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## **HB 2547**

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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 16-411, 16-531, 16-542, 16-579.01, 16-579.02, 16-1017  
AND 16-1018, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:  
2 Section 1. Section 16-411, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:  
4 16-411. Designation of election precincts and polling places;  
5 electioneering; wait times  
6 A. The board of supervisors of each county, on or before October 1  
7 of each year preceding the year of a general election, by an order, shall  
8 establish a convenient number of election precincts in the county and  
9 define the boundaries of the precincts as follows:  
10 1. The election precinct boundaries shall be established so as to  
11 be included within election districts prescribed by law for elected  
12 officers of the state and its political subdivisions, including community  
13 college district precincts, except those elected officers provided for in  
14 titles 30 and 48. **AT THE TIME ELECTION PRECINCTS ARE DESIGNATED, AN**  
15 **ELECTION PRECINCT MAY NOT CONTAIN MORE THAN ONE THOUSAND REGISTERED**  
16 **VOTERS.**  
17 2. If after October 1 of the year preceding the year of a general  
18 election the board of supervisors must further adjust precinct boundaries  
19 due to the redistricting of election districts as prescribed by law and to  
20 comply with this subsection, the board of supervisors shall adjust these  
21 precinct boundaries as soon as is practicable.  
22 B. At least twenty days before a general or primary election, and  
23 at least ten days before a special election, the board shall designate one  
24 polling place within each precinct where the election shall be held,  
25 except that:  
26 1. On a specific finding of the board, included in the order or  
27 resolution designating polling places pursuant to this subsection, that no  
28 suitable polling place is available within a precinct, a polling place for  
29 that precinct may be designated within an adjacent precinct.  
30 2. Adjacent precincts may be combined if boundaries so established  
31 are included in election districts prescribed by law for state elected  
32 officials and political subdivisions including community college districts  
33 but not including elected officials prescribed by titles 30 and 48. The  
34 officer in charge of elections may also split a precinct for  
35 administrative purposes. The polling places shall be listed in separate  
36 sections of the order or resolution.  
37 3. On a specific finding of the board that the number of persons  
38 who are listed as early voters pursuant to section 16-544 and who are not  
39 expected to have their ballots tabulated at the polling place as  
40 prescribed in section 16-579.02 is likely to substantially reduce the  
41 number of voters appearing at one or more specific polling places at that  
42 election, adjacent precincts may be consolidated by combining polling  
43 places and precinct boards for that election. The board of supervisors  
44 shall ensure that a reasonable and adequate number of polling places will

1 be designated for that election. Any consolidated polling places shall be  
2 listed in separate sections of the order or resolution of the board.

3 ~~4. On a specific resolution of the board,~~ The board **OF SUPERVISORS**  
4 may **NOT** authorize the use of voting centers in place of or in addition to  
5 specifically designated polling places. ~~A voting center shall allow any~~  
6 ~~voter in that county to receive the appropriate ballot for that voter on~~  
7 ~~election day after presenting identification as prescribed in section~~  
8 ~~16-579 and to lawfully cast the ballot. Voting centers may be established~~  
9 ~~in coordination and consultation with the county recorder, at other county~~  
10 ~~offices or at other locations in the county deemed appropriate.~~

11 ~~5. On a specific resolution of the board of supervisors that is~~  
12 ~~limited to a specific election date and that is voted on by a recorded~~  
13 ~~vote, the board may authorize the county recorder or other officer in~~  
14 ~~charge of elections to use emergency voting centers as follows:~~

15 ~~(a) The board shall specify in the resolution the location and the~~  
16 ~~hours of operation of the emergency voting centers.~~

17 ~~(b) A qualified elector voting at an emergency voting center shall~~  
18 ~~provide identification as prescribed in section 16-579, except that~~  
19 ~~notwithstanding section 16-579, subsection A, paragraph 2, for any voting~~  
20 ~~at an emergency voting center, the county recorder or other officer in~~  
21 ~~charge of elections may allow a qualified elector to update the elector's~~  
22 ~~voter registration information as provided for in the secretary of state's~~  
23 ~~instructions and procedures manual adopted pursuant to section 16-452.~~

24 ~~(c) If an emergency voting center established pursuant to this~~  
25 ~~section becomes unavailable and there is not sufficient time for the board~~  
26 ~~of supervisors to convene to approve an alternate location for that~~  
27 ~~emergency voting center, the county recorder or other officer in charge of~~  
28 ~~elections may make changes to the approved emergency voting center~~  
29 ~~location and shall notify the public and the board of supervisors~~  
30 ~~regarding that change as soon as practicable. The alternate emergency~~  
31 ~~voting center shall be as close in proximity to the approved emergency~~  
32 ~~voting center location as possible.~~

33 C. If the board fails to designate the place for holding the  
34 election, or if it cannot be held at or about the place designated, the  
35 justice of the peace in the precinct, two days before the election, by an  
36 order, copies of which the justice of the peace shall immediately post in  
37 three public places in the precinct, shall designate the place within the  
38 precinct for holding the election. If there is no justice of the peace in  
39 the precinct, or if the justice of the peace fails to do so, the election  
40 board of the precinct shall designate and give notice of the place within  
41 the precinct of holding the election. For any election in which there are  
42 no candidates for elected office appearing on the ballot, the board may  
43 consolidate polling places and precinct boards and may consolidate the  
44 tabulation of results for that election if all of the following apply:

1           1. All affected voters are notified by mail of the change at least  
2 thirty-three days before the election.

3           2. Notice of the change in polling places includes notice of the  
4 new voting location, notice of the hours for voting on election day and  
5 notice of the telephone number to call for voter assistance.

6           3. All affected voters receive information on early voting that  
7 includes the application used to request an early voting ballot.

8           D. The board is not required to designate a polling place for  
9 special district mail ballot elections held pursuant to article 8.1 of  
10 this chapter, but the board may designate one or more sites for voters to  
11 deposit marked ballots until 7:00 p.m. on the day of the election.

12           E. Except as provided in subsection F of this section, a public  
13 school shall provide sufficient space for use as a polling place for any  
14 city, county or state election when requested by the officer in charge of  
15 elections.

16           F. The principal of the school may deny a request to provide space  
17 for use as a polling place for any city, county or state election if,  
18 within two weeks after a request has been made, the principal provides a  
19 written statement indicating a reason the election cannot be held in the  
20 school, including any of the following:

21           1. Space is not available at the school.

22           2. The safety or welfare of the children would be jeopardized.

23           G. The board shall make available to the public as a public record  
24 a list of the polling places for all precincts in which the election is to  
25 be held.

26           H. Except in the case of an emergency, any facility that is used as  
27 a polling place on election day ~~or that is used as an early voting site~~  
28 ~~during the period of early voting~~ shall allow persons to electioneer and  
29 engage in other political activity outside of the seventy-five foot limit  
30 prescribed by section 16-515 in public areas and parking lots used by  
31 voters. This subsection does not allow the temporary or permanent  
32 construction of structures in public areas and parking lots or the  
33 blocking or other impairment of access to parking spaces for voters. The  
34 county recorder or other officer in charge of elections shall post on its  
35 website at least two weeks before election day a list of those polling  
36 places in which emergency conditions prevent electioneering and shall  
37 specify the reason the emergency designation was granted and the number of  
38 attempts that were made to find a polling place before granting an  
39 emergency designation. If the polling place is not on the website list of  
40 polling places with emergency designations, electioneering and other  
41 political activity shall be allowed outside of the seventy-five foot  
42 limit. If an emergency arises after the county recorder or other officer  
43 in charge of elections' initial website posting, the county recorder or  
44 other officer in charge of elections shall update the website as soon as  
45 is practicable to include any new polling places, shall highlight the

1 polling place location on the website and shall specify the reason the  
2 emergency designation was granted and the number of attempts that were  
3 made to find a polling place before granting an emergency designation.

4 I. For the purposes of this section, a county recorder or other  
5 officer in charge of elections shall designate a polling place as an  
6 emergency polling place and thus prohibit persons from electioneering and  
7 engaging in other political activity outside of the seventy-five foot  
8 limit prescribed by section 16-515 but inside the property of the facility  
9 that is hosting the polling place if any of the following occurs:

10 1. An act of God renders a previously set polling place as  
11 unusable.

12 2. A county recorder or other officer in charge of elections has  
13 exhausted all options and there are no suitable facilities in a precinct  
14 that are willing to be a polling place unless a facility can be given an  
15 emergency designation.

16 J. The secretary of state shall provide through the instructions  
17 and procedures manual adopted pursuant to section 16-452 the maximum  
18 allowable wait time for any election that is subject to section 16-204 and  
19 provide for a method to reduce voter wait time at the polls in the primary  
20 and general elections. The method shall consider at least all of the  
21 following for primary and general elections in each precinct:

22 1. The number of ballots voted in the prior primary and general  
23 elections.

24 2. The number of registered voters who voted early in the prior  
25 primary and general elections.

26 3. The number of registered voters and the number of registered  
27 voters who cast an early ballot for the current primary or general  
28 election.

29 4. The number of registered voters whose early ballots were  
30 tabulated on-site as prescribed in section 16-579.02 in the prior primary  
31 and general elections.

32 5. The number of election board members and clerks and the number  
33 of rosters that will reduce voter wait time at the polls.

34 Sec. 2. Section 16-531, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
35 read:

36 16-531. Appointment of election boards; qualifications

37 A. When an election is ordered, and not less than twenty days  
38 before a general or primary election, the board of supervisors shall  
39 appoint for each election precinct, ~~voting center or other voting location~~  
40 one inspector, one marshal, two judges and as many clerks of election as  
41 deemed necessary. The inspector, marshal, judges and clerks shall be  
42 qualified voters of the precinct for which appointed, except if there is  
43 not a sufficient number of persons available to provide the number of  
44 appointments required, the inspector, marshal, judges and clerks shall be  
45 qualified voters of this state. The inspector, marshal and judges shall

1 not have changed their political party affiliation or their no party  
 2 preference affiliation since the last preceding general election, and if  
 3 they are members of the two political parties that cast the highest number  
 4 of votes in the state at the last preceding general election, they shall  
 5 be divided equally between these two parties. There shall be an equal  
 6 number of inspectors in the various precincts in the county who are  
 7 members of the two largest political parties. In each precinct where the  
 8 inspector is a member of one of the two largest political parties, the  
 9 marshal in that precinct shall be a member of the other of the two largest  
 10 political parties. Whenever possible, any person appointed as an  
 11 inspector shall have had previous experience as an inspector, judge,  
 12 marshal or clerk of elections. If there is no qualified person in a given  
 13 precinct, the appointment of an inspector may be made from names provided  
 14 by the county party chairman. If not less than ninety days before the  
 15 election the chairman of the county committee of either of the parties  
 16 designates qualified voters of the precinct, or of another precinct if  
 17 there are not sufficient members of that party available in the precinct  
 18 to provide the necessary representation on the election board as judge,  
 19 such designated qualified voters shall be appointed. The judges, together  
 20 with the inspector, shall constitute the board of elections. Any  
 21 registered voter in the election precinct, or in another election precinct  
 22 if there are not sufficient persons available in the election precinct for  
 23 which the clerks are being appointed, may be appointed as clerk.

24 B. If the election precinct consists of fewer than three hundred  
 25 qualified electors, the board of supervisors may appoint not fewer than  
 26 one inspector and two judges. The board of supervisors shall give notice  
 27 of election precincts consisting of fewer than three hundred qualified  
 28 electors to the county chairmen of the two largest political parties not  
 29 later than thirty days before the election. The inspector and judges  
 30 shall be appointed in the same manner by party as provided in subsection A  
 31 of this section.

32 C. If a nonpartisan election is ordered, not less than twenty days  
 33 before the election the governing board holding the election shall  
 34 appoint, without consideration for political party, ~~a minimum of~~ AT LEAST  
 35 three election workers for each polling place. The election workers shall  
 36 consist of at least one inspector and two judges. Whenever possible, they  
 37 shall be qualified electors of the precinct located within the district,  
 38 without consideration for political party.

39 D. For election boards established pursuant to subsection B of this  
 40 section, the inspector and two judges shall be appointed to provide as  
 41 equal as practicable representation of members of the two largest  
 42 political parties on the board in the same manner as provided for the  
 43 election boards prescribed by subsection A of this section. Any  
 44 registered voter in the election precinct, or in another election precinct  
 45 if there are not sufficient persons available in the election precinct for

1 which the clerks are being appointed, may be appointed as clerk. No  
2 United States, state, county or precinct officer, nor a candidate for  
3 office at the election, other than a precinct committeeman or a candidate  
4 for the office of precinct committeeman, is qualified to act as judge,  
5 inspector, marshal or clerk.

6 E. If an electronic voting system is in use the write-in ballots  
7 shall be tallied by a board of elections consisting of one inspector and  
8 two judges who are appointed in the same manner by party as provided in  
9 subsection A of this section.

10 F. Notwithstanding any other law, the board of supervisors may  
11 appoint to an election board to serve as a clerk of election a person who  
12 is not eligible to vote if all of the following conditions are met:

13 1. The person is a minor who will be at least sixteen years of age  
14 at the time of the election for which the person is named to the election  
15 board.

16 2. The person is a citizen of the United States at the time of the  
17 election for which the person is named to the election board.

18 3. The person is supervised by an adult who has been trained as an  
19 elections officer.

20 4. The person has received training provided by the officer in  
21 charge of elections.

22 5. The parent or guardian of the person has provided written  
23 permission for the person to serve.

24 G. A school district or charter school shall not be required to  
25 reduce its average daily membership, as defined in section 15-901, for any  
26 pupil who is absent from one or more instructional programs as a result of  
27 the pupil's service on an election board pursuant to subsection F of this  
28 section.

29 H. A school district or charter school shall not count any pupil's  
30 absence from one or more instructional programs as a result of the pupil's  
31 service on an election board pursuant to subsection F of this section  
32 against any mandatory attendance requirements for the pupil.

33 I. This section does not prevent the board of supervisors or  
34 governing body from refusing for cause to reappoint, or from removing for  
35 cause, an election board member.

36 Sec. 3. Section 16-542, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
37 read:

38 16-542. Request for ballot; civil penalties; violation;  
39 classification

40 A. Within ninety-three days before any election called pursuant to  
41 the laws of this state, an elector may make a verbal or signed request to  
42 the county recorder, or other officer in charge of elections for the  
43 applicable political subdivision of this state in whose jurisdiction the  
44 elector is registered to vote, for an official early ballot. In addition  
45 to name and address, the requesting elector shall provide the date of

1 birth and state or country of birth or other information that if compared  
2 to the voter registration information on file would confirm the identity  
3 of the elector. If the request indicates that the elector needs a primary  
4 election ballot and a general election ballot, the county recorder or  
5 other officer in charge of elections shall honor the request. For any  
6 partisan primary election, if the elector is not registered as a member of  
7 a political party that is entitled to continued representation on the  
8 ballot pursuant to section 16-804, the elector shall designate the ballot  
9 of only one of the political parties that is entitled to continued  
10 representation on the ballot and the elector may receive and vote the  
11 ballot of only that one political party, which also shall include any  
12 nonpartisan offices and ballot questions, or the elector shall designate  
13 the ballot for nonpartisan offices and ballot questions only and the  
14 elector may receive and vote the ballot that contains only nonpartisan  
15 offices and ballot questions. The county recorder or other officer in  
16 charge of elections shall process any request for an early ballot for a  
17 municipal election pursuant to this subsection. ~~The county recorder may  
18 establish on-site early voting locations at the recorder's office, which  
19 shall be open and available for use beginning the same day that a county  
20 begins to send out the early ballots. The county recorder may also  
21 establish any other early voting locations in the county the recorder  
22 deems necessary. Any on-site early voting location or other early voting  
23 location shall require each elector to present identification as  
24 prescribed in section 16-579 before receiving a ballot. Notwithstanding  
25 section 16-579, subsection A, paragraph 2, at any on-site early voting  
26 location or other early voting location the county recorder or other  
27 officer in charge of elections may provide for a qualified elector to  
28 update the elector's voter registration information as provided for in the  
29 secretary of state's instructions and procedures manual adopted pursuant  
30 to section 16-452.~~

31 B. Notwithstanding subsection A of this section, a request for an  
32 official early ballot from an absent uniformed services voter or overseas  
33 voter as defined in the uniformed and overseas citizens absentee voting  
34 act ~~of 1986~~ (P.L. 99-410; 52 United States Code section 20310) or a voter  
35 whose information is protected pursuant to section 16-153 that is received  
36 by the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections more than  
37 ninety-three days before the election is valid. If requested by the  
38 absent uniformed services or overseas voter, or a voter whose information  
39 is protected pursuant to section 16-153, the county recorder or other  
40 officer in charge of elections shall provide to the requesting voter early  
41 ballot materials through the next regularly scheduled general election for  
42 federal office immediately following receipt of the request unless a  
43 different period of time, which does not exceed the next two regularly  
44 scheduled general elections for federal office, is designated by the  
45 voter.



1 C. The county recorder or other officer in charge of elections  
 2 shall mail the early ballot and the envelope for its return postage  
 3 prepaid to the address provided by the requesting elector within five days  
 4 after receipt of the official early ballots from the officer charged by  
 5 law with the duty of preparing ballots pursuant to section 16-545, except  
 6 that early ballot distribution shall not begin more than twenty-seven days  
 7 before the election. If an early ballot request is received on or before  
 8 the thirty-first day before the election, the early ballot shall be  
 9 distributed not earlier than the twenty-seventh day before the election  
 10 and not later than the twenty-fourth day before the election.

11 D. Only the elector may be in possession of that elector's unvoted  
 12 early ballot. If a complete and correct request is made by the elector  
 13 within twenty-seven days before the election, the mailing must be made  
 14 within forty-eight hours after receipt of the request. Saturdays, Sundays  
 15 and other legal holidays are excluded from the computation of the  
 16 ~~forty-eight hour~~ FORTY-EIGHT-HOUR period prescribed by this subsection.  
 17 If a complete and correct request is made by an absent uniformed services  
 18 voter or an overseas voter before the election, the regular early ballot  
 19 shall be transmitted by mail, by fax or by other electronic format  
 20 approved by the secretary of state within twenty-four hours after the  
 21 early ballots are delivered pursuant to section 16-545, subsection B,  
 22 excluding Sundays.

23 E. In order to be complete and correct and to receive an early  
 24 ballot by mail, an elector's request that an early ballot be mailed to the  
 25 elector's residence or temporary address must include all of the  
 26 information prescribed by subsection A of this section and must be  
 27 received by the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections ~~no~~  
 28 NOT later than 5:00 p.m. on the eleventh day preceding the election. ~~An~~  
 29 ~~elector who appears personally no later than 5:00 p.m. on the Friday~~  
 30 ~~preceding the election at an on-site early voting location that is~~  
 31 ~~established by the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections~~  
 32 ~~shall be given a ballot after presenting identification as prescribed in~~  
 33 ~~section 16-579 and shall be permitted to vote at the on-site location.~~  
 34 ~~Notwithstanding section 16-579, subsection A, paragraph 2, at any on-site~~  
 35 ~~early voting location the county recorder or other officer in charge of~~  
 36 ~~elections may provide for a qualified elector to update the elector's~~  
 37 ~~voter registration information as provided for in the secretary of state's~~  
 38 ~~instructions and procedures manual adopted pursuant to section 16-452.~~ If  
 39 an elector's request to receive an early ballot is not complete and  
 40 correct but complies with all other requirements of this section, the  
 41 county recorder or other officer in charge of elections shall attempt to  
 42 notify the elector of the deficiency of the request.

43 F. Unless an elector specifies that the address to which an early  
 44 ballot is to be sent is a temporary address, the recorder may use the

1 information from an early ballot request form to update voter registration  
2 records.

3 G. The county recorder or other officer in charge of early  
4 balloting shall provide an alphabetized list of all voters in the precinct  
5 who have requested and have been sent an early ballot to the election  
6 board of the precinct in which the voter is registered not later than the  
7 day before the election.

8 H. As a result of experiencing an emergency between 5:00 p.m. on  
9 the Friday preceding the election and 5:00 p.m. on the Monday preceding  
10 the election, qualified electors may request to vote in the manner  
11 prescribed by the board of supervisors of their respective county. Before  
12 voting pursuant to this subsection, an elector who experiences an  
13 emergency shall provide identification as prescribed in section 16-579 and  
14 shall sign a statement under penalty of perjury that states that the  
15 person is experiencing or experienced an emergency after 5:00 p.m. on the  
16 Friday immediately preceding the election and before 5:00 p.m. on the  
17 Monday immediately preceding the election that would prevent the person  
18 from voting at the polls. Signed statements received pursuant to this  
19 subsection are not subject to inspection pursuant to title 39, chapter 1,  
20 article 2. For the purposes of this subsection, "emergency" means any  
21 unforeseen circumstances that would prevent the elector from voting at the  
22 polls.

23 I. Notwithstanding section 16-579, subsection A, paragraph 2, for  
24 any voting pursuant to subsection H of this section, the county recorder  
25 or other officer in charge of elections may allow a qualified elector to  
26 update the elector's voter registration information as provided for in the  
27 secretary of state's instructions and procedures manual adopted pursuant  
28 to section 16-452.

29 J. A candidate, political committee or other organization may  
30 distribute early ballot request forms to voters. If the early ballot  
31 request forms include a printed address for return, the addressee shall be  
32 the political subdivision that will conduct the election. Failure to use  
33 the political subdivision as the return addressee is punishable by a civil  
34 penalty of up to three times the cost of the production and distribution  
35 of the request.

36 K. All original and completed early ballot request forms that are  
37 received by a candidate, political committee or other organization shall  
38 be submitted within six business days after receipt by a candidate,  
39 political committee or other organization or eleven days before the  
40 election day, whichever is earlier, to the political subdivision that will  
41 conduct the election. Any person, political committee or other  
42 organization that fails to submit a completed early ballot request form  
43 within the prescribed time is subject to a civil penalty of up to \$25 per  
44 day for each completed form withheld from submittal. Any person who  
45 knowingly fails to submit a completed early ballot request form before the

1 submission deadline for the election immediately following the completion  
2 of the form is guilty of a class 6 felony.

3 L. Except for a voter who is on the active early voting list  
4 prescribed by section 16-544, a voter who requests a onetime early ballot  
5 pursuant to THIS section ~~16-542~~ or for an election conducted pursuant to  
6 section 16-409 or article 8.1 of this chapter, a county recorder, city or  
7 town clerk or other election officer may not deliver or mail an early  
8 ballot to a person who has not requested an early ballot for that  
9 election. An election officer who knowingly violates this subsection is  
10 guilty of a class 5 felony.

11 Sec. 4. Section 16-579.01, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
12 read:

13 16-579.01. Early ballots; on-site tabulation

14 A. Every county recorder or other officer in charge of elections  
15 may provide for a qualified elector who appears at that elector's  
16 designated polling location ~~or at a voting center~~ on election day with the  
17 elector's voted early ballot to have the elector's voted early ballot  
18 tabulated as prescribed in section 16-579.02.

19 B. The county recorder or other officer in charge of elections  
20 shall do all of the following if the on-site tabulation of early ballots  
21 is allowed:

22 1. Designate an area within a precinct ~~or voting center~~ for  
23 processing electors with their voted early ballots that is physically  
24 separate from the area for voters who are voting pursuant to section  
25 16-579.

26 2. Provide adequate poll workers, election officials and equipment  
27 necessary to conduct voting pursuant to this section and section  
28 16-579.02.

29 3. Categorize and tally separately in the official canvass and  
30 other reports electors whose voted early ballots are tabulated at the  
31 precinct ~~or voting center~~. The tally shall be reported by precinct in the  
32 official canvass and other voting reports.

33 4. Reconcile for that polling place ~~or voting center~~ the number of  
34 electors who appear on the signature roster or ~~e-pollbook~~ ELECTRONIC  
35 POLLBOOK with the number of completed early ballot affidavits and the  
36 voted early ballots tabulated on-site.

37 Sec. 5. Section 16-579.02, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
38 read:

39 16-579.02. Election day early ballot on-site tabulation  
40 procedure; fund

41 A. A qualified elector who appears at ~~a voting center or at~~ the  
42 elector's designated polling place that allows for the on-site tabulation  
43 of early ballots with the elector's voted early ballot shall present  
44 identification as prescribed in section 16-579, subsection A, paragraph 1  
45 and proceed as follows:

1           1. If the elector does not present identification that complies  
2 with section 16-579, subsection A, paragraph 1, the elector shall either  
3 deposit the elector's voted early ballot in its affidavit envelope in an  
4 official drop box or proceed to the area designated for election day  
5 voting to surrender the early ballot to the election board for retention  
6 and not for tabulating. The elector shall then be allowed to vote a  
7 provisional ballot as prescribed in section 16-584. An election official  
8 may not allow for the on-site tabulation of an early ballot if the elector  
9 does not present identification that complies with section 16-579,  
10 subsection A, paragraph 1.

11           2. If the elector presents sufficient identification to comply with  
12 section 16-579, subsection A, paragraph 1, the elector shall present the  
13 elector's early ballot affidavit to the election official in charge of the  
14 signature roster, and the election official shall confirm that the name  
15 and address on the completed affidavit reasonably appear to be the same as  
16 the name and address on the precinct register.

17           3. If the elector's affidavit is not complete, the election  
18 official in charge of the signature roster shall allow the elector to  
19 complete the affidavit. The election official may not allow for the  
20 on-site tabulation of an early ballot until the elector presents a  
21 completed early ballot affidavit.

22           B. If the elector's affidavit is complete, the elector's name shall  
23 be numbered consecutively by the clerk and in the order of application for  
24 early ballot tabulation.

25           C. For precincts in which a paper signature roster is used, each  
26 qualified elector shall sign the elector's name in the signature roster as  
27 prescribed in section 16-579, subsection D before proceeding to the  
28 tabulating equipment.

29           D. For precincts in which an electronic pollbook is used, each  
30 qualified elector shall sign the elector's name as prescribed in section  
31 16-579, subsection E before proceeding to the tabulating equipment.

32           E. After signing the signature roster or electronic pollbook, the  
33 elector shall proceed to the tabulating equipment and, while under the  
34 observation of an election official, remove the early ballot from the  
35 completed affidavit envelope, deposit the empty completed affidavit  
36 envelope in the secured and labeled drop box and insert the early ballot  
37 into a tabulating machine. An early ballot that has been separated from  
38 the elector's completed affidavit envelope may not be removed from the  
39 on-site early ballot tabulation area.

40           F. The drop box prescribed in subsection E of this section shall be  
41 clearly labeled to indicate that the completed affidavits are from ballots  
42 tabulated pursuant to this section and shall be secured in a manner  
43 substantially similar to other ballot boxes at that location.

44           G. Any qualified elector who lawfully brings to a polling place ~~or~~  
45 ~~voting center~~ another elector's voted early ballot that is sealed in its

1 affidavit envelope shall deposit the other elector's voted early ballot in  
2 the appropriate ballot drop box before entering the on-site early ballot  
3 tabulation area for purposes of tabulating the elector's own early ballot.  
4 The county recorder or other officer in charge of elections shall ensure  
5 that a voter is not in possession of another voter's ballot within the  
6 on-site early ballot tabulation area.

7 Sec. 6. Section 16-1017, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
8 read:

9 16-1017. Unlawful acts by voters with respect to voting;  
10 classification

11 A voter who knowingly commits any of the following acts is guilty of  
12 a class 2 misdemeanor:

13 1. Makes a false statement as to the voter's inability to mark a  
14 ballot.

15 2. Interferes with a voter within the seventy-five foot limit of  
16 the polling place as posted by the election marshal ~~or within seventy-five~~  
17 ~~feet of the main outside entrance to an on-site early voting location~~  
18 ~~established by a county recorder pursuant to section 16-542, subsection A.~~

19 3. Endeavors while within the seventy-five foot limit for a polling  
20 place ~~or on-site early voting location~~ to induce a voter to vote for or  
21 against a particular candidate or issue.

22 4. ~~Prior to~~ BEFORE the close of an election defaces or destroys a  
23 sample ballot posted by election officers, or defaces, tears down,  
24 removes or destroys a card of instructions posted for the instruction of  
25 voters.

26 5. Removes or destroys supplies or conveniences furnished to enable  
27 a voter to prepare the voter's ballot.

28 6. Hinders the voting of others.

29 7. Votes in a county in which the voter no longer resides, except  
30 as provided in section 16-125.

31 Sec. 7. Section 16-1018, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
32 read:

33 16-1018. Additional unlawful acts by persons with respect to  
34 voting; classification

35 A person who commits any of the following acts is guilty of a class  
36 2 misdemeanor:

37 1. Knowingly electioneers on election day within a polling place or  
38 in a public manner within seventy-five feet of the main outside entrance  
39 of a polling place ~~or on-site early voting location established by a~~  
40 ~~county recorder pursuant to section 16-542, subsection A.~~

41 2. Intentionally disables or removes from the polling  
42 place, ~~on-site early voting location~~ or custody of an election official a  
43 voting machine or a voting record.

44 3. Knowingly removes an official ballot from a polling place before  
45 closing the polls.

1           4. Shows another voter's ballot to any person after it is prepared  
2 for voting in such a manner as to reveal the contents, except to an  
3 authorized person lawfully assisting the voter. A voter who makes  
4 available an image of the voter's own ballot by posting on the internet or  
5 in some other electronic medium is deemed to have consented to  
6 retransmittal of that image and that retransmittal does not constitute a  
7 violation of this section.

8           5. Knowingly solicits a voter to show the voter's ballot, or  
9 receives from a voter a ballot prepared for voting, unless the person is  
10 an election official or unless otherwise authorized by law.

11           6. Knowingly receives an official ballot from a person other than  
12 an election official having charge of the ballots.

13           7. Knowingly delivers an official ballot to a voter, unless the  
14 voter is an election official.

15           8. Except for a completed ballot transmitted by an elector by fax  
16 or other electronic format pursuant to section 16-543, knowingly places a  
17 mark on the voter's ballot by which it can be identified as the one voted  
18 by the voter.

19           9. After having received a ballot as a voter, knowingly fails to  
20 return the ballot to the election official before leaving the polling  
21 place or on-site early voting location.