

REFERENCE TITLE: election officer certification training; expiration

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Senator Bennett

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 16-407, 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 16-407, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 16-407. Election officers; qualifications; certificates;
5 certification programs; plan; exemption; election
6 training fund

7 A. Except as provided in subsection E of this section, a person may
8 not perform the duties or exercise the authority of an election officer or
9 of the clerk of the board of supervisors or the county recorder in
10 performance of election duties in or on behalf of any county unless the
11 person is the holder of an election officer's certificate issued by the
12 secretary of state ~~before January 1 of each general election year.~~ AN
13 ELECTION OFFICER'S CERTIFICATE EXPIRES ON DECEMBER 31 IN THE YEAR AFTER
14 THE GENERAL ELECTION.

15 B. The secretary of state shall provide for the examination of
16 applicants for election officer certificates. The secretary of state may
17 not issue a certificate to a person who has not demonstrated to the
18 satisfaction of the secretary of state that the person is competent to
19 perform the work of an election officer or of the clerk of the board of
20 supervisors or the county recorder in the performance of election duties.

21 C. The secretary of state shall provide for election officer
22 certification programs of which successful completion by a person attests
23 to the attendance at, participation in and completion of a course of
24 instruction in the technical, legal and administrative aspects of
25 conducting elections within this state.

26 D. On or before December 31 of each year of a general election, the
27 secretary of state shall submit an election officer education, training
28 and certification plan to the president of the senate and the speaker of
29 the house of representatives. The plan shall outline the achievements and
30 problems of the previous two year period and specify the expected
31 education, training and certification activities of the coming two year
32 period.

33 E. Subsection A of this section does not apply to elected
34 officials, clerical and secretarial personnel, counting center personnel
35 and precinct election board members and election officials in cities or
36 towns.

37 F. For city and town employees who work on elections, the city or
38 town may train its own employees if the city or town training program is
39 approved by the secretary of state or, if the city or town chooses to
40 enroll the city or town employees in the certification program prescribed
41 by this section, the city or town shall reimburse the secretary of state
42 for the costs of conducting the training. An election training fund is
43 established consisting of monies received pursuant to this subsection.
44 The secretary of state shall administer the fund. Monies in the fund are
45 continuously appropriated and the secretary of state shall use monies in
46 the fund to pay the costs of training officials from cities and towns
47 pursuant to this subsection.