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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 16-550, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO THE 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 16-550, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 16-550. Receipt of voter's ballot; cure period; tracking
5 system

6 A. Except for early ballots tabulated as prescribed in section
7 16-579.02 or, beginning in 2026, received at a voting location after a
8 voter's identification is confirmed as prescribed by section 16-579,
9 subsection A, paragraph 4, on receipt of the envelope containing the early
10 ballot and the mail ~~ballot~~ affidavit, the county recorder or other officer
11 in charge of elections shall compare the signature on the envelope with
12 the signature of the elector on the elector's registration record as
13 prescribed by section 16-550.01. If the signature is inconsistent with
14 the elector's signature on the elector's registration record, the county
15 recorder or other officer in charge of elections shall make reasonable
16 efforts to contact the voter, advise the voter of the inconsistent
17 signature and allow the voter to correct or the county to confirm the
18 inconsistent signature. The county recorder or other officer in charge of
19 elections shall allow signatures to be corrected not later than the fifth
20 business day after a primary, general or special election that includes a
21 federal office or the third business day after any other election. If the
22 election is a primary, general or special election that includes a federal
23 office, in addition to the office's regular business hours, the county
24 recorder's and any city or town clerks' offices that have an agreement
25 with a county to be used as locations at which a voter may submit proof of
26 identification shall be open during regular business hours to allow for
27 curing signatures during the Friday and weekend before and the Friday and
28 weekend after the election. Regular business hours include at a minimum
29 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. If the signature is missing, the county
30 recorder or other officer in charge of elections shall make reasonable
31 efforts to contact the elector, advise the elector of the missing
32 signature and allow the elector to add the elector's signature not later
33 than 7:00 p.m. on election day. If satisfied that the signatures
34 correspond, the recorder or other officer in charge of elections shall
35 hold the envelope containing the early ballot and the completed mail
36 affidavit unopened in accordance with the rules of the secretary of state.
37 Signatures that cannot be verified pursuant to section 16-550.01 or cured
38 pursuant to this section shall be rejected. If the ballot is a
39 conditional provisional ballot, the voter shall provide proof of
40 identification to the county recorder or other officer in charge of
41 elections not later than the fifth business day after a primary, general
42 or special election that includes a federal office or the third business
43 day after any other election. Beginning with the first missing or
44 mismatched signature that is identified after the period of early voting
45 begins through the Monday immediately preceding the election, the county

1 recorder or other officer in charge of elections shall submit daily to the
2 political parties that are qualified for continued representation on the
3 state ballot an updated list of all voters whose signatures are missing or
4 inconsistent with the voter's signature on the voter's registration
5 record. Beginning on the Wednesday immediately following the election
6 through the end of the signature cure period after a primary, general or
7 special election that includes a federal office, or the third business day
8 after the election for any other election, the county recorder or other
9 officer in charge of elections shall submit daily to the political parties
10 that are qualified for continued representation on the state ballot an
11 updated list of all voters whose signatures are inconsistent with the
12 voter's signature on the voter's registration record and all voters who
13 voted with a conditional provisional ballot. This list of voters whose
14 signatures require curing shall include for those voters all voter
15 information that is provided to the political parties that are qualified
16 for continued representation on the state ballot as prescribed by section
17 16-168.

18 B. The recorder or other officer in charge of elections shall
19 thereafter safely keep the mail ~~ballot~~ affidavits and early ballots in the
20 recorder's or other officer's office and may deliver them for tallying
21 pursuant to section 16-551.

22 C. Processing and tabulation of individual ballots may begin
23 immediately after the envelope and completed mail ~~ballot~~ affidavit are
24 processed pursuant to this section and delivered to the early election
25 board and shall continue without delay until completed. Until election
26 day, the early election board and the county recorder or other officer in
27 charge of elections shall:

28 1. Not access an aggregated complete results file of early voting
29 and vote by mail ballots that were processed and tabulated by the end of
30 the early voting period.

31 2. Not produce for internal or external use an aggregated results
32 report or associated files of complete results.

33 3. Only produce a partial results report or associated files if it
34 is part of the internal preparation for the hand count pursuant to section
35 16-602 or for the logic and accuracy testing required pursuant to section
36 16-449.

37 4. Not publicly release complete or partial results, whether for
38 internal or external use, until all precincts have reported or one hour
39 after the closing of the polls on election day, whichever is earlier.

40 D. The county recorder or other officer in charge of elections
41 shall post on its website within forty-eight hours after all ballot
42 tabulation is complete all system log files and other similar files from
43 the election management system that verify compliance with subsection C of
44 this section. **THE COUNTY RECORDER OR OTHER OFFICER IN CHARGE OF ELECTIONS**
45 **ALSO SHALL POST THE FOLLOWING:**

1 1. THE NUMBER OF VOTERS WHO WERE SENT A STATUTORILY REQUIRED NOTICE
2 TO CONFIRM THEIR VOTER REGISTRATION.

3 2. THE NUMBER OF VOTERS WHO FAILED TO RESPOND TO THE NOTICE
4 PRESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH 1 OF THIS SUBSECTION.

5 3. THE NUMBER OF VOTERS WHO WERE SUBSEQUENTLY PLACED ON INACTIVE
6 STATUS.

7 4. THE VOTED FILE.

8 5. ANY OTHER DATA OR FILES THAT CONFIRM THAT THE AGGREGATE RESULTS
9 IN THE SYSTEM LOG FILES WERE NOT ACCESSED BEFORE THE POLLS CLOSED.

10 E. The county recorder shall send a list of all voters who were
11 issued early ballots to the election board of the precinct in which the
12 voter is registered.

13 F. For a county that uses early ballots, the county recorder or
14 other officer in charge of elections shall provide an early ballot
15 tracking system that indicates whether the voter's early ballot has been
16 received and whether the early ballot has been verified and sent to be
17 tabulated or rejected. The county recorder or other officer in charge of
18 elections shall provide voters with access to the early ballot tracking
19 system on the county's website.

20 G. This section does not apply to:

21 1. A special taxing district that is authorized pursuant to section
22 16-191 to conduct its own elections.

23 2. A special district mail ballot election that is conducted
24 pursuant to article 8.1 of this chapter.