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CHAPTER 99
HOUSE BILL 2238

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 16-452, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO ELECTION PROCEDURES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Section 16-452, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 16-452. Rules; instructions and procedures manual; approval
5 of manual; field check and review of systems;
6 violation; classification

7 A. After consultation with each county board of supervisors or
8 other officer in charge of elections, the secretary of state shall
9 prescribe rules to achieve and maintain the maximum degree of correctness,
10 impartiality, uniformity and efficiency on the procedures for early voting
11 and voting, and of producing, distributing, collecting, counting,
12 tabulating and storing ballots. The secretary of state shall also adopt
13 rules regarding fax transmittal of unvoted ballots, ballot requests, voted
14 ballots and other election materials to and from absent uniformed and
15 overseas citizens and shall adopt rules regarding internet receipt of
16 requests for federal postcard applications prescribed by section 16-543.

17 B. ~~Such~~ THE rules shall be prescribed in an official instructions
18 and procedures manual to be issued not later than ~~thirty days prior to~~
19 ~~each~~ DECEMBER 31 OF EACH ODD-NUMBERED YEAR IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE
20 GENERAL election. ~~Prior to~~ BEFORE its issuance, the manual shall be
21 approved by the governor and the attorney general. The secretary of state
22 shall submit the manual to the governor and the attorney general not ~~fewer~~
23 LATER than ~~ninety days~~ OCTOBER 1 OF THE YEAR before each GENERAL election.

24 C. A person who violates any rule adopted pursuant to this section
25 is guilty of a class 2 misdemeanor.

26 D. The secretary of state shall provide personnel who are ~~expert~~
27 EXPERTS in electronic voting systems and procedures and in electronic
28 voting system security to field check and review electronic voting systems
29 and recommend needed statutory and procedural changes.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR APRIL 17, 2019.

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