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AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 16, CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 2, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 16-411.01; RELATING TO CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS.

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1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:
2 Section 1. Title 16, chapter 4, article 2, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 16-411.01, to read:
4 16-411.01. Election and polling place standards; consultation
5 A. IN ORDER TO MINIMIZE VOTING WAIT TIMES, ENSURE ACCESS TO VOTING
6 AND VOTING LOCATIONS AND PROVIDE SAFE AND SECURE VOTING FOR ALL PERSONS,
7 THE SECRETARY OF STATE, COUNTY RECORDERS AND OTHER OFFICERS IN CHARGE OF
8 ELECTIONS SHALL MEET AT LEAST ANNUALLY TO CONSIDER AND DEVELOP STANDARDS
9 AND PROCEDURES FOR THE FOLLOWING:
10 1. ENSURING THAT A VOTER DOES NOT WAIT MORE THAN ONE HOUR TO VOTE
11 AT A POLLING PLACE OR VOTING CENTER.
12 2. DETERMINING THE APPROPRIATE NUMBER OF POLLING PLACES FOR AN
13 ELECTION AND JURISDICTION.
14 3. ENSURING THAT POLLING PLACES AND VOTING CENTERS ARE ESTABLISHED
15 IN LOCATIONS THAT PROVIDE EQUAL ACCESS FOR ALL PERSONS, INCLUDING ENSURING
16 ACCESS FOR PERSONS WHO USE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION OR WHO HAVE NO
17 TRANSPORTATION AND FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.
18 4. DETERMINING THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF STAFFING, THE APPROPRIATE
19 AMOUNT AND TYPE OF EQUIPMENT OR SYSTEMS USED IN EACH POLLING PLACE OR
20 VOTING CENTER AND THE NUMBER OF BALLOTS AND OTHER SUPPLIES AND MAINTAINING
21 SUFFICIENT RESERVES OF EQUIPMENT, SYSTEMS, BALLOTS AND PERSONNEL.
22 5. PROVIDING TIMELY AND ACCURATE INFORMATION REGARDING POLLING
23 PLACE AND VOTING CENTER LOCATIONS AND HOURS OF OPERATION AND ENSURING THE
24 INFORMATION IS AS BROADLY DISSEMINATED AS POSSIBLE.
25 6. DEVELOPING BEST PRACTICES FOR PREVENTING AND STOPPING
26 INTIMIDATION OR HARASSMENT OF VOTERS AND POTENTIAL VOTERS.
27 B. THE SECRETARY OF STATE, COUNTY RECORDERS AND OTHER OFFICERS IN
28 CHARGE OF ELECTIONS SHALL CONSULT WITH THE UNITED STATES ELECTION
29 ASSISTANCE COMMISSION AND OTHER RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS, INSTITUTIONS AND
30 PERSONS THAT HAVE EXPERTISE IN VOTING AND ELECTIONS AND RELATED SYSTEMS
31 AND PROCESSES, INCLUDING EXPERTISE RELATED TO ACCESS AND COMPLIANCE
32 ISSUES.