

HB 2489: election procedures oversight committee

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Overview

Establishes the Election Procedures Oversight Committee (Committee).

History

For every election in which votes are cast using an electronic voting machine or tabulator, the election judge is required to compare the number of votes indicated on the machine to the number of votes indicated on the poll list and the number of provisional ballots cast. The information is noted in a written report submitted to the elections officer (A.R.S § 16-602). The officer in charge of elections must ensure that the electronic data from ballots are protected from physical and electronic access and that all security measures are at least as protective for those prescribed for paper ballots (A.R.S § 16-625).

Provisions

- 1. Establishes the Committee. (Sec. 1)
- 2. Outlines the membership of the Committee. (Sec. 1)
 - a. Two members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker and who are not members of the same political party.
 - b. Two members of the Senate appointed by the President and who are not members of the same political party.
 - c. One person appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
 - d. One person appointed by the President of the Senate.
 - e. As a nonvoting member, the Secretary of State or the Secretary's designee.
- 3. Stipulates that the members of the Committee are not eligible for compensation but some, pursuant to statute, are eligible for reimbursement of expenses. (Sec. 1)
- 4. Requires the Committee to meet at least annually to examine the collection and transfer of voting results between polling places, early voting centers or other voting centers and central counting centers in order to audit those transfers for accuracy and reliability. (Sec. 1)
- 5. Stipulates that the Committee must review election security technology and other methods of improving election security. (Sec. 1)
- 6. Allows the Committee access to voter registration rolls and elections results for the purpose of determining whether federal only voters received and voted the appropriate ballot. (Sec. 1)
- 7. Specifies that the Committee must compile and submit a report of its findings to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives with a copy also going to the Secretary of State on or before December 31 of each year. (Sec. 1)
- 8. Contains a delayed repeal date of from and after February 1, 2026. (Sec. 2)

☐ Prop 105 (45 votes)	☐ Prop 108 (40 votes)	☐ Emergency (40 votes)	☐ Fiscal Note	