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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 16-245, 16-411, 16-461, 16-510, 16-542 AND 16-544,
ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO ELECTIONS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:
2 Section 1. Section 16-245, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 **16-245. Form and content of ballot**

5 A. Ballots and ballot labels for the presidential preference
6 election shall be printed on different colored paper or white paper with a
7 different colored stripe for each party represented on the presidential
8 preference election ballot. Only one party may be represented on each
9 ballot. At the top shall be printed "official ballot of the
10 _____ party, presidential preference election (date), county of
11 _____, state of Arizona".

12 B. The order of the names of certified candidates on the ballot
13 shall be determined by lots drawn at a public meeting called by the
14 secretary of state for that purpose. Rotation of candidate names is
15 prohibited. The certified candidates shall be listed under the title
16 "_____ party candidates for President of the United
17 States". Immediately below shall be printed "vote for not more than
18 one". The ballot may also contain printed instructions to voters as
19 prescribed for other elections.

20 C. The officer in charge of elections shall provide a sample ballot
21 proof to the state committee chairman of each qualified candidate's state
22 committee ~~no~~ NOT later than five days after ~~receipt of~~ RECEIVING the
23 certification from the secretary of state.

24 D. The officer in charge of elections shall mail one sample ballot
25 of each party represented on the presidential preference election ballot
26 to each household that contains a registered voter of that political party
27 unless that registered voter is on the ~~active~~ PERMANENT early voting list
28 established pursuant to section 16-544. The return address on the sample
29 ballot mailer shall not contain the name of any elected or appointed
30 official, and the name of an appointed or elected official shall not be
31 used to indicate who produced the sample ballot.

32 E. The mailing face of each sample ballot shall be imprinted with
33 the great seal of the state of Arizona with the words "official voting
34 materials – presidential preference election". The polling place for that
35 household may also be designated on the mailing face of the sample ballot.

36 Sec. 2. Section 16-411, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
37 read:

38 **16-411. Designation of election precincts and polling places;
39 voting centers; electioneering; wait times**

40 A. The board of supervisors of each county, on or before October 1
41 of each year preceding the year of a general election, by an order, shall
42 establish a convenient number of election precincts in the county and
43 define the boundaries of the precincts as follows:

44 1. The election precinct boundaries shall be established so as to
45 be included within election districts prescribed by law for elected

1 officers of the state and its political subdivisions, including community
2 college district precincts, except those elected officers provided for in
3 titles 30 and 48.

4 2. If after October 1 of the year preceding the year of a general
5 election the board of supervisors must further adjust precinct boundaries
6 due to the redistricting of election districts as prescribed by law and to
7 comply with this subsection, the board of supervisors shall adjust these
8 precinct boundaries as soon as is practicable.

9 B. At least twenty days before a general or primary election, and
10 at least ten days before a special election, the board shall designate one
11 polling place within each precinct where the election shall be held,
12 except that:

13 1. On a specific finding of the board, included in the order or
14 resolution designating polling places pursuant to this subsection, that no
15 suitable polling place is available within a precinct, a polling place for
16 that precinct may be designated within an adjacent precinct.

17 2. Adjacent precincts may be combined if boundaries so established
18 are included in election districts prescribed by law for state elected
19 officials and political subdivisions including community college districts
20 but not including elected officials prescribed by titles 30 and 48. The
21 officer in charge of elections may also split a precinct for
22 administrative purposes. The polling places shall be listed in separate
23 sections of the order or resolution.

24 3. On a specific finding of the board that the number of persons
25 who are listed as **PERMANENT** early voters pursuant to section 16-544 and
26 who are not expected to have their ballots tabulated at the polling place
27 as prescribed in section 16-579.02 is likely to substantially reduce the
28 number of voters appearing at one or more specific polling places at that
29 election, adjacent precincts may be consolidated by combining polling
30 places and precinct boards for that election. The board of supervisors
31 shall ensure that a reasonable and adequate number of polling places will
32 be designated for that election. Any consolidated polling places shall be
33 listed in separate sections of the order or resolution of the board.

34 4. On a specific resolution of the board, the board may authorize
35 the use of voting centers in place of or in addition to specifically
36 designated polling places. A voting center shall allow any voter in that
37 county to receive the appropriate ballot for that voter on election day
38 after presenting identification as prescribed in section 16-579 and to
39 lawfully cast the ballot. Voting centers may be established in
40 coordination and consultation with the county recorder, at other county
41 offices or at other locations in the county deemed appropriate.

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

1 (a) The board shall specify in the resolution the location and the
2 hours of operation of the emergency voting centers.

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

10 (c) If an emergency voting center established pursuant to this
11 section becomes unavailable and there is not sufficient time for the board
12 of supervisors to convene to approve an alternate location for that
13 emergency voting center, the county recorder or other officer in charge of
14 elections may make changes to the approved emergency voting center
15 location and shall notify the public and the board of supervisors
16 regarding that change as soon as practicable. The alternate emergency
17 voting center shall be as close in proximity to the approved emergency
18 voting center location as possible.

19 C. If the board fails to designate the place for holding the
20 election, or if it cannot be held at or about the place designated, the
21 justice of the peace in the precinct, two days before the election, by an
22 order, copies of which the justice of the peace shall immediately post in
23 three public places in the precinct, shall designate the place within the
24 precinct for holding the election. If there is no justice of the peace in
25 the precinct, or if the justice of the peace fails to do so, the election
26 board of the precinct shall designate and give notice of the place within
27 the precinct of holding the election. For any election in which there are
28 no candidates for elected office appearing on the ballot, the board may
29 consolidate polling places and precinct boards and may consolidate the
30 tabulation of results for that election if all of the following apply:

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

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

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

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

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

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

6 1. Space is not available at the school.
7 2. The safety or welfare of the children would be jeopardized.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

13 1. The number of ballots voted in the prior primary and general
14 elections.

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

17 3. The number of registered voters and the number of registered
18 voters who cast an early ballot for the current primary or general
19 election.

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

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

25 Sec. 3. Section 16-461, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
26 read:

27 16-461. Sample primary election ballots: submission to party
28 chairmen for examination; preparation, printing and
29 distribution of ballot

30 A. At least forty-five days before a primary election, the officer
31 in charge of that election shall:

32 1. Prepare a proof of a sample ballot.

33 2. Submit the sample ballot proof of each party to the county
34 chairman or in city or town primaries to the city or town chairman.

35 3. Mail a sample ballot proof to each candidate for whom a
36 nomination paper and petitions have been filed.

37 B. Within two calendar days after receipt of the sample ballot, the
38 county chairman of each political party and any candidate in that election
39 who has submitted and confirmed an email address shall suggest to the
40 election officer any change the chairman or candidate considers should be
41 made in the chairman's or candidate's party ballot, and if on examination
42 the election officer finds an error or omission on the ballot, the officer
43 shall correct it. The election officer shall print and distribute the
44 sample ballots as required by law, shall maintain a copy of each sample
45 ballot and shall post a notice indicating that sample ballots are

1 available on request. The official sample ballot shall be printed on
2 colored paper or white paper with a different colored stripe for each
3 party that is represented on that ballot. For voters who are not
4 registered with a party that is entitled to continued representation on
5 the ballot pursuant to section 16-804, the election officer may print and
6 distribute the required sample ballots in an alternative format, including
7 a reduced size format.

8 C. Not later than forty days before a primary election, the county
9 chairman of a political party may request one sample primary election
10 ballot of the chairman's party for each election precinct.

11 D. The board of supervisors shall have printed mailer-type sample
12 ballots for a primary election and shall mail at least eleven days before
13 the election one sample ballot of a political party to each household
14 containing a registered voter of that political party unless that
15 registered voter is on the ~~active~~ PERMANENT early voting list established
16 pursuant to section 16-544. Each sample ballot shall contain the
17 following statement: "This is a sample ballot and cannot be used as an
18 official ballot under any circumstances". A certified claim shall be
19 presented to the secretary of state by the board of supervisors for the
20 actual cost of printing, labeling and postage of each sample ballot
21 actually mailed, and the secretary of state shall direct payment of the
22 authenticated claim from funds of the secretary of state's office.

23 E. For city and town elections, the governing body of a city or
24 town may have printed mailer-type sample ballots for a primary election.
25 If the city or town has printed such sample ballots, the city or town
26 shall provide for the distribution of such ballots and shall bear the
27 expense of printing and distributing such sample ballots.

28 F. The return address on the mailer-type sample ballots shall not
29 contain the name of an appointed or elected public officer nor may the
30 name of an appointed or elected public officer be used to indicate who
31 produced the sample ballot.

32 G. The great seal of the state of Arizona shall be imprinted along
33 with the words "official voting materials" on the mailing face of each
34 sample ballot. In county, city or town elections the seal of such
35 jurisdiction shall be substituted for the state seal.

36 Sec. 4. Section 16-510, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
37 read:

38 16-510. Sample ballots; preparation and distribution

39 A. Before printing the sample ballots for the general election the
40 board of supervisors shall send to each candidate whose name did not
41 appear on the preceding primary election ballot and to the county
42 chairperson of each political party a ballot proof of the sample ballot
43 for the candidate's and chairperson's review. Within two calendar days
44 after receipt of the sample ballot, those candidates and the county
45 chairperson of each political party shall suggest to the election officer

1 any change the candidate or chairperson considers should be made to the
2 ballot, and if on examination the election officer finds an error or
3 omission on the ballot, the officer shall correct the error or omission.

4 B. The board of supervisors shall print and distribute, for the
5 information of voters at each polling place, a number of sample ballots as
6 it deems necessary.

7 C. The board of supervisors shall have printed mailer-type sample
8 ballots for a general election and shall mail at least eleven days before
9 the election one such sample ballot to each household in the county
10 containing a registered voter unless that registered voter is on the
11 ~~active~~ PERMANENT early voting list established pursuant to section 16-544.
12 Each sample ballot shall contain the following statement: "This is a
13 sample ballot and cannot be used as an official ballot under any
14 circumstances". A certified claim shall be presented to the secretary of
15 state by the board of supervisors for the actual cost of printing,
16 labeling and postage of each sample ballot actually mailed, and the
17 secretary of state shall direct payment of the authenticated claim from
18 funds of the secretary of state's office.

19 D. For city and town elections, the governing body of a city or
20 town may have printed mailer-type sample ballots for a general
21 election. If the city or town has printed such sample ballots, the city
22 or town shall provide for the distribution of such ballots and shall bear
23 the expense of printing and distributing such sample ballots.

24 E. For special district elections, the governing body of a special
25 district may have printed mailer-type sample ballots. If the special
26 district has printed such sample ballots, the special district shall
27 provide for the distribution of such ballots and shall bear the expense of
28 printing and distributing such sample ballots.

29 Sec. 5. Section 16-542, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
30 read:

31 16-542. Request for ballot; civil penalties; violation;
32 classification

33 A. Within ninety-three days before any election called pursuant to
34 the laws of this state, an elector may make a verbal or signed request to
35 the county recorder, or other officer in charge of elections for the
36 applicable political subdivision of this state in whose jurisdiction the
37 elector is registered to vote, for an official early ballot. In addition
38 to name and address, the requesting elector shall provide the date of
39 birth and state or country of birth or other information that if compared
40 to the voter registration information on file would confirm the identity
41 of the elector. If the request indicates that the elector needs a primary
42 election ballot and a general election ballot, the county recorder or
43 other officer in charge of elections shall honor the request. For any
44 partisan primary election, if the elector is not registered as a member of
45 a political party that is entitled to continued representation on the

1 ballot pursuant to section 16-804, the elector shall designate the ballot
2 of only one of the political parties that is entitled to continued
3 representation on the ballot and the elector may receive and vote the
4 ballot of only that one political party, which also shall include any
5 nonpartisan offices and ballot questions, or the elector shall designate
6 the ballot for nonpartisan offices and ballot questions only and the
7 elector may receive and vote the ballot that contains only nonpartisan
8 offices and ballot questions. The county recorder or other officer in
9 charge of elections shall process any request for an early ballot for a
10 municipal election pursuant to this subsection. The county recorder may
11 establish on-site early voting locations at the recorder's office, which
12 shall be open and available for use beginning the same day that a county
13 begins to send out the early ballots. The county recorder may also
14 establish any other early voting locations in the county the recorder
15 deems necessary. Any on-site early voting location or other early voting
16 location shall require each elector to present identification as
17 prescribed in section 16-579 before receiving a ballot. Notwithstanding
18 section 16-579, subsection A, paragraph 2, at any on-site early voting
19 location or other early voting location the county recorder or other
20 officer in charge of elections may provide for a qualified elector to
21 update the elector's voter registration information as provided for in the
22 secretary of state's instructions and procedures manual adopted pursuant
23 to section 16-452.

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

39 C. The county recorder or other officer in charge of elections
40 shall mail the early ballot and the envelope for its return postage
41 prepaid to the address provided by the requesting elector within five days
42 after receipt of the official early ballots from the officer charged by
43 law with the duty of preparing ballots pursuant to section 16-545, except
44 that early ballot distribution shall not begin more than twenty-seven days
45 before the election. If an early ballot request is received on or before

1 the thirty-first day before the election, the early ballot shall be
2 distributed not earlier than the twenty-seventh day before the election
3 and not later than the twenty-fourth day before the election.

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

15 E. In order to be complete and correct and to receive an early
16 ballot by mail, an elector's request that an early ballot be mailed to the
17 elector's residence or temporary address must include all of the
18 information prescribed by subsection A of this section and must be
19 received by the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections
20 not later than 5:00 p.m. on the eleventh day preceding the election. An
21 elector who appears personally not later than 7:00 p.m. on the Friday
22 preceding the election at an on-site early voting location that is
23 established by the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections
24 shall be given a ballot after presenting identification as prescribed in
25 section 16-579 and shall be allowed to vote at the on-site location.
26 Notwithstanding section 16-579, subsection A, paragraph 2, at any on-site
27 early voting location the county recorder or other officer in charge of
28 elections may provide for a qualified elector to update the elector's
29 voter registration information as provided for in the secretary of state's
30 instructions and procedures manual adopted pursuant to section 16-452. If
31 an elector's request to receive an early ballot is not complete and
32 correct but complies with all other requirements of this section, the
33 county recorder or other officer in charge of elections shall attempt to
34 notify the elector of the deficiency of the request.

35 F. Unless an elector specifies that the address to which an early
36 ballot is to be sent is a temporary address, the recorder may use the
37 information from an early ballot request form to update voter registration
38 records.

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

44 H. As a result of experiencing an emergency between 7:00 p.m. on
45 the Friday preceding the election and 5:00 p.m. on the Monday preceding

1 the election, qualified electors may request to vote in the manner
2 prescribed by the board of supervisors of their respective county. Before
3 voting pursuant to this subsection, an elector who experiences an
4 emergency shall provide identification as prescribed in section 16-579 and
5 shall sign a statement under penalty of perjury that states that the
6 person is experiencing or experienced an emergency after 7:00 p.m. on the
7 Friday immediately preceding the election and before 5:00 p.m. on the
8 Monday immediately preceding the election that would prevent the person
9 from voting at the polls. Signed statements received pursuant to this
10 subsection are not subject to inspection pursuant to title 39, chapter 1,
11 article 2. For the purposes of this subsection, "emergency" means any
12 unforeseen circumstances that would prevent the elector from voting at the
13 polls.

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

20 J. A candidate, political committee or other organization may
21 distribute early ballot request forms to voters. If the early ballot
22 request forms include a printed address for return, the addressee shall be
23 the political subdivision that will conduct the election. Failure to use
24 the political subdivision as the return addressee is punishable by a civil
25 penalty of up to three times the cost of the production and distribution
26 of the request.

27 K. All original and completed early ballot request forms that are
28 received by a candidate, political committee or other organization shall
29 be submitted within six business days after receipt by a candidate,
30 political committee or other organization or eleven days before the
31 election day, whichever is earlier, to the political subdivision that will
32 conduct the election. Any person, political committee or other
33 organization that fails to submit a completed early ballot request form
34 within the prescribed time is subject to a civil penalty of up to \$25 per
35 day for each completed form withheld from submittal. Any person who
36 knowingly fails to submit a completed early ballot request form before the
37 submission deadline for the election immediately following the completion
38 of the form is guilty of a class 6 felony.

39 L. Except for a voter who is on the ~~active~~ PERMANENT early voting
40 list prescribed by section 16-544, a voter who requests a onetime early
41 ballot pursuant to this section or for an election conducted pursuant to
42 section 16-409 or article 8.1 of this chapter, a county recorder, city or
43 town clerk or other election officer may not deliver or mail an early
44 ballot to a person who has not requested an early ballot for that

1 election. An election officer who knowingly violates this subsection is
2 guilty of a class 5 felony.

3 Sec. 6. Section 16-544, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
4 read:

5 16-544. Permanent early voting list; civil penalty;
6 violation; classification

7 A. Any voter may request to be included on a list of voters to
8 receive an early ballot by mail for any election for which the county
9 voter registration roll is used to prepare the election register. The
10 county recorder of each county shall maintain the ~~active~~ PERMANENT early
11 voting list as part of the voter registration roll.

12 B. In order to be included on the ~~active~~ PERMANENT early voting
13 list, the voter shall make a written request specifically requesting that
14 the voter's name be added to the ~~active~~ PERMANENT early voting list for
15 all elections in which the applicant is eligible to vote. ~~At~~ A PERMANENT
16 early voter request form shall conform to requirements prescribed in the
17 instructions and procedures manual issued pursuant to section 16-452. The
18 application shall allow for the voter to provide the voter's name,
19 residence address, mailing address in the voter's county of residence,
20 date of birth and signature and shall state that the voter is attesting
21 that the voter is a registered voter who is eligible to vote in the county
22 of residence. The voter shall not list a mailing address that is outside
23 of this state for the purpose of the ~~active~~ PERMANENT early voting list
24 unless the voter is an absent uniformed services voter or overseas voter
25 as defined in the uniformed and overseas citizens absentee voting act
26 (P.L. 99-410; 52 United States Code section 20310). In lieu of the
27 application, the applicant may submit a written request that contains the
28 required information.

29 C. On receipt of a request to be included on the ~~active~~ PERMANENT
30 early voting list, the county recorder or other officer in charge of
31 elections shall compare the signature on the request form with the voter's
32 signature on the voter's registration form and, if the request is from the
33 voter, shall mark the voter's registration file as ~~an~~ ~~active~~ A PERMANENT
34 early ballot request.

35 D. Not less than ninety days before any polling place election
36 scheduled in March or August, the county recorder or other officer in
37 charge of elections shall mail to all voters who are eligible for the
38 election and who are included on the ~~active~~ PERMANENT early voting list an
39 election notice by nonforwardable mail that is marked with the statement
40 required by the postmaster to receive an address correction notification.
41 If an election is not formally called by a jurisdiction by the one hundred
42 eightieth day before the election, the recorder or other officer in charge
43 of elections is not required to send the election notice. The notice
44 shall include the dates of the elections that are the subject of the
45 notice, the dates that the voter's ballot is expected to be mailed and the

1 address where the ballot will be mailed. If the upcoming election is a
2 partisan open primary election and the voter is not registered as a member
3 of one of the political parties that is recognized for purposes of that
4 primary, the notice shall include information on the procedure for the
5 voter to designate a political party ballot. The notice shall be
6 delivered with return postage prepaid and shall also include a means for
7 the voter to do any of the following:

8 1. Change the mailing address for the voter's ballot to another
9 location in the voter's county of residence.

10 2. Update the voter's residence address in the voter's county of
11 residence.

12 3. Request that the voter not be sent a ballot for the upcoming
13 election or elections indicated on the notice.

14 E. If the notice that is mailed to the voter is returned
15 undeliverable by the postal service, the county recorder or other officer
16 in charge of elections shall take the necessary steps to contact the voter
17 at the voter's new residence address in order to update that voter's
18 address or to move the voter to inactive status as prescribed in section
19 16-166, subsection A. If a voter is moved to inactive status, the voter
20 shall be removed from the ~~active~~ PERMANENT early voting list. If the
21 voter is removed from the ~~active~~ PERMANENT early voting list, the voter
22 shall only be added to the ~~active~~ PERMANENT early voting list again if the
23 voter submits a new request pursuant to this section.

24 F. Not later than the first day of early voting, the county
25 recorder or other officer in charge of elections shall mail an early
26 ballot to all eligible voters included on the ~~active~~ PERMANENT early
27 voting list in the same manner prescribed in section 16-542,
28 subsection C. If the voter has not returned the notice or otherwise
29 notified the election officer within forty-five days before the election
30 that the voter does not wish to receive an early ballot by mail for the
31 election or elections indicated, the ballot shall automatically be
32 scheduled for mailing.

33 G. If a voter who is on the ~~active~~ PERMANENT early voting list is
34 not registered as a member of a recognized political party and fails to
35 notify the county recorder of the voter's choice for political party
36 ballot within forty-five days before a partisan open primary election, the
37 following apply:

38 1. The voter shall not automatically be sent a ballot for that
39 partisan open primary election only and the voter's name shall remain on
40 the ~~active~~ PERMANENT early voting list for future elections.

41 2. To receive an early ballot for the primary election, the voter
42 shall submit the voter's choice for political party ballot to the county
43 recorder.

44 H. After a voter has requested to be included on the ~~active~~
45 PERMANENT early voting list, the voter shall be sent an early ballot by

1 mail automatically for any election at which a voter at that residence
2 address is eligible to vote until any of the following occurs:

3 1. The voter requests in writing to be removed from the ~~active~~ PERMANENT
4 early voting list.

5 2. The voter's registration or eligibility for registration is
6 moved to inactive status or canceled as otherwise provided by law.

7 3. The notice sent by the county recorder or other officer in
8 charge of elections is returned undeliverable and the county recorder or
9 officer in charge of elections is unable to contact the voter to determine
10 the voter's continued desire to remain on the list.

11 4. ~~The voter fails to vote an early ballot in all elections for two
12 consecutive election cycles. For the purposes of this paragraph,
13 "election" means any regular primary or regular general election for which
14 there was a federal race on the ballot or for which a city or town
15 candidate primary or first election or city or town candidate second,
16 general or runoff election was on the ballot. This paragraph does not
17 apply to:~~

18 (a) ~~A special taxing district that is authorized pursuant to
19 section 16-191 to conduct its own elections.~~

20 (b) ~~A special district mail ballot election that is conducted
21 pursuant to article 8.1 of this chapter.~~

22 I. A voter may make a written request at any time to be removed
23 from the ~~active~~ PERMANENT early voting list. The request shall include
24 the voter's name, residence address, date of birth and signature. On
25 receipt of a completed request to remove a voter from the ~~active~~ PERMANENT
26 early voting list, the county recorder or other officer in charge of
27 elections shall remove the voter's name from the list as soon as
28 practicable.

29 J. An absent uniformed services voter or overseas voter as defined
30 in the uniformed and overseas citizens absentee voting act (P.L. 99-410;
31 52 United States Code section 20310) is eligible to be placed on the
32 ~~active~~ PERMANENT early voting list pursuant to this section.

33 K. A voter's failure to vote an early ballot once received does not
34 constitute grounds to remove the voter from the ~~active~~ PERMANENT early
35 voting list, except that a county recorder shall remove a voter from the
36 ~~active~~ PERMANENT early voting list ~~if both of the following apply:~~

37 1. ~~The county recorder or other officer in charge of elections
38 complies with subsection M of this section.~~

39 2. ~~The voter fails to vote using an early ballot in all of the
40 following elections for two consecutive election cycles.~~

41 (a) ~~A regular primary and regular general election for which there
42 was a federal race on the ballot.~~

43 (b) ~~A city or town candidate primary or first election and a city
44 or town candidate second, general or runoff election.~~

1 t. On or before January 15 of each odd-numbered year, the county
2 recorder or other officer in charge of elections shall send a notice to
3 each voter who is on the active early voting list and who did not vote an
4 early ballot in all elections for two consecutive election cycles as
5 prescribed by subsection K of this section. If the voter has provided the
6 voter's telephone or mobile phone number or email address to the county
7 recorder, the county recorder may additionally provide the notice to the
8 voter by telephone call, text message or email. The notice shall inform
9 the voter that if the voter wishes to remain on the active early voting
10 list, the voter shall do both of the following with the notice received:

11 1. Confirm in writing the voter's desire to remain on the active
12 early voting list.

13 2. Return the completed notice to the county recorder or other
14 officer in charge of elections within ninety days after the notice is sent
15 to the voter. The notice shall be signed by the voter and shall contain
16 the voter's address and date of birth.

17 M. If a voter receives a notice as prescribed by subsection l of
18 this section and the voter fails to respond within the ninety-day period,
19 the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections shall remove
20 the voter's name from the active early voting list.

21 N. L. A candidate, political committee or other organization may
22 distribute ~~active~~ PERMANENT early voting list request forms to voters. If
23 the ~~active~~ PERMANENT early voting list request forms include a printed
24 address for return, that address shall be the political subdivision that
25 will conduct the election. Failure to use the political subdivision as
26 the return addressee is punishable by a civil penalty of up to three times
27 the cost of the production and distribution of the ~~active~~ PERMANENT early
28 voting list request.

29 O. M. All original and completed ~~active~~ PERMANENT early voting
30 list request forms that are received by a candidate, political committee
31 or other organization shall be submitted within six business days after
32 receipt by a candidate or political committee or eleven days before the
33 election day, whichever is earlier, to the political subdivision that will
34 conduct the election. Any person, political committee or other
35 organization that fails to submit a completed ~~active~~ PERMANENT early
36 voting list request form within the prescribed time is subject to a civil
37 penalty of up to \$25 per day for each completed form withheld from
38 submittal. Any person who knowingly fails to submit a completed ~~active~~
39 PERMANENT early voting list request form before the submission deadline
40 for the election immediately following the completion of the form is
41 guilty of a class 6 felony.

42 P. N. A person who receives an early ballot at an address at which
43 another person formerly resided, without voting the ballot or signing the
44 envelope, shall write "not at this address" on the envelope and place the
45 mail piece in a United States postal service collection box or other mail

1 receptacle. On receipt the county recorder or other officer in charge of
2 elections shall proceed in the manner prescribed in subsection E of this
3 section.

4 ~~Q.~~ O. When the county recorder receives confirmation from another
5 county that a person registered has registered to vote in that other
6 county, the county recorder shall remove that person from the ~~active~~
7 ~~PERMANENT~~ early voting list.

8 ~~R.~~ P. If the county recorder receives credible information that a
9 person has registered to vote in a different county, the county recorder
10 shall confirm the person's voter registration with that other county and,
11 on confirmation, shall remove that person from the county's ~~active~~
12 ~~PERMANENT~~ early voting list pursuant to subsection ~~Q~~ O of this section.

13 ~~S. For the purposes of this section, "election cycle" means the~~
14 ~~two-year period beginning on January 1 in the year after a statewide~~
15 ~~general election or, for cities and towns, the two-year period beginning~~
16 ~~on the first day of the calendar quarter after the calendar quarter in~~
17 ~~which the city's or town's second, runoff or general election is scheduled~~
18 ~~and ending on the last day of the calendar quarter in which the city's or~~
19 ~~town's immediately following second, runoff or general election is~~
20 ~~scheduled, however that election is designated by the city or town.~~