



**ARIZONA STATE SENATE**  
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FACT SHEET FOR S.B. 1046

early voting list; mailing ballot

Purpose

Requires, for electors on the Permanent Early Voting List (PEVL), early ballots to be returned by mail.

Background

Any qualified elector may vote by early ballot through a verbal or signed request to the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections within 93 days of the election. The request for an early ballot must be received by the county recorder or officer in charge of elections no later than 11 days before the election. The county recorder may establish on-site early voting locations at the recorder's office and any other early voting locations in the county as necessary. Currently, any elector who appears at an on-site early voting location by 5:00 p.m. the Friday before the election is allowed to vote at the on-site location ([A.R.S. § 16-542](#)).

Any elector may request to be included on the PEVL to receive an early ballot for any election for which the county voter registration roll is used to prepare the election register. The county recorder of each county is required to maintain the PEVL as part of the voter registration roll. Early ballots are automatically mailed to electors on the PEVL no later than the first day of early voting ([A.R.S. § 16-544](#)).

All early ballots must be received by the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections or be deposited by the elector or the elector's agent at any polling place in the elector's county of residence by 7:00 p.m. on election day ([A.R.S. § 16-548](#)).

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the state General Fund associated with this legislation.

Provisions

1. Prohibits an elector on the PEVL from delivering an early ballot to an early voting location or to a polling place on election day.
2. Allows a county recorder or other officer in charge of elections to receive or deliver for processing early ballots from electors on the PEVL only if they are delivered by mail.
3. Prohibits an elector on the PEVL to vote at an on-site early voting location.
4. Allows an elector on the PEVL who has not returned an early ballot to only vote in person on election day by provisional ballot at the elector's designated polling location.
5. Makes technical changes.
6. Becomes effective on the general effective date.