HB2722: elections; option; full hand count
Sponsor: Representative Griffin, LD 19
Senate Engrossed

Overview

Grants specified individuals the option to hand count ballots in an election where the counting center is utilizing automatic tabulating equipment.

History.

If it becomes impracticable to count all or some of the ballots with tabulating equipment, the officer in charge of elections may direct ballots be counted manually, following the provisions governing the counting of paper ballots. No valid ballot shall be left uncounted (Elections Procedures Manual).

The officer in charge of elections must commence the hand count with a public announcement and explanation of the procedure. The hand count must begin within 24 hours after the polls close on Election Day and must be completed before the county canvass. Throughout the hand count, the officer in charge of elections must retain custody and control of all hand counted ballots (A.R.S. § 16-602).

Provisions

1. States that an officer in charge of elections, the County Recorder or any person designated by the Board of Supervisors may hand count ballots in an election. (Sec. 1)

2. Specifies that if a portion of ballots are to be counted by hand, those ballots must be randomly selected. (Sec. 1)

3. Makes technical changes. (Sec. 1)

4. Contains a legislative intent clause. (Sec. 2)

Senate Amendments

1. Removes the officer in charge of elections from the list of authorized persons who may hand county ballots in an election.

☐ Prop 105 (45 votes)   ☐ Prop 108 (40 votes)   ☐ Emergency (40 votes)   ☐ Fiscal Note