



ARIZONA STATE SENATE
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FACT SHEET FOR H.C.R. 2002

voting centers; precinct voting

Purpose

Subject to voter approval, statutorily removes the ability of the county board of supervisors (county BOS) and the county recorder to establish voting centers and on-site early voting locations. Limits an election precinct to a maximum of 1,000 registered voters.

Background

By October 1 of each year before a general election, the county BOS must establish a convenient number of election precincts within the county and define the boundaries of each precinct. At least 20 days before a general or primary election, or 10 days before a special election, the county BOS must designate one polling place in each election precinct where the election must be held. On a specific resolution, the county BOS may authorize the use of voting centers in place of, or in addition to, specifically designated polling places. A voting center must allow any voter in the county, after presenting valid identification, to receive the appropriate ballot and to lawfully cast that ballot ([A.R.S. § 16-411](#)).

Any election called pursuant to Arizona law must provide for early voting and any qualified elector may vote by early ballot upon request submitted within 93 days before the election. The county recorder or other officer in charge of elections must mail the early ballot to the address provided by the requesting elector within 5 days after receipt of the official early ballots from the officer in charge of preparing the ballots, except that early ballot distribution may not begin more than 27 days before the election. The county recorder may establish on-site early voting locations at the recorder's office which must be open for use beginning the same day that the county begins to mail out early ballots (A.R.S. §§ [16-541](#) and [16-542](#)).

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the state General Fund associated with this legislation.

Provisions

1. Removes the ability of the county BOS to establish voting centers.
2. Removes the ability of the county recorder to establish on-site early voting locations.
3. Caps the number of registered voters in an election precinct at 1,000 when designating election precincts.
4. Makes technical and conforming changes.

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5. Requires the Secretary of State to submit the proposition to the voters at the next general election.
6. Becomes effective if approved by the voters and on proclamation of the Governor.

House Action

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