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HOUSE BILL 2616

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 16, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 3, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 16-132; AMENDING SECTIONS 16-134 AND 16-184, ARIZONA
REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO VOTER REGISTRATION.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Title 16, chapter 1, article 3, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 16-132, to read:

4 16-132. Voter registration payments; prohibition; exception;
5 violation; classification

6 A. A PERSON SHALL NOT PAY OR RECEIVE MONEY OR ANY OTHER THING OF
7 VALUE BASED ON THE NUMBER OF VOTER REGISTRATION FORMS SUBMITTED. THIS
8 SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO AN EMPLOYEE OF A POLITICAL PARTY.

9 B. A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A CLASS 1
10 MISDEMEANOR.

11 Sec. 2. Section 16-134, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
12 read:

13 16-134. Return of registrations made outside office of county
14 recorder; incomplete or illegible forms; violation

15 A. A county recorder shall authorize persons to accept registration
16 forms, shall designate places for receipt of registration forms and shall
17 designate additional locations for distribution of voter registration
18 forms. Public assistance agencies and disabilities agencies as defined in
19 section 16-140 shall return or mail completed voter registrations to the
20 county recorder of the county in which the applicant resides within five
21 days after receipt of those registrations.

22 B. GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO RECEIVE VOTER REGISTRATION FORMS
23 PURSUANT TO SECTION 16-131, SUBSECTION E SHALL RETURN OR MAIL COMPLETED
24 VOTER REGISTRATIONS TO THE COUNTY RECORDER OF THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE
25 APPLICANT RESIDES, THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE OR THE COUNTY RECORDER
26 THAT PROVIDED THE FORMS PURSUANT TO SECTION 16-131, SUBSECTION E,
27 POSTMARKED WITHIN TEN BUSINESS DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF THOSE REGISTRATIONS,
28 OR RECEIVED BY THE APPLICANT'S COUNTY BY THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR THE
29 NEXT UPCOMING ELECTION, WHICHEVER IS EARLIER.

30 ~~B.~~ C. If the information on the registration form is incomplete or
31 illegible and the county recorder is not able to process the registration
32 form, the county recorder shall notify the applicant within ten business
33 days of receipt of the registration form, shall specify the missing or
34 illegible information and, if the missing or illegible information
35 includes any of the information prescribed by section 16-121.01,
36 subsection A, shall state that the registration cannot be completed until
37 the information is supplied. If the missing or illegible information is
38 supplied before 7:00 p.m. on election day, that person is deemed to have
39 been registered on the date the registration was first received.

40 ~~C.~~ D. In the case of registration by mail, a voter registration is
41 valid for an election if it complies with either of the following:

42 1. The form is postmarked twenty-nine days or more before an
43 election and is received by the county recorder by 7:00 p.m. on the day of
44 that election.

1 2. The registration is dated twenty-nine days or more before an
2 election and is received by the county recorder by first class mail within
3 five days after the last day to register to vote in that election.

4 ~~D.~~ E. The date of registration entered for registration forms
5 that are received by the county recorder from persons, groups or agencies
6 that are not authorized to accept registrations pursuant to subsection A
7 of this section and that do not bear a legible postmark date or an
8 otherwise reliable date shall be the date that those forms are received by
9 the county recorder.

10 F. A VIOLATION OF SUBSECTION B OF THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT TO A
11 CIVIL PENALTY OF UP TO TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS PER DAY FOR EACH COMPLETED
12 VOTER REGISTRATION FORM WITHHELD FROM SUBMITTAL. ANY PERSON WHO RECEIVES
13 VOTER REGISTRATION FORMS PURSUANT TO SECTION 16-131, SUBSECTION E AND
14 KNOWINGLY FAILS TO SUBMIT A COMPLETED VOTER REGISTRATION FORM BY THE
15 DEADLINES ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION B OF THIS SECTION IS GUILTY
16 OF A CLASS 2 MISDEMEANOR.

17 Sec. 3. Section 16-184, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
18 read:

19 16-184. Additional violations; classification

20 A. Any person who knowingly swears falsely to an affidavit required
21 under the provisions of this chapter is guilty of a class 5 felony unless
22 another classification is specifically prescribed in this chapter.

23 B. An officer of an election who knowingly fails or refuses to
24 perform any duty required of him under this chapter is guilty of a class 2
25 misdemeanor unless another classification is specifically prescribed in
26 this chapter.

27 C. ANY PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY ALTERS A VOTER REGISTRATION FORM
28 WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE PERSON WHO IS THE REGISTRANT ON THAT FORM IS
29 GUILTY OF A CLASS 6 FELONY.