

REFERENCE TITLE: early ballots; deficiencies; cure period

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## **SB 1054**

Introduced by  
Senator Ugenti-Rita

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 16-550, 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 16-550, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 16-550. Receipt of voter's ballot; cure period

5 A. ~~Upon~~ ON receipt of the envelope containing the early ballot and  
6 the completed affidavit, the county recorder or other officer in charge of  
7 elections shall compare the signatures thereon with the signature of the  
8 elector on ~~his~~ THE ELECTOR'S registration form AND SHALL DETERMINE WHETHER  
9 THE INFORMATION ON THE AFFIDAVIT IS ACCURATE. IF THE SIGNATURE OR OTHER  
10 INFORMATION IS MISSING OR ILLEGIBLE, THE COUNTY RECORDER OR OTHER OFFICER  
11 IN CHARGE OF ELECTIONS SHALL MAKE REASONABLE EFFORTS TO CONTACT THE VOTER,  
12 ADVISE THE VOTER OF THE DEFICIENCY AND ALLOW THE VOTER TO CORRECT THE  
13 DEFICIENCY. THE COUNTY RECORDER OR OTHER OFFICER IN CHARGE OF ELECTIONS  
14 SHALL ALLOW DEFICIENCIES TO BE CORRECTED THROUGH THE FIFTH BUSINESS DAY  
15 AFTER THE ELECTION. If satisfied that the signatures correspond AND THAT  
16 THE INFORMATION ON THE AFFIDAVIT IS ACCURATE, the recorder or other  
17 officer in charge of elections shall hold ~~them~~ THE ENVELOPE CONTAINING THE  
18 EARLY BALLOT AND THE COMPLETED AFFIDAVIT unopened in accordance with the  
19 rules of the secretary of state.

20 B. The recorder or other officer in charge of elections shall  
21 thereafter safely keep the affidavits and early ballots in his office  
22 until delivered pursuant to section 16-551 and tallying of ballots shall  
23 ~~not~~ begin ~~any earlier than~~ seven days before election day.

24 C. The county recorder shall send a list of all voters who were  
25 issued early ballots to the election board of the precinct in which the  
26 voter is registered.