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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 16-409, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Section 16-409, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 16-409. Certain counties; cities, towns and school districts;
5 mail ballot elections; report

6 A. Notwithstanding section 16-558, a COUNTY, city, town or school
7 district may conduct a mail ballot election. A COUNTY MAY CONDUCT A MAIL
8 BALLOT ELECTION FOR ANY ELECTIONS ADMINISTERED BY THAT COUNTY, INCLUDING
9 ELECTIONS ADMINISTERED FOR FEDERAL AND STATE OFFICES AND MEASURES, AND
10 ELECTIONS ADMINISTERED FOR THAT COUNTY AND FOR A CITY, TOWN, SCHOOL
11 DISTRICT OR SPECIAL DISTRICT AND FOR ANY OTHER JURISDICTION'S ELECTION
12 ADMINISTERED BY THAT COUNTY. A COUNTYWIDE MAIL BALLOT ELECTION MAY BE
13 CONDUCTED ONLY AFTER A VOTE OF APPROVAL BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
14 FOR THAT COUNTY. A mail ballot election shall be conducted as otherwise
15 prescribed by article 8.1 of this chapter.

16 B. COUNTIES, cities, towns or school districts that conduct mail
17 ballot elections pursuant to subsection A of this section shall report to
18 the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of
19 representatives by January 1 of each year immediately following a mail
20 ballot election. The report shall include the following:

- 21 1. Changes in voter turnout.
- 22 2. Relative costs of mail ballot elections compared to traditional
23 elections.
- 24 3. Suggestions for improvements or refinements in the mail ballot
25 program.
- 26 4. Frequency and severity of mail ballot irregularities.
- 27 5. Voter satisfaction with the election process.
- 28 6. Number of nondeliverable ballots.