

REFERENCE TITLE: on-site ballot tabulation; secured containers

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## **SB 1330**

Introduced by  
Senator Mesnard

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 16-579.02, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO EARLY VOTING.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

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

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

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

11 1. If the elector does not present identification that complies  
12 with section 16-579, subsection A, paragraph 1, the elector shall either  
13 deposit the elector's voted early ballot in its affidavit envelope in an  
14 official ~~drop~~ SECURED BALLOT box or proceed to the area designated for  
15 election day voting to surrender the early ballot to the election board  
16 for retention and not for tabulating. The elector shall then be allowed  
17 to vote a provisional ballot as prescribed in section 16-584. An election  
18 official may not allow for the on-site tabulation of an early ballot if  
19 the elector does not present identification that complies with section  
20 16-579, subsection A, paragraph 1.

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

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

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

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

39 D. For precincts in which an electronic pollbook is used, each  
40 qualified elector shall sign the elector's name as prescribed in section  
41 16-579, subsection E before proceeding to the tabulating equipment.

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

1 envelope in the secured and labeled ~~drop box~~ CONTAINER FOR THAT PURPOSE  
2 and insert the early ballot into a tabulating machine. An early ballot  
3 that has been separated from the elector's completed affidavit envelope  
4 may not be removed from the on-site early ballot tabulation area.

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

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