



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HB 2015

publicity pamphlets; counties; municipalities
Prime Sponsor: Representative Stevens, LD 14

DPA Committee on Judiciary

DPA Caucus and COW

X As Transmitted to the Governor

OVERVIEW

HB 2015 requires any contract for publicity pamphlet production or mailing in a local initiative or referendum election to include penalties for contractors who mail pamphlets after early balloting begins.

PROVISIONS

1. Requires any contract for publicity pamphlet publication or mailing to contain a penalty for each day of mailing that occurs either on or after the earliest day that early ballots are received by voters.
 - a. Prescribes a penalty of \$0.01 per day, per each household with a registered voter.
 - b. Monies are paid to the office of the elections officer.
2. Contains a delayed effective date of January 1, 2017.
3. Makes technical, clarifying and conforming changes.

CURRENT LAW

[A.R.S. § 19-141](#) outlines the process for initiatives and referendums in counties, cities and towns. Subsection B requires the city or town clerk or the county election officer to distribute publicity pamphlets to every household where a registered voter resides. This must be accomplished before the earliest date that registered voters may receive an early ballot. If the pamphlet is not mailed before that date, the election officer must include with the early ballot information on when the publicity pamphlet will be mailed and where the pamphlets may be accessed or viewed. This section prohibits the mailing of pamphlets less than 10 days before the election. General publicity pamphlet procedures are provided in [A.R.S. § 19-123](#).