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early voting envelopes; party affiliation

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CHAPTER 53
SENATE BILL 1002

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 16-545, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO EARLY VOTING.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Section 16-545, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 16-545. Early ballot

5 A. The early ballot shall be one prepared for use in the precinct
6 in which the applicant resides and, if a partisan primary election, of the
7 political party with which the applicant is affiliated as shown by the
8 affidavit of registration. The ballot shall be identical with the regular
9 official ballots, except that it shall have printed or stamped on it
10 "early".

11 B. The officer charged by law with the duty of preparing ballots at
12 any election shall:

13 1. Prepare the official early ballot and deliver a sufficient
14 number to the recorder or other officer in charge of elections not later
15 than the thirty-third day before the election. Except as provided in
16 section 16-542, subsection D, regular early ballots shall not be
17 distributed to the general public before the beginning of early voting.

18 2. Ensure that the ballot return envelopes are of a type that does
19 not reveal the voter's selections OR POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION and that
20 is tamper evident when properly sealed.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR MARCH 18, 2021.

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