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Introduced by
Senator Ugenti-Rita

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 16-134, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO
QUALIFICATION AND REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Section 16-134, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 16-134. Return of registrations made outside office of county
5 recorder; incomplete or illegible forms

6 A. A county recorder shall authorize persons to accept registration
7 forms, shall designate places for receipt of registration forms and shall
8 designate additional locations for distribution of voter registration
9 forms. Public assistance agencies and disabilities agencies as defined in
10 section 16-140 shall return or mail completed voter registrations to the
11 county recorder of the county in which the applicant resides within five
12 days after receipt of those registrations. **A COUNTY RECORDER MAY NOT**
13 **CONDUCT A VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE OR OTHER SIMILAR VOTER REGISTRATION**
14 **EVENT AT ANY LOCATION OTHER THAN AT A LOCATION, FACILITY OR PROPERTY THAT**
15 **IS GOVERNMENT OWNED.**

16 B. If the information on the registration form is incomplete or
17 illegible and the county recorder is not able to process the registration
18 form, the county recorder shall notify the applicant within ten business
19 days of receipt of the registration form, shall specify the missing or
20 illegible information and, if the missing or illegible information
21 includes any of the information prescribed by section 16-121.01,
22 subsection A, shall state that the registration cannot be completed until
23 the information is supplied. If the missing or illegible information is
24 supplied before 7:00 p.m. on election day, that person is deemed to have
25 been registered on the date the registration was first received.

26 C. In the case of registration by mail, a voter registration is
27 valid for an election if it complies with either of the following:

28 1. The form is postmarked twenty-nine days or more before an
29 election and is received by the county recorder by 7:00 p.m. on the day of
30 that election.

31 2. The registration is dated twenty-nine days or more before an
32 election and is received by the county recorder by first class mail within
33 five days after the last day to register to vote in that election.

34 D. The date of registration entered for registration forms that are
35 received by the county recorder from persons, groups or agencies that are
36 not authorized to accept registrations pursuant to subsection A of this
37 section and that do not bear a legible postmark date or an otherwise
38 reliable date shall be the date that those forms are received by the
39 county recorder.