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HOUSE BILL 2133

AN ACT
AMENDING SECTION 16-166, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO REGISTRATION ROLLS.

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

Section 1. Section 16-166, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

16-166. Verification of registration
A. Except for the mailing of sample ballots, a county recorder who mails an item to any elector shall send the mailing by nonforwardable first class mail marked with the statement required by the postmaster to receive an address correction notification. If the item is returned undelivered, the county recorder shall send a follow-up notice to that elector within three weeks of receipt of the returned notice. The county recorder shall send the follow-up notice to the address that appears in the general county register or to the forwarding address provided by the United States postal service. The follow-up notice shall include AN APPROPRIATE INTERNET ADDRESS FOR REVISING VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION OR a registration form and the information prescribed by section 16-131, subsection C and shall state that if the elector does not complete and return a new registration form with current information to the county recorder OR MAKE CHANGES TO THE ELECTOR’S VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION THAT IS MAINTAINED ONLINE within thirty-five days, the elector’s registration status shall be changed from active to inactive.

B. If the elector provides the county recorder with a new registration form OR OTHERWISE REVISES THE ELECTOR’S INFORMATION, the county recorder shall change the general register to reflect the changes indicated on the new registration. If the elector indicates a new residence address outside that county, the county recorder shall forward the voter registration form OR REVISED INFORMATION to the county recorder of the county in which the elector’s address is located. If the elector provides a new residence address that is located outside this state, the county recorder shall cancel the elector’s registration.

C. The county recorder shall maintain on the inactive voter list the names of electors who have been removed from the general register pursuant to subsection A or E of this section for a period of four years or through the date of the second general election for federal office following the date of the notice from the county recorder that is sent pursuant to subsection E of this section.

D. On notice that a government agency has changed the name of any street, route number, post office box number or other address designation, the county recorder shall revise the registration records and shall send a new verification of registration notice to the electors whose records were changed.

E. The county recorder on or before May 1 of each year preceding a state primary and general election or more frequently as the recorder deems necessary may use the change of address information supplied by the postal service through its licensees to identify registrants whose addresses may have changed. If it appears from information provided by
the postal service that a registrant has moved to a different residence
address in the same county, the county recorder shall change the
registration records to reflect the new address and shall send the
registrant a notice of the change by forwardable mail and a postage
prepaid preaddressed return form OR AN APPROPRIATE INTERNET ADDRESS FOR
REVISING VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION by which the registrant may verify
or correct the registration information. If the registrant fails to
REVISE THE INFORMATION OR return the form postmarked not later than
thirty-five days after the mailing of the notice, the elector's
registration status shall be changed from active to inactive. If the
notice sent by the recorder is not returned, the registrant may be
required to provide affirmation or confirmation of the registrant's
address in order to vote. If the registrant does not vote in an election
during the period after the date of the notice from the recorder through
the date of the second general election for federal office following the
date of that notice, the registrant's name shall be removed from the list
of inactive voters. If the registrant has changed residence to a new
county, the county recorder shall provide information on how the
registrant can continue to be eligible to vote.

F. The county recorder shall reject any application for
registration that is not accompanied by satisfactory evidence of United
States citizenship. Satisfactory evidence of citizenship shall include
any of the following:

1. The number of the applicant's driver license or nonoperating
identification license issued after October 1, 1996 by the department of
transportation or the equivalent governmental agency of another state
within the United States if the agency indicates on the applicant's driver
license or nonoperating identification license that the person has
provided satisfactory proof of United States citizenship.

2. A legible photocopy of the applicant's birth certificate that
verifies citizenship to the satisfaction of the county recorder.

3. A legible photocopy of pertinent pages of the applicant's United
States passport identifying the applicant and the applicant's passport
number or presentation to the county recorder of the applicant's United
States passport.

4. A presentation to the county recorder of the applicant's United
States naturalization documents or the number of the certificate of
naturalization. If only the number of the certificate of naturalization
is provided, the applicant shall not be included in the registration rolls
until the number of the certificate of naturalization is verified with the
United States immigration and naturalization service by the county
recorder.

5. Other documents or methods of proof that are established
pursuant to the immigration reform and control act of 1986.
6. The applicant's bureau of Indian affairs card number, tribal treaty card number or tribal enrollment number.

G. Notwithstanding subsection F of this section, any person who is registered in this state on the effective date of this amendment to this section is deemed to have provided satisfactory evidence of citizenship and shall not be required to resubmit evidence of citizenship unless the person is changing voter registration from one county to another.

H. For the purposes of this section, proof of voter registration from another state or county is not satisfactory evidence of citizenship.

I. A person who modifies voter registration records with a new residence ballot shall not be required to submit evidence of citizenship. After citizenship has been demonstrated to the county recorder, the person is not required to resubmit satisfactory evidence of citizenship in that county.

J. After a person has submitted satisfactory evidence of citizenship, the county recorder shall indicate this information in the person's permanent voter file. After two years the county recorder may destroy all documents that were submitted as evidence of citizenship.