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SB 1597: early ballot on-site tabulation; requirement

Sponsor: Senator Mesnard, LD 13

Transmitted to the Governor

Overview

Requires Maricopa and Pima counties to provide for at least one polling location in each Legislative District that allows for the on-site tabulation of voted early ballots by the 2024 general election.

History

[Laws 2022, Chapter 271](#) provides counties the option to provide for the on-site tabulation of voted early ballots on election day. Statute outlines procedures for counties that authorize the on-site tabulation of voted early ballots. Specifically, the County Recorder or officer in charge of elections must designate an area within a precinct or voting center to process electors with their voted early ballots. The elector is required to provide valid identification and an election official must confirm that the name and address on the elector's completed affidavit reasonably matches the name and address in the precinct register. Once the elector signs the signature roster, they can proceed to the tabulating equipment where the elector is directed, under the observation of an election official, to remove the early ballot from the completed ballot affidavit envelope, deposit the empty completed affidavit envelope in a secured drop box and insert the early ballot into the tabulating machine (A.R.S. §§ [16-579.01](#), [16-579.02](#)).

Provisions

1. Modifies the statute concerning on-site tabulation of voted early ballots to mandate counties with a population of 500,000 or more provide for at least one polling place in each Legislative District that allows for the on-site tabulation of voted early ballots. (Sec. 1)
2. Requires counties with a population of 500,000 or more to comply with this law by the 2024 general election. (Sec. 1)
3. Makes technical and conforming changes. (Sec. 1)

Prop 105 (45 votes)

Prop 108 (40 votes)

Emergency (40 votes)

Fiscal Note