

REFERENCE TITLE: election worker harassment task force

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Introduced by
Representative Blattman

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 16, CHAPTER 7, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 16-1023; RELATING TO ELECTIONS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 16, chapter 7, article 1, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 16-1023, to read:

4 16-1023. Election worker harassment task force; membership;
5 duties; annual report; definitions

6 A. THE ELECTION WORKER HARASSMENT TASK FORCE IS ESTABLISHED IN THE
7 SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE AND CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

8 1. ONE ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL FROM THE CRIMINAL DIVISION OF THE
9 ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE WHO IS APPOINTED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

10 2. ONE ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL FROM THE CIVIL LITIGATION
11 DIVISION OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE WHO IS APPOINTED BY THE ATTORNEY
12 GENERAL.

13 3. TWO MEMBERS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT WHO ARE APPOINTED BY THE ATTORNEY
14 GENERAL.

15 4. TWO ELECTION WORKERS WHO ARE APPOINTED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE
16 AND WHO ARE MEMBERS OF DIFFERENT POLITICAL PARTIES OR AT LEAST ONE OF WHOM
17 IS REGISTERED AS NO PARTY PREFERENCE.

18 5. FOUR ELECTION OFFICERS WHO ARE APPOINTED BY THE SECRETARY OF
19 STATE, NOT MORE THAN TWO OF WHOM ARE MEMBERS OF THE SAME POLITICAL PARTY.

20 B. THE TASK FORCE SHALL:

21 1. ELECT A CHAIRPERSON FROM AMONG ITS MEMBERSHIP.

22 2. MEET AS OFTEN AS THE CHAIRPERSON DEEMS NECESSARY.

23 3. COORDINATE, INVESTIGATE, PROSECUTE OR REFER FOR PROSECUTION,
24 VIOLATIONS OF THIS CHAPTER.

25 4. ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2025 AND EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, THE TASK
26 FORCE SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT OF ITS ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING THE NUMBER OF AND
27 NATURE OF REPORTS RECEIVED BY THE TASK FORCE, TO THE GOVERNOR, THE
28 PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE
29 CHAIRPERSON OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES MUNICIPAL OVERSIGHT AND
30 ELECTIONS COMMITTEE, OR ITS SUCCESSOR COMMITTEE, AND THE CHAIRPERSON OF
31 THE SENATE ELECTIONS COMMITTEE, OR ITS SUCCESSOR COMMITTEE, AND SHALL
32 PROVIDE A COPY OF THE REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

33 C. THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL:

34 1. PROVIDE ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT TO THE TASK FORCE, INCLUDING
35 RECORD RETENTION.

36 2. PROVIDE THE TASK FORCE WITH MEETING SPACE.

37 3. POST THE TASK FORCE'S ANNUAL REPORT ON THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S
38 WEBSITE.

39 D. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:

40 1. "ELECTION OFFICER" MEANS AN ELECTED OR APPOINTED INDIVIDUAL WHO
41 IS ENGAGED IN ELECTIONS ADMINISTERED BY THIS STATE OR A CITY, TOWN,
42 COUNTY, SCHOOL DISTRICT OR OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THIS STATE AND
43 WHOSE DUTIES INCLUDE ADMINISTERING, SUPPORTING, ASCERTAINING, ANNOUNCING,
44 DECLARING OR REGULATING ELECTIONS.

1 2. "ELECTION WORKER" INCLUDES A SEASONAL, PART-TIME OR FULL-TIME
2 EMPLOYEE OR A VOLUNTEER WHO IS ENGAGED IN ELECTIONS ADMINISTERED BY THIS
3 STATE OR A CITY, TOWN, COUNTY, SCHOOL DISTRICT OR OTHER POLITICAL
4 SUBDIVISION OF THIS STATE AND WHOSE DUTIES INCLUDE ADMINISTERING,
5 SUPPORTING, ASCERTAINING, ANNOUNCING, DECLARING OR REGULATING ELECTIONS.