voter and permit the  
 24 voter to deposit the ballot in the ballot box, and string the stub, if any,  
 25 ~~upon~~ ON a string provided. If the ballot is of the type that includes a stub  
 26 and the stub has been removed from the ballot ~~prior to~~ BEFORE receipt by the  
 27 election official, it shall not be deposited in the ballot box, but it shall  
 28 be marked "spoiled" and placed with the spoiled ballots.

29 F. After delivery of the ballot to the election board official, or if  
 30 the voter has asked to deposit the ballot in the ballot box, after the ballot  
 31 is deposited, the voter shall then proceed outside the voting area and shall  
 32 not again enter the voting area unless the voter is an authorized election  
 33 official.

34 G. Any registered voter ~~may~~, at the voter's option, MAY be accompanied  
 35 by a minor who is permitted in the voting booth pursuant to section 16-515,  
 36 subsection E, be accompanied and assisted by a person of the voter's own  
 37 choice or be assisted by two election officials, one from each major  
 38 political party, during any process relating to voting or during the actual  
 39 process of voting on a paper ballot, machine or electronic voting system. A  
 40 person who is a candidate for an office in that election ~~other than the~~  
 41 ~~office of precinct committeeman~~ OR WHO HAS BEEN EMPLOYED BY OR VOLUNTEERED  
 42 FOR A CANDIDATE OR A CAMPAIGN IN THAT ELECTION is not eligible to assist any  
 43 voter.



1 original petition with the officer in charge of elections for the county and  
2 a certified copy of the petition with the secretary of state.

3 B. A petition for recognition shall not be submitted ~~for signature~~  
4 ~~verification~~ to a county recorder or a city or town clerk, as the case may  
5 be, later than one hundred eighty days before the primary election.

6 ~~C. The county recorder shall verify and count all signatures of~~  
7 ~~qualified electors within thirty days after submission.~~

8 C. ON RECEIPT OF A PETITION FOR STATEWIDE RECOGNITION, THE COUNTY  
9 OFFICER IN CHARGE OF ELECTIONS FROM EACH OF THE COUNTIES IN WHICH THE  
10 PETITION WAS FILED SHALL SUBMIT THE PETITIONS AND SIGNATURES TO THE SECRETARY  
11 OF STATE. WITHIN \_\_\_\_\_ DAYS AFTER RECEIPT, THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL  
12 REMOVE THE FOLLOWING SIGNATURES THAT ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR VERIFICATION BY  
13 MARKING AN "SS" IN RED INK IN THE MARGIN TO THE RIGHT OF THE SIGNATURE LINE:

- 14 1. IF THE SIGNATURE OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTOR IS MISSING.
- 15 2. IF THE RESIDENCE ADDRESS OR THE DESCRIPTION OF RESIDENCE LOCATION  
16 IS MISSING.
- 17 3. IF THE DATE ON WHICH THE PETITIONER SIGNED IS MISSING.

18 D. THE SECRETARY OF STATE, DURING THE SAME \_\_\_\_\_ DAY PERIOD PROVIDED  
19 IN SUBSECTION C, SHALL SELECT, AT RANDOM, TWENTY PER CENT OF THE TOTAL  
20 SIGNATURES ELIGIBLE FOR VERIFICATION BY THE COUNTY RECORDERS OF THE COUNTIES  
21 IN WHICH THE PERSONS SIGNING THE PETITION CLAIM TO BE QUALIFIED  
22 ELECTORS. THE RANDOM SAMPLE OF SIGNATURES TO BE VERIFIED SHALL BE DRAWN IN  
23 SUCH A MANNER THAT EVERY SIGNATURE ELIGIBLE FOR VERIFICATION HAS AN EQUAL  
24 CHANCE OF BEING INCLUDED IN THE SAMPLE. THE RANDOM SAMPLE PRODUCED SHALL  
25 IDENTIFY EACH SIGNATURE SELECTED BY PETITION PAGE AND LINE NUMBER. THE  
26 SIGNATURES SELECTED SHALL BE MARKED ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURE:

- 27 1. USING RED INK, MARK THE SELECTED SIGNATURE BY CIRCLING THE LINE  
28 NUMBER AND DRAWING A LINE FROM THE BASE OF THE CIRCLE EXTENDING INTO THE LEFT  
29 MARGIN.
- 30 2. IF A SIGNATURE LINE SELECTED FOR THE RANDOM SAMPLE IS FOUND TO BE  
31 BLANK OR WAS REMOVED FROM THE VERIFICATION PROCESS PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION C,  
32 THEN THE NEXT LINE DOWN, EVEN IF THAT REQUIRES GOING TO THE NEXT PETITION  
33 SHEET IN SEQUENCE, ON WHICH AN ELIGIBLE SIGNATURE APPEARS SHALL BE SELECTED  
34 AS A SUBSTITUTE IF THAT LINE HAS NOT ALREADY BEEN SELECTED FOR THE RANDOM  
35 SAMPLE. IF THE NEXT ELIGIBLE LINE IS ALREADY BEING USED IN THE RANDOM  
36 SAMPLE, THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL PROCEED BACK UP THE PAGE FROM THE  
37 SIGNATURE LINE ORIGINALLY SELECTED FOR THE RANDOM SAMPLE TO THE NEXT PREVIOUS  
38 SIGNATURE LINE ELIGIBLE FOR VERIFICATION. IF THAT LINE IS ALREADY BEING USED  
39 IN THE RANDOM SAMPLE, THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL CONTINUE MOVING DOWN THE  
40 PAGE OR TO THE NEXT PAGE FROM THE LINE ORIGINALLY SELECTED FOR THE RANDOM  
41 SAMPLE AND SHALL SELECT THE NEXT ELIGIBLE SIGNATURE AS ITS SUBSTITUTE FOR THE  
42 RANDOM SAMPLE. THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL USE THIS PROCESS OF ALTERNATELY  
43 MOVING FORWARD AND BACKWARD UNTIL A SIGNATURE ELIGIBLE FOR VERIFICATION AND  
44 NOT ALREADY INCLUDED IN THE RANDOM SAMPLE CAN BE SELECTED AND SUBSTITUTED.

1 E. AFTER THE SELECTION OF THE RANDOM SAMPLE, THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
2 SHALL REPRODUCE A FACSIMILE OF THE FRONT OF EACH SIGNATURE SHEET ON WHICH A  
3 SIGNATURE INCLUDED IN THE RANDOM SAMPLE APPEARS. THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
4 SHALL CLEARLY IDENTIFY THOSE SIGNATURES MARKED FOR VERIFICATION BY COLOR  
5 HIGHLIGHTING OR OTHER SIMILAR METHOD AND SHALL TRANSMIT BY PERSONAL DELIVERY  
6 OR CERTIFIED MAIL TO EACH COUNTY RECORDER A FACSIMILE SHEET OF EACH SIGNATURE  
7 SHEET ON WHICH A SIGNATURE APPEARS OF ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO CLAIMS TO BE A  
8 QUALIFIED ELECTOR OF THAT COUNTY AND WHOSE SIGNATURE WAS SELECTED FOR  
9 VERIFICATION AS PART OF THE RANDOM SAMPLE.

10 F. WITHIN \_\_\_\_\_ DAYS, EXCLUDING SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS AND OTHER LEGAL  
11 HOLIDAYS, AFTER RECEIVING THE FACSIMILE SIGNATURE SHEETS FROM THE SECRETARY  
12 OF STATE, THE COUNTY RECORDER SHALL DETERMINE WHICH SIGNATURES OF INDIVIDUALS  
13 WHOSE NAMES WERE TRANSMITTED SHALL BE DISQUALIFIED FOR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING  
14 REASONS:

- 15 1. NO RESIDENCE ADDRESS OR DESCRIPTION OF RESIDENCE LOCATION IS  
16 PROVIDED.
- 17 2. NO DATE OF SIGNING IS PROVIDED.
- 18 3. THE SIGNATURE IS ILLEGIBLE AND THE SIGNER IS OTHERWISE  
19 UNIDENTIFIABLE.
- 20 4. THE ADDRESS PROVIDED IS ILLEGIBLE OR NONEXISTENT.
- 21 5. THE INDIVIDUAL WAS NOT A QUALIFIED ELECTOR ON THE DATE OF SIGNING  
22 THE PETITION.
- 23 6. THE INDIVIDUAL WAS A REGISTERED VOTER BUT WAS NOT AT LEAST EIGHTEEN  
24 YEARS OF AGE ON THE DATE OF SIGNING THE PETITION OR AFFIDAVIT.
- 25 7. THE SIGNATURE WAS DISQUALIFIED AFTER COMPARISON WITH THE SIGNATURE  
26 ON THE AFFIDAVIT OF REGISTRATION.
- 27 8. IF A PETITIONER SIGNED MORE THAN ONCE, ALL BUT ONE OTHERWISE VALID  
28 SIGNATURE SHALL BE DISQUALIFIED.
- 29 9. FOR THE SAME REASONS ANY SIGNATURES COULD HAVE BEEN REMOVED BY THE  
30 SECRETARY OF STATE PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

31 G. WITHIN THE SAME TIME PERIOD PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION F, THE COUNTY  
32 RECORDER SHALL CERTIFY TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE THE FOLLOWING:

- 33 1. THE NAME OF ANY INDIVIDUAL WHOSE SIGNATURE WAS INCLUDED IN THE  
34 RANDOM SAMPLE AND DISQUALIFIED BY THE COUNTY RECORDER TOGETHER WITH THE  
35 PETITION PAGE AND LINE NUMBER OF THE DISQUALIFIED SIGNATURE.
- 36 2. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF SIGNATURES SELECTED FOR THE RANDOM SAMPLE AND  
37 TRANSMITTED TO THE COUNTY RECORDER FOR VERIFICATION AND THE TOTAL NUMBER OF  
38 RANDOM SAMPLE SIGNATURES DISQUALIFIED.

39 H. AT THE TIME OF THE CERTIFICATION, THE COUNTY RECORDER SHALL:

- 40 1. RETURN THE FACSIMILE SIGNATURE SHEETS TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE.
- 41 2. SEND NOTICE OF THE RESULTS OF THE CERTIFICATION BY MAIL TO THE  
42 PERSON OR ORGANIZATION THAT SUBMITTED THE PETITIONS AND TO THE SECRETARY OF  
43 STATE.

1           I. WITHIN \_\_\_\_\_ DAYS, AFTER RECEIPT OF THE FACSIMILE SIGNATURE  
2 SHEETS AND THE CERTIFICATION OF EACH COUNTY RECORDER, THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
3 SHALL DETERMINE THE TOTAL NUMBER OF VALID SIGNATURES BY SUBTRACTING FROM THE  
4 TOTAL NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE SIGNATURES IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:  
5           1. ALL SIGNATURES THAT WERE FOUND INELIGIBLE BY THE COUNTY RECORDERS.  
6           2. AFTER DETERMINING THE PERCENTAGE OF ALL SIGNATURES FOUND TO BE  
7 INVALID IN THE RANDOM SAMPLE, A LIKE PERCENTAGE FROM THOSE SIGNATURES  
8 REMAINING AFTER THE SUBTRACTIONS PERFORMED PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH 1 OF THIS  
9 SUBSECTION.  
10          J. IF THE NUMBER OF VALID SIGNATURES AS PROJECTED FROM THE RANDOM  
11 SAMPLE PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION I IS AT LEAST ONE HUNDRED PER CENT OF THE  
12 MINIMUM NUMBER REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION, THE PARTY SHALL BE RECOGNIZED. IF  
13 THE NUMBER OF VALID SIGNATURES AS PROJECTED FROM THE RANDOM SAMPLE IS LESS  
14 THAN ONE HUNDRED PER CENT OF THE MINIMUM NUMBER, THE PARTY SHALL NOT BE  
15 RECOGNIZED.