

Senate Engrossed House Bill  
voting centers ban; precinct size

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# HOUSE BILL 2547

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. Beginning in 2026, the department of administration shall  
24 coordinate with state agencies and counties to provide available and  
25 appropriate state-owned facilities for use as a voting location for any  
26 city, county or state election when requested by the officer in charge of  
27 elections.

28           H. The board shall make available to the public as a public record  
29 a list of the polling places for all precincts in which the election is to  
30 be held.

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

1 political activity shall be allowed outside of the seventy-five foot  
2 limit. If an emergency arises after the county recorder or other officer  
3 in charge of elections' initial website posting, the county recorder or  
4 other officer in charge of elections shall update the website as soon as  
5 is practicable to include any new polling places, shall highlight the  
6 polling place location on the website and shall specify the reason the  
7 emergency designation was granted and the number of attempts that were  
8 made to find a polling place before granting an emergency designation.

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

15 1. An act of God renders a previously set polling place as  
16 unusable.

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

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

27 1. The number of ballots voted in the prior primary and general  
28 elections.

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

31 3. The number of registered voters and the number of registered  
32 voters who cast an early ballot for the current primary or general  
33 election.

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

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

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

41 16-531. Appointment of election boards; qualifications

42 A. When an election is ordered, and not less than twenty days  
43 before a general or primary election, the board of supervisors shall  
44 appoint for each election precinct, ~~voting center or other voting location~~  
45 one inspector, one marshal, two judges and as many clerks of election as

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

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

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

1           D. For election boards established pursuant to subsection B of this  
2 section, the inspector and two judges shall be appointed to provide as  
3 equal as practicable representation of members of the two largest  
4 political parties on the board in the same manner as provided for the  
5 election boards prescribed by subsection A of this section. Any  
6 registered voter in the election precinct, or in another election precinct  
7 if there are not sufficient persons available in the election precinct for  
8 which the clerks are being appointed, may be appointed as clerk. No  
9 United States, state, county or precinct officer, nor a candidate for  
10 office at the election, other than a precinct committeeman or a candidate  
11 for the office of precinct committeeman, is qualified to act as judge,  
12 inspector, marshal or clerk.

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

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

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

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

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

27           4. The person has received training provided by the officer in  
28 charge of elections.

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

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

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

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

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

3           16-542. Request for ballot; civil penalties; violation;  
4           classification

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

41           B. Notwithstanding subsection A of this section, a request for an  
42 official early ballot from an absent uniformed services voter or overseas  
43 voter as defined in the uniformed and overseas citizens absentee voting  
44 act (P.L. 99-410; 52 United States Code section 20310) or a voter whose  
45 information is protected pursuant to section 16-153 that is received by



1 the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections more than  
2 ninety-three days before the election is valid. If requested by the  
3 absent uniformed services or overseas voter, or a voter whose information  
4 is protected pursuant to section 16-153, the county recorder or other  
5 officer in charge of elections shall provide to the requesting voter early  
6 ballot materials through the next regularly scheduled general election for  
7 federal office immediately following receipt of the request unless a  
8 different period of time, which does not exceed the next two regularly  
9 scheduled general elections for federal office, is designated by the  
10 voter.

11 C. The county recorder or other officer in charge of elections  
12 shall mail the early ballot and the envelope for its return postage  
13 prepaid to the address provided by the requesting elector within five days  
14 after receipt of the official early ballots from the officer charged by  
15 law with the duty of preparing ballots pursuant to section 16-545, except  
16 that early ballot distribution shall not begin more than twenty-seven days  
17 before the election. If an early ballot request is received on or before  
18 the thirty-first day before the election, the early ballot shall be  
19 distributed not earlier than the twenty-seventh day before the election  
20 and not later than the twenty-fourth day before the election.

21 D. Only the elector may be in possession of that elector's unvoted  
22 early ballot. If a complete and correct request is made by the elector  
23 within twenty-seven days before the election, the mailing must be made  
24 within forty-eight hours after receipt of the request. Saturdays, Sundays  
25 and other legal holidays are excluded from the computation of the  
26 forty-eight-hour period prescribed by this subsection. If a complete and  
27 correct request is made by an absent uniformed services voter or an  
28 overseas voter before the election, the regular early ballot shall be  
29 transmitted by mail, by fax or by other electronic format approved by the  
30 secretary of state within twenty-four hours after the early ballots are  
31 delivered pursuant to section 16-545, subsection B, excluding Sundays.

32 E. In order to be complete and correct and to receive an early  
33 ballot by mail, an elector's request that an early ballot be mailed to the  
34 elector's residence or temporary address must include all of the  
35 information prescribed by subsection A of this section and must be  
36 received by the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections  
37 not later than 5:00 p.m. on the eleventh day preceding the election. ~~At  
38 elector who appears personally not later than 7:00 p.m. on the Friday  
39 preceding the election at an on-site early voting location that is  
40 established by the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections  
41 shall be given a ballot after presenting identification as prescribed in  
42 section 16-579 and shall be allowed to vote at the on-site location.  
43 Notwithstanding section 16-579, subsection A, paragraph 2, at any on-site  
44 early voting location the county recorder or other officer in charge of  
45 elections may provide for a qualified elector to update the elector's~~

1 ~~voter registration information as provided for in the secretary of state's~~  
2 ~~instructions and procedures manual adopted pursuant to section 16-452.~~ If  
3 an elector's request to receive an early ballot is not complete and  
4 correct but complies with all other requirements of this section, the  
5 county recorder or other officer in charge of elections shall attempt to  
6 notify the elector of the deficiency of the request.

7 F. Unless an elector specifies that the address to which an early  
8 ballot is to be sent is a temporary address, the recorder may use the  
9 information from an early ballot request form to update voter registration  
10 records.

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

16 H. As a result of experiencing an emergency between 7:00 p.m. on  
17 the Friday preceding the election and 5:00 p.m. on the Monday preceding  
18 the election, qualified electors may request to vote in the manner  
19 prescribed by the board of supervisors of their respective county. Before  
20 voting pursuant to this subsection, an elector who experiences an  
21 emergency shall provide identification as prescribed in section 16-579 and  
22 shall sign a statement under penalty of perjury that states that the  
23 person is experiencing or experienced an emergency after 7:00 p.m. on the  
24 Friday immediately preceding the election and before 5:00 p.m. on the  
25 Monday immediately preceding the election that would prevent the person  
26 from voting at the polls. Signed statements received pursuant to this  
27 subsection are not subject to inspection pursuant to title 39, chapter 1,  
28 article 2. For the purposes of this subsection, "emergency" means any  
29 unforeseen circumstances that would prevent the elector from voting at the  
30 polls.

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

37 J. A candidate, political committee or other organization may  
38 distribute early ballot request forms to voters. If the early ballot  
39 request forms include a printed address for return, the addressee shall be  
40 the political subdivision that will conduct the election. Failure to use  
41 the political subdivision as the return addressee is punishable by a civil  
42 penalty of up to three times the cost of the production and distribution  
43 of the request.

44 K. All original and completed early ballot request forms that are  
45 received by a candidate, political committee or other organization shall

1 be submitted within six business days after receipt by a candidate,  
2 political committee or other organization or eleven days before the  
3 election day, whichever is earlier, to the political subdivision that will  
4 conduct the election. Any person, political committee or other  
5 organization that fails to submit a completed early ballot request form  
6 within the prescribed time is subject to a civil penalty of up to \$25 per  
7 day for each completed form withheld from submittal. Any person who  
8 knowingly fails to submit a completed early ballot request form before the  
9 submission deadline for the election immediately following the completion  
10 of the form is guilty of a class 6 felony.

11 L. Except for a voter who is on the active early voting list  
12 prescribed by section 16-544, a voter who requests a onetime early ballot  
13 pursuant to this section or for an election conducted pursuant to section  
14 16-409 or article 8.1 of this chapter, a county recorder, city or town  
15 clerk or other election officer may not deliver or mail an early ballot to  
16 a person who has not requested an early ballot for that election. An  
17 election officer who knowingly violates this subsection is guilty of a  
18 class 5 felony.

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

21 16-579.01. Early ballots; on-site tabulation

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

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

30 1. Designate an area within a precinct ~~or voting center~~ for  
31 processing electors with their voted early ballots that is physically  
32 separate from the area for voters who are voting pursuant to section  
33 16-579.

34 2. Provide adequate poll workers, election officials and equipment  
35 necessary to conduct voting pursuant to this section and section  
36 16-579.02.

37 3. Categorize and tally separately in the official canvass and  
38 other reports electors whose voted early ballots are tabulated at the  
39 precinct ~~or voting center~~. The tally shall be reported by precinct in the  
40 official canvass and other voting reports.

41 4. Reconcile for that polling place ~~or voting center~~ the number of  
42 electors who appear on the signature roster or ~~e-pollbook~~ **ELECTRONIC**  
43 **POLLBOOK** with the number of completed early ballot affidavits and the  
44 voted early ballots tabulated on-site.

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

3           16-579.02. Election day early ballot on-site tabulation  
4           procedure; fund

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

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

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

26           3. If the elector's affidavit is not complete, the election  
27 official in charge of the signature roster shall allow the elector to  
28 complete the affidavit. The election official may not allow for the  
29 on-site tabulation of an early ballot until the elector presents a  
30 completed early ballot affidavit.

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

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

38           D. For precincts in which an electronic pollbook is used, each  
39 qualified elector shall sign the elector's name as prescribed in section  
40 16-579, subsection E before proceeding to the tabulating equipment.

41           E. After signing the signature roster or electronic pollbook, the  
42 elector shall proceed to the tabulating equipment and, while under the  
43 observation of an election official, remove the early ballot from the  
44 completed affidavit envelope, deposit the empty completed affidavit  
45 envelope in the secured and labeled drop box and insert the early ballot

1 into a tabulating machine. An early ballot that has been separated from  
2 the elector's completed affidavit envelope may not be removed from the  
3 on-site early ballot tabulation area.

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

8 G. Any qualified elector who lawfully brings to a polling place ~~or~~  
9 ~~voting center~~ another elector's voted early ballot that is sealed in its  
10 affidavit envelope shall deposit the other elector's voted early ballot in  
11 the appropriate ballot drop box before entering the on-site early ballot  
12 tabulation area for purposes of tabulating the elector's own early ballot.  
13 The county recorder or other officer in charge of elections shall ensure  
14 that a voter is not in possession of another voter's ballot within the  
15 on-site early ballot tabulation area.

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

18 16-1017. Unlawful acts by voters with respect to voting;  
19 classification

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

22 1. Makes a false statement as to the voter's inability to mark a  
23 ballot.

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

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

31 4. ~~Prior to~~ BEFORE the close of an election defaces or destroys a  
32 sample ballot posted by election officers, or defaces, tears down,  
33 removes or destroys a card of instructions posted for the instruction of  
34 voters.

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

37 6. Hinders the voting of others.

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

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

42 16-1018. Additional unlawful acts by persons with respect to  
43 voting; classification

44 A person who commits any of the following acts is guilty of a class  
45 2 misdemeanor:

- 1           1. Knowingly electioneers on election day within a polling place or  
2 in a public manner within seventy-five feet of the main outside entrance  
3 of a polling place ~~or on-site early voting location established by a~~  
4 ~~county recorder pursuant to section 16-542, subsection A.~~
- 5           2. Intentionally disables or removes from the polling  
6 place, ~~on-site early voting location~~ or custody of an election official a  
7 voting machine or a voting record.
- 8           3. Knowingly removes an official ballot from a polling place before  
9 closing the polls.
- 10          4. Shows another voter's ballot to any person after it is prepared  
11 for voting in such a manner as to reveal the contents, except to an  
12 authorized person lawfully assisting the voter. A voter who makes  
13 available an image of the voter's own ballot by posting on the internet or  
14 in some other electronic medium is deemed to have consented to  
15 retransmittal of that image and that retransmittal does not constitute a  
16 violation of this section.
- 17          5. Knowingly solicits a voter to show the voter's ballot, or  
18 receives from a voter a ballot prepared for voting, unless the person is  
19 an election official or unless otherwise authorized by law.
- 20          6. Knowingly receives an official ballot from a person other than  
21 an election official having charge of the ballots.
- 22          7. Knowingly delivers an official ballot to a voter, unless the  
23 voter is an election official.
- 24          8. Except for a completed ballot transmitted by an elector by fax  
25 or other electronic format pursuant to section 16-543, knowingly places a  
26 mark on the voter's ballot by which it can be identified as the one voted  
27 by the voter.
- 28          9. After having received a ballot as a voter, knowingly fails to  
29 return the ballot to the election official before leaving the polling  
30 place or on-site early voting location.