ARIZONA STATE SENATE
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FACT SHEET FOR S.B. 1133

schools; cities; all mail prohibited

Purpose

Effective January 1, 2023, prohibits a city, town or school district from conducting a mail ballot election.

Background

A *mail ballot* election is an election in which every qualified voter in a jurisdiction is mailed a ballot, regardless if the voter requests a one-time ballot-by-mail or is on the Active Early Voter List (EPM Ch. 3). A city, town, school district or special taxing district may conduct a mail ballot election. The county recorder or other officer in charge of elections must mail all official ballots 27 to 15 days before the election (A.R.S. § 16-558.01). A city, town or school district that conducts a mail ballot election must report to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by January 1 of the year following the election on: 1) any changes in voter turnout; 2) costs of the mail ballot election; 3) suggestions of improvements for mail ballot elections; 4) frequency and severity of irregularities in the mail ballot process; 5) voter satisfaction with the election process; and 6) the number of nondeliverable ballots (A.R.S. § 16-409).

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

Provisions

1. Prohibits a city, town or school district from conducting a mail ballot election.

2. Removes mail ballot election reporting requirements for a city, town or school district.

3. Makes technical and conforming changes.

4. Becomes effective on January 1, 2023.

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