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

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

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

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

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

34 3. Only produce a partial results report or associated files if it
35 is part of the internal preparation for the hand count pursuant to section
36 16-602 or for the logic and accuracy testing required pursuant to section
37 16-449.

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

41 D. The county recorder or other officer in charge of elections
42 shall post on its website within forty-eight hours after all ballot
43 tabulation is complete all system log files and other similar files from
44 the election management system that verify compliance with subsection C of
45 this section.

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

4 F. For a county that uses early ballots, the county recorder or
5 other officer in charge of elections shall provide an early ballot
6 tracking system that indicates whether the voter's early ballot has been
7 received and whether the early ballot has been verified and sent to be
8 tabulated or rejected. The county recorder or other officer in charge of
9 elections shall provide voters with access to the early ballot tracking
10 system on the county's website.

11 G. This section does not apply to:

12 1. A special taxing district that is authorized pursuant to section
13 16-191 to conduct its own elections.

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