



ARIZONA STATE SENATE
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FACT SHEET FOR H.B. 2054

voter registration database; death records

Purpose

Requires, rather than allows, the Secretary of State to compare records of deaths with the statewide voter registration database.

Background

The Arizona Department of Health Services (DHS) must transmit each month to the Secretary of State a record of the death of every resident of the state reported to DHS within the preceding month. The Secretary of State must use the record for the sole purpose of canceling the names of deceased persons from the statewide voter registration database. Additionally, DHS must annually provide to the Secretary of State, from the statewide electronic death registration system, a record of all deaths of residents of Arizona that are reported to DHS. The Secretary of State may compare the records of deaths with the statewide voter registration database. The name of each deceased person must promptly be canceled from the statewide voter registration database and the Secretary of State must notify the appropriate county recorder and the recorder must cancel the name of the person from the register. A county recorder must cancel a registration when the county recorder knows of the death of the person registered ([A.R.S. § 16-165](#)).

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the state General Fund associated with this legislation.

Provisions

1. Requires, rather than allows, the Secretary of State to compare the records of deaths transmitted monthly by DHS with the statewide voter registration database.
2. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

House Action

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