CHAPTER 388

SENATE BILL 1835

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 16-590 AND 16-1004, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO ELECTIONS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)
Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

Section 1. Section 16-590, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

16-590. Appointment of challengers and party representatives
A. The county chairman of each party may, for each precinct, by written appointment addressed to the election board, designate a party agent or representative and alternates for a polling place in the precinct who may act as challengers for the party which appointed him.
B. At each voting place, one challenger for each political party may be present and act, but no challenger may enter a voting booth except to mark his ballot.
C. Not more than the number of party representatives for each party which were mutually agreed upon by each political party represented on the ballot shall be in the polling place at one time. If such agreement cannot be reached, the number of representatives shall be limited to one in the polling place at one time for each political party.
D. A CHALLENGER OR PARTY REPRESENTATIVE SHALL BE A RESIDENT OF THIS STATE AND REGISTERED TO VOTE IN THIS STATE.

Sec. 2. Section 16-1004, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

16-1004. Interference with or corruption of election officer; interference with voting equipment; classification
A. A person who at any election knowingly interferes in any manner with an officer of such election in the discharge of the officer's duty, or who induces an officer of an election or officer whose duty it is to ascertain, announce or declare the result of such election, to violate or refuse to comply with the officer's duty or any law regulating the election, is guilty of a class 5 felony.
B. A person who knowingly modifies the software, hardware or source code for voting equipment without receiving approval or certification pursuant to section 16-442 is guilty of a class 5 felony.
C. A PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY IMPERSONATES ANY ELECTION OFFICIAL, INCLUDING AN ELECTION BOARD MEMBER OR OTHER POLL WORKER OR A CHALLENGER OR PARTY REPRESENTATIVE DESIGNATED PURSUANT TO SECTION 16-590, IS GUILTY OF A CLASS 6 FELONY.