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early ballots; deadlines; foreign money

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# HOUSE BILL 2673

## AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 16, CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTIONS 16-407.04 AND 16-407.05; AMENDING SECTIONS 16-411, 16-449, 16-542, 16-544, 16-547, 16-548, 16-550, 16-552, 16-579.01 AND 16-579.02, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING TITLE 16, CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE 1.2, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 16-919; 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. Title 16, chapter 4, article 1, Arizona Revised  
3 Statutes, is amended by adding sections 16-407.04 and 16-407.05, to read:  
4       16-407.04. Donations from a foreign source; election  
5                   administration; certification; records; reports;  
6                   civil penalty; definitions  
7       A. A GOVERNMENT ENTITY IN THIS STATE MAY NOT USE MONIES OR IN-KIND  
8 GOODS OR SERVICES THAT ARE DONATED, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, BY A FOREIGN  
9 GOVERNMENT OR ANY FOREIGN NONGOVERNMENTAL SOURCE FOR ELECTION  
10 ADMINISTRATION.  
11     B. A PERSON OR VENDOR THAT PROVIDES SERVICES TO A GOVERNMENT ENTITY  
12 FOR ELECTION ADMINISTRATION SHALL PROVIDE A CERTIFICATION TO THE SECRETARY  
13 OF STATE THAT INCLUDES A DATED AND SWORN STATEMENT, UNDER PENALTY OF  
14 PERJURY, THAT THE PERSON IS NOT KNOWINGLY THE RECIPIENT, DIRECTLY OR  
15 INDIRECTLY, OF DONATIONS FROM A FOREIGN SOURCE. THE PERSON SHALL ANNUALLY  
16 UPDATE THE CERTIFICATION. IF THE PERSON OBTAINS INFORMATION THAT WAS  
17 UNKNOWN AT THE TIME OF THE INITIAL CERTIFICATION, THE PERSON SHALL UPDATE  
18 THE INITIAL CERTIFICATION WITHIN FIVE BUSINESS DAYS TO REFLECT THE NEW  
19 INFORMATION AND SHALL INCLUDE A NEW STATEMENT THAT THE PERSON IS NOT  
20 KNOWINGLY THE RECIPIENT, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, OF DONATIONS FROM A  
21 FOREIGN SOURCE. THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A PERSON OR  
22 ORGANIZATION WHEN PROVIDING A FACILITY THAT SERVES AS A VOTING LOCATION.  
23     C. THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL REQUIRE GOVERNMENT ENTITIES TO  
24 PROVIDE TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE A QUARTERLY REPORT THAT LISTS ANY PERSON  
25 OR VENDOR THAT PROVIDES SERVICES TO THAT GOVERNMENT ENTITY FOR ELECTION  
26 ADMINISTRATION. THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL NOTIFY THE GOVERNMENT ENTITY  
27 BY EMAIL IF THE GOVERNMENT ENTITY FAILS TO FILE ITS QUARTERLY REPORT  
28 PRESCRIBED BY THIS SECTION AND ADVISE THE GOVERNMENT ENTITY THAT SECTION  
29 16-407.05 PROVIDES FOR POSSIBLE ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS.  
30     D. THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL MAINTAIN RECORDS OF THE  
31 CERTIFICATIONS PRESCRIBED BY THIS SECTION AND SHALL POST THESE  
32 CERTIFICATIONS ON THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S WEBSITE.  
33     E. A PERSON OR VENDOR THAT FAILS TO PROVIDE THE CERTIFICATION  
34 PRESCRIBED BY THIS SECTION OR THAT PROVIDES AN INACCURATE CERTIFICATION TO  
35 THE SECRETARY OF STATE INVALIDATES ANY AGREEMENT WITH THE GOVERNMENT  
36 ENTITY, AND THE STATE, COUNTY OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENTITY IS BARRED FROM  
37 ENTERING INTO OR CONTINUING ANY AGREEMENT WITH THAT PERSON.  
38     F. A PERSON OR VENDOR THAT KNOWINGLY FAILS TO PROVIDE AN ACCURATE  
39 INITIAL OR UPDATED CERTIFICATION AS PRESCRIBED BY THIS SECTION IS LIABLE  
40 FOR A CIVIL PENALTY IN THE AMOUNT OF THREE TIMES THE MONEY PAID OR  
41 CONTRACTED TO BE PAID BY THE GOVERNMENT ENTITY, WHICH SHALL BE PAID TO THE  
42 FIRST SUCCESSFUL LITIGANT UNDER THIS SECTION. THE CONTROLLING PERSON OF  
43 ANY VENDOR SHALL BE JOINTLY AND SEVERALLY LIABLE TO PAY THAT AMOUNT.

1 G. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:

2 1. FOREIGN GOVERNMENT DOES NOT INCLUDE FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED

3 SOVEREIGN TRIBAL NATIONS.

4 2. "FOREIGN NONGOVERNMENTAL SOURCE":

5 (a) MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS NOT A UNITED STATES CITIZEN OR

6 NATIONAL.

7 (b) DOES NOT INCLUDE FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED SOVEREIGN TRIBAL NATIONS.

8 3. "PERSON":

9 (a) MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL OR A CORPORATION OR OTHER ENTITY AS DEFINED

10 IN SECTION 16-901.

11 (b) DOES NOT INCLUDE POLL WORKERS.

12 16-407.05. Enforcement: civil action

13 A. ANY QUALIFIED ELECTOR OR ANY STATE OFFICER ACTING IN THE

14 OFFICER'S OFFICIAL CAPACITY MAY BRING A CIVIL ACTION FOR DAMAGES PURSUANT

15 TO SECTION 16-407.04 OR 16-919. THE PLAINTIFF MAY ALSO SEEK EQUITABLE

16 RELIEF:

17 1. ENJOINING A VIOLATION OF SECTION 16-407.04.

18 2. ENFORCING ANY PROVISION OF SECTION 16-407.04.

19 B. IF THE CLAIMANT PREVAILS IN AN ACTION BROUGHT UNDER SUBSECTION A

20 OF THIS SECTION, THE COURT SHALL AWARD:

21 1. INJUNCTIVE RELIEF SUFFICIENT TO PREVENT THE DEFENDANT FROM

22 VIOLATING SECTION 16-407.04 OR ENGAGING IN ACTS THAT AID OR ABET

23 VIOLATIONS OF SECTION 16-407.04.

24 2. DAMAGES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000 PER DAY FROM THE DATE OF

25 NONCOMPLIANCE UNTIL THE DEFENDANT COMES INTO COMPLIANCE, ADJUSTED FOR

26 INFLATION AS PRESCRIBED BY THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX ALONG WITH ANY CIVIL

27 PENALTY AMOUNTS PRESCRIBED BY SECTION 16-407.04.

28 3. COSTS AND ATTORNEY FEES.

29 C. THE REMEDIES, DUTIES, PROHIBITIONS AND PENALTIES PRESCRIBED BY

30 THIS SECTION AND SECTION 16-407.04 ARE IN ADDITION TO ALL OTHER CAUSES OF

31 ACTION, REMEDIES AND PENALTIES PROVIDED BY LAW. THE EXPRESS PROVISION OF

32 A CIVIL RIGHT OF ACTION IN THIS SECTION IS NOT INTENDED TO DENY OR

33 DISPARAGE THE AVAILABILITY OF SPECIAL ACTION RELIEF WITH RESPECT TO THIS

34 OR ANY OTHER LAW.

35 Sec. 2. Section 16-411, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to

36 read:

37 16-411. Designation of election precincts and polling places;

38 voting centers; electioneering; wait times

39 A. The board of supervisors of each county, on or before October 1

40 of each year preceding the year of a general election, by an order, shall

41 establish a convenient number of election precincts in the county and

42 define the boundaries of the precincts as follows:

43 1. The election precinct boundaries shall be established so as to

44 be included within election districts prescribed by law for elected

45 officers of the state and its political subdivisions, including community

1 college district precincts, except those elected officers provided for in  
2 titles 30 and 48.

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

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

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

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

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

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

41       5. ~~On a specific resolution of the board of supervisors that is  
42 limited to a specific election date and that is voted on by a recorded  
43 vote, the board may authorize the county recorder or other officer in  
44 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.

(b) A qualified elector voting at an emergency voting center shall provide identification as prescribed in section 16-579, except that notwithstanding section 16-579, subsection A, paragraph 2, for any voting at an emergency voting center, the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections may allow a qualified elector to update the elector's voter registration information as provided for in the secretary of state's 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.~~ F. 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.~~ G. The board shall make available to the public as a public  
14 record a list of the polling places for all precincts in which the  
15 election is to be held.

16        ~~I.~~ H. Except in the case of an emergency, any facility that is  
17 used as a polling place on election day or that is used as an early voting  
18 site during the period of early voting shall allow persons to electioneer  
19 and engage in other political activity outside of the seventy-five foot  
20 limit prescribed by section 16-515 in public areas and parking lots used  
21 by 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.~~ I. 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  
8 instructions and procedures manual adopted pursuant to section 16-452 the  
9 maximum allowable wait time for any election that is subject to section  
10 16-204 and provide for a method to reduce voter wait time at the polls in  
11 the primary and general elections. The method shall consider at least all  
12 of the 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 16-449, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
26 read:

27       16-449. Required test of equipment and programs: notice;  
28       procedures manual

29       A. Within the period of time before the election day prescribed by  
30 the secretary of state in the instructions and procedures manual adopted  
31 pursuant to section 16-452, the board of supervisors or other ~~election~~  
32 officer in charge ~~OF ELECTIONS~~, or for an election involving state or  
33 federal candidates, the secretary of state, shall ~~have~~ TEST the automatic  
34 tabulating equipment and programs ~~tested~~ to ascertain that the equipment  
35 and programs will correctly count the votes cast for all offices and on  
36 all measures. Public notice of the time and place of the test shall be  
37 given at least forty-eight hours ~~prior thereto~~ BEFORE THE TEST by  
38 publication once in one or more daily or weekly newspapers published in  
39 the town, city or village using such equipment, if a newspaper is  
40 published ~~therein~~ IN THE TOWN, CITY OR VILLAGE, otherwise in a newspaper  
41 of general circulation ~~therein~~. The test shall be observed by at least  
42 two election inspectors, who shall not be of the same political party, and  
43 shall be open to representatives of the political parties, candidates, the  
44 press and the public. The test shall be conducted by processing a  
45 preaudited group of ballots so marked as to record a predetermined number

1 of valid votes for each candidate and on each measure and shall include  
2 for each office one or more ballots that have votes in excess of the  
3 number allowed by law in order to test the ability of the automatic  
4 tabulating equipment and programs to reject such votes. If any error is  
5 detected, the cause ~~therefor~~ FOR THE ERROR shall be ascertained and  
6 corrected and an errorless count shall be made before the automatic  
7 tabulating equipment and programs are approved. A copy of a revised  
8 program shall be filed with the secretary of state within forty-eight  
9 hours after the revision is made. If the error was created by automatic  
10 tabulating equipment malfunction, a report shall be filed with the  
11 secretary of state within forty-eight hours after the correction is made,  
12 stating the cause and the corrective action taken. The test shall be  
13 repeated immediately before the start of the official count of the ballots  
14 in the same manner as set forth above. After the completion of the count,  
15 the programs used and the ballots shall be sealed, retained and disposed  
16 of as provided for paper ballots.

17       B. Electronic ballot tabulating systems shall be tested for logic  
18 and accuracy within seven days before their use for early balloting  
19 pursuant to the instructions and procedures manual for electronic voting  
20 systems that is adopted by the secretary of state as prescribed by section  
21 16-452. The instructions and procedures manual shall include procedures  
22 for the handling of ballots, the electronic scanning of ballots and any  
23 other matters necessary to ensure the maximum degree of correctness,  
24 impartiality and uniformity in the administration of an electronic ballot  
25 tabulating system.

26       C. Notwithstanding subsections A and B of this section, if a county  
27 uses accessible voting equipment to mark ballots and that accessible  
28 voting equipment does not independently tabulate or tally votes, the  
29 secretary of state in cooperation with the county officer in charge of  
30 elections may designate a single date to test the logic and accuracy of  
31 both the accessible voting equipment and electronic ballot tabulating  
32 systems.

33       D. NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION B OF THIS SECTION, FOR ANY COUNTY  
34 THAT PROVIDES FOR ON-SITE TABULATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 16-579.01, THE  
35 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OR OFFICER IN CHARGE OF ELECTIONS SHALL TEST THE  
36 ELECTRONIC BALLOT TABULATING EQUIPMENT TO BE USED PURSUANT TO SECTION  
37 16-579.01 FOR LOGIC AND ACCURACY WITHIN FIFTY DAYS BEFORE ELECTION DAY.  
38 THIS REQUIREMENT DOES NOT IMPACT THE DEADLINES FOR PERFORMING LOGIC AND  
39 ACCURACY TESTING ON OTHER EQUIPMENT.

40       Sec. 4. Section 16-542, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
41 read:

42       16-542. Request for ballot; civil penalties; violation;  
43                   classification

44       A. Within ninety-three days before any election called pursuant to  
45 the laws of this state, an elector may make a verbal or signed request to

1 the county recorder, or other officer in charge of elections for the  
2 applicable political subdivision of this state in whose jurisdiction the  
3 elector is registered to vote, for an official early ballot. In addition  
4 to name and address, the requesting elector shall provide the date of  
5 birth and state or country of birth or other information that if compared  
6 to the voter registration information on file would confirm the identity  
7 of the elector. If the request indicates that the elector needs a primary  
8 election ballot and a general election ballot, the county recorder or  
9 other officer in charge of elections shall honor the request. For any  
10 partisan primary election, if the elector is not registered as a member of  
11 a political party that is entitled to continued representation on the  
12 ballot pursuant to section 16-804, the elector shall designate the ballot  
13 of only one of the political parties that is entitled to continued  
14 representation on the ballot and the elector may receive and vote the  
15 ballot of only that one political party, which also shall include any  
16 nonpartisan offices and ballot questions, or the elector shall designate  
17 the ballot for nonpartisan offices and ballot questions only and the  
18 elector may receive and vote the ballot that contains only nonpartisan  
19 offices and ballot questions. The county recorder or other officer in  
20 charge of elections shall process any request for an early ballot for a  
21 municipal election pursuant to this subsection. The county recorder may  
22 establish on-site early voting locations at the recorder's office, which  
23 shall be open and available for use beginning the same day that a county  
24 begins to send out the early ballots. The county recorder may also  
25 establish any other early voting locations in the county the recorder  
26 deems necessary. Any on-site early voting location or other early voting  
27 location shall require each elector to present identification as  
28 prescribed in section 16-579 before receiving a ballot. Notwithstanding  
29 section 16-579, subsection A, paragraph 2, at any on-site early voting  
30 location or other early voting location the county recorder or other  
31 officer in charge of elections may provide for a qualified elector to  
32 update the elector's voter registration information as provided for in the  
33 secretary of state's instructions and procedures manual adopted pursuant  
34 to section 16-452.

35       B. Notwithstanding subsection A of this section, a request for an  
36 official early ballot from an absent uniformed services voter or overseas  
37 voter as defined in the uniformed and overseas citizens absentee voting  
38 act (P.L. 99-410; 52 United States Code section 20310) or a voter whose  
39 information is protected pursuant to section 16-153 that is received by  
40 the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections more than  
41 ninety-three days before the election is valid. If requested by the  
42 absent uniformed services or overseas voter, or a voter whose information  
43 is protected pursuant to section 16-153, the county recorder or other  
44 officer in charge of elections shall provide to the requesting voter early  
45 ballot materials through the next regularly scheduled general election for

1 federal office immediately following receipt of the request unless a  
2 different period of time, which does not exceed the next two regularly  
3 scheduled general elections for federal office, is designated by the  
4 voter.

5       C. The county recorder or other officer in charge of elections  
6 shall mail the early ballot and the envelope for its return postage  
7 prepaid to the address provided by the requesting elector within five days  
8 after receipt of the official early ballots from the officer charged by  
9 law with the duty of preparing ballots pursuant to section 16-545, except  
10 that early ballot distribution shall not begin more than twenty-seven days  
11 before the election. If an early ballot request is received on or before  
12 the thirty-first day before the election, the early ballot shall be  
13 distributed not earlier than the twenty-seventh day before the election  
14 and not later than the twenty-fourth day before the election.

15       D. Only the elector may be in possession of that elector's unvoted  
16 early ballot. If a complete and correct request is made by the elector  
17 within twenty-seven days before the election, the mailing must be made  
18 within forty-eight hours after receipt of the request. Saturdays, Sundays  
19 and other legal holidays are excluded from the computation of the  
20 forty-eight-hour period prescribed by this subsection. If a complete and  
21 correct request is made by an absent uniformed services voter or an  
22 overseas voter before the election, the regular early ballot shall be  
23 transmitted by mail, by fax or by other electronic format approved by the  
24 secretary of state within twenty-four hours after the early ballots are  
25 delivered pursuant to section 16-545, subsection B, excluding Sundays.

26       E. In order to be complete and correct and to receive an early  
27 ballot by mail, an elector's request that an early ballot be mailed to the  
28 elector's residence or temporary address must include all of the  
29 information prescribed by subsection A of this section and must be  
30 received by the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections  
31 not later than 5:00 p.m. on the eleventh day preceding the election. An  
32 elector who appears personally not later than 7:00 p.m. on the Friday  
33 preceding the election at an on-site early voting location that is  
34 established by the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections  
35 shall be given a ballot after presenting identification as prescribed in  
36 section 16-579 and shall be allowed to vote at the on-site location. **THE  
37 COUNTY RECORDER OR OTHER OFFICER IN CHARGE OF ELECTIONS MAY OPERATE THE  
38 ON-SITE EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS DURING THE SATURDAY, SUNDAY AND MONDAY  
39 IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING ELECTION DAY.** Notwithstanding section 16-579,  
40 subsection A, paragraph 2, at any on-site early voting location the county  
41 recorder or other officer in charge of elections may provide for a  
42 qualified elector to update the elector's voter registration information  
43 as provided for in the secretary of state's instructions and procedures  
44 manual adopted pursuant to section 16-452. If an elector's request to  
45 receive an early ballot is not complete and correct but complies with all

1 other requirements of this section, the county recorder or other officer  
2 in charge of elections shall attempt to notify the elector of the  
3 deficiency of the request.

4 F. Unless an elector specifies that the address to which an early  
5 ballot is to be sent is a temporary address, the recorder may use the  
6 information from an early ballot request form to update voter registration  
7 records.

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

13 ~~H. As a result of experiencing an emergency between 7:00 p.m. on~~  
14 ~~the Friday preceding the election and 5:00 p.m. on the Monday preceding~~  
15 ~~the election, qualified electors may request to vote in the manner~~  
16 ~~prescribed by the board of supervisors of their respective county. Before~~  
17 ~~voting pursuant to this subsection, an elector who experiences an~~  
18 ~~emergency shall provide identification as prescribed in section 16-579 and~~  
19 ~~shall sign a statement under penalty of perjury that states that the~~  
20 ~~person is experiencing or experienced an emergency after 7:00 p.m. on the~~  
21 ~~Friday immediately preceding the election and before 5:00 p.m. on the~~  
22 ~~Monday immediately preceding the election that would prevent the person~~  
23 ~~from voting at the polls. Signed statements received pursuant to this~~  
24 ~~subsection are not subject to inspection pursuant to title 39, chapter 1,~~  
25 ~~article 2. For the purposes of this subsection, "emergency" means any~~  
26 ~~unforeseen circumstances that would prevent the elector from voting at the~~  
27 ~~polls.~~

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

34 J. H. A candidate, political committee or other organization may  
35 distribute early ballot request forms to voters. If the early ballot  
36 request forms include a printed address for return, the addressee shall be  
37 the political subdivision that will conduct the election. Failure to use  
38 the political subdivision as the return addressee is punishable by a civil  
39 penalty of up to three times the cost of the production and distribution  
40 of the request.

41 K. I. All original and completed early ballot request forms that  
42 are received by a candidate, political committee or other organization  
43 shall be submitted within six business days after receipt by a candidate,  
44 political committee or other organization or eleven days before the  
45 election day, whichever is earlier, to the political subdivision that will

1 conduct the election. Any person, political committee or other  
2 organization that fails to submit a completed early ballot request form  
3 within the prescribed time is subject to a civil penalty of up to \$25 per  
4 day for each completed form withheld from submittal. Any person who  
5 knowingly fails to submit a completed early ballot request form before the  
6 submission deadline for the election immediately following the completion  
7 of the form is guilty of a class 6 felony.

8 ~~T. J.~~ Except for a voter who is on the active early voting list  
9 prescribed by section 16-544, a voter who requests a onetime early ballot  
10 pursuant to this section or for an election conducted pursuant to section  
11 16-409 or article 8.1 of this chapter, a county recorder, city or town  
12 clerk or other election officer may not deliver or mail an early ballot to  
13 a person who has not requested an early ballot for that election. An  
14 election officer who knowingly violates this subsection is guilty of a  
15 class 5 felony.

16 Sec. 5. Section 16-544, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
17 read:

18 16-544. Active early voting list; civil penalty; violation;  
19 classification; definitions

20 A. Any voter may request to be included on a list of voters to  
21 receive an early ballot by mail ~~for any election for which the county~~  
~~voter registration roll is used to prepare the election register AS~~  
23 PRESCRIBED BY THIS SECTION. The county recorder of each county shall  
24 maintain the active early voting list as part of the voter registration  
25 roll.

26 B. In order to be included on the active early voting list, the  
27 voter shall make a written request specifically requesting that the  
28 voter's name be added to the active early voting list ~~for all elections in~~  
~~which the applicant is eligible to vote AND SHALL CONFIRM THE VOTER'S~~  
30 ADDRESS EACH ELECTION CYCLE THEREAFTER THROUGH AN AFFIRMATIVE ACT BY THE  
31 VOTER IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED BY THIS SUBSECTION TO OBTAIN AN EARLY BALLOT  
32 FOR ELECTIONS IN THAT ELECTION CYCLE. An early voter request form shall  
33 conform to requirements prescribed in the instructions and procedures  
34 manual issued pursuant to section 16-452. The application shall allow for  
35 the voter to provide the voter's name, residence address, mailing address  
36 in the voter's county of residence, date of birth and signature and shall  
37 state that the voter is attesting that the voter is a registered voter who  
38 is eligible to vote in the county of residence. The voter shall not list  
39 a mailing address that is outside of this state for the purpose of the  
40 active early voting list unless the voter is an absent uniformed services  
41 voter or overseas voter as defined in the uniformed and overseas citizens  
42 absentee voting act (P.L. 99-410; 52 United States Code section 20310).  
43 In lieu of the application, the applicant may submit a written request  
44 that contains the required information. THE COUNTY RECORDER SHALL PROVIDE

1 FOR THE EARLY VOTER TO CONFIRM THE VOTER'S ADDRESS, BEFORE EACH BALLOT  
2 PRINTING DEADLINE, BY ANY ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING METHODS:

3       1. MAILING THE EARLY VOTER A NOTICE TO CONFIRM OR UPDATE THE  
4 VOTER'S ADDRESS.

5       2. CALLING THE EARLY VOTER OR NOTIFYING THE EARLY VOTER TO CALL THE  
6 COUNTY RECORDER TO CONFIRM OR UPDATE THE VOTER'S ADDRESS.

7       3. EMAILING THE EARLY VOTER A NOTICE TO CONFIRM OR UPDATE THE  
8 VOTER'S ADDRESS.

9       4. ALLOWING THE EARLY VOTER TO CONFIRM OR UPDATE THE VOTER'S  
10 ADDRESS BY WAY OF A WEBSITE PORTAL. A WEBSITE PORTAL FOR THIS PURPOSE  
11 SHALL PROMPT THE VOTER TO CONFIRM OR UPDATE THE VOTER'S ADDRESS EACH TIME  
12 THE VOTER LOGS IN, IF THE ADDRESS HAS NOT YET BEEN CONFIRMED FOR THAT  
13 ELECTION CYCLE.

14       C. On receipt of a request to be included on the active early  
15 voting list, the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections  
16 shall compare the signature on the request form with the voter's signature  
17 on the voter's registration form and, if the request is from the voter,  
18 shall mark the voter's registration file as an active early ballot  
19 request. IF THE COUNTY RECORDER OR OTHER OFFICER IN CHARGE OF ELECTIONS  
20 IS UNABLE TO VERIFY THE VOTER'S IDENTITY AND ADDRESS AS PRESCRIBED BY THIS  
21 SECTION, THE COUNTY RECORDER OR OTHER OFFICER IN CHARGE OF ELECTIONS SHALL  
22 REJECT THE VOTER'S APPLICATION TO BE PLACED ON THE ACTIVE EARLY VOTING  
23 LIST.

24       D. Not less than ninety days before any polling place election  
25 scheduled in March or August, the county recorder or other officer in  
26 charge of elections shall mail to all voters who are eligible for the  
27 election and who are included on the active early voting list an election  
28 notice by nonforwardable mail that is marked with the statement required  
29 by the postmaster to receive an address correction notification. If an  
30 election is not formally called by a jurisdiction by the one hundred  
31 eightieth day before the election, the recorder or other officer in charge  
32 of elections is not required to send the election notice. The notice  
33 shall include the dates of the elections that are the subject of the  
34 notice, the dates that the voter's ballot is expected to be mailed and the  
35 address where the ballot will be mailed. If the upcoming election is a  
36 partisan open primary election and the voter is not registered as a member  
37 of one of the political parties that is recognized for purposes of that  
38 primary, the notice shall include information on the procedure for the  
39 voter to designate a political party ballot. The notice shall be  
40 delivered with return postage prepaid and shall also include a means for  
41 the voter to do any of the following:

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

44       2. Update the voter's residence address in the voter's county of  
45 residence.

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

3       E. If the notice that is mailed to the voter is returned  
4 undeliverable by the postal service, the county recorder or other officer  
5 in charge of elections shall take the necessary steps to contact the voter  
6 at the voter's new residence address in order to update that voter's  
7 address or to move the voter to inactive status as prescribed in section  
8 16-166, subsection A. If a voter is moved to inactive status, the voter  
9 shall be removed from the active early voting list. If the voter is  
10 removed from the active early voting list, the voter shall only be added  
11 to the active early voting list again if the voter submits a new request  
12 pursuant to this section.

13       F. Not later than the first day of early voting, the county  
14 recorder or other officer in charge of elections shall mail an early  
15 ballot to all eligible voters included on the active early voting list in  
16 the same manner prescribed in section 16-542, subsection C. If the voter  
17 has not returned the notice or otherwise notified the election officer  
18 within forty-five days before the election that the voter does not wish to  
19 receive an early ballot by mail for the election or elections indicated,  
20 the ballot shall automatically be scheduled for mailing.

21       G. If a voter who is on the active early voting list is not  
22 registered as a member of a recognized political party and fails to notify  
23 the county recorder of the voter's choice for political party ballot  
24 within forty-five days before a partisan open primary election, the  
25 following apply:

26       1. The voter shall not automatically be sent a ballot for that  
27 partisan open primary election only and the voter's name shall remain on  
28 the active early voting list for future elections.

29       2. To receive an early ballot for the primary election, the voter  
30 shall submit the voter's choice for political party ballot to the county  
31 recorder.

32       H. After a voter has requested to be included on the active early  
33 voting list, the voter shall be sent an early ballot by mail automatically  
34 for any election at which a voter at that residence address is eligible to  
35 vote until any of the following occurs:

36       1. The voter requests in writing to be removed from the active  
37 early voting list.

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

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

44       4. The voter fails to vote an early ballot in all elections for two  
45 consecutive election cycles. For the purposes of this paragraph,

1 "election" means any regular primary or regular general election for which  
2 there was a federal race on the ballot or for which a city or town  
3 candidate primary or first election or city or town candidate second,  
4 general or runoff election was on the ballot. This paragraph does not  
5 apply to:

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

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

10       I. A voter may make a written request at any time to be removed  
11 from the active early voting list. The request shall include the voter's  
12 name, residence address, date of birth and signature. On receipt of a  
13 completed request to remove a voter from the active early voting list, the  
14 county recorder or other officer in charge of elections shall remove the  
15 voter's name from the list as soon as practicable.

16       J. An absent uniformed services voter or overseas voter as defined  
17 in the uniformed and overseas citizens absentee voting act (P.L. 99-410;  
18 52 United States Code section 20310) is eligible to be placed on the  
19 active early voting list pursuant to this section.

20       K. A voter's failure to vote an early ballot once received does not  
21 constitute grounds to remove the voter from the active early voting  
22 list, except that a county recorder shall remove a voter from the active  
23 early voting list if both of the following apply:

24       1. The county recorder or other officer in charge of elections  
25 complies with subsection M of this section.

26       2. The voter fails to vote using an early ballot in all of the  
27 following elections for two consecutive election cycles:

28       (a) A regular primary and regular general election for which there  
29 was a federal race on the ballot.

30       (b) A city or town candidate primary or first election and a city  
31 or town candidate second, general or runoff election.

32       L. On or before January 15 of each odd-numbered year, the county  
33 recorder or other officer in charge of elections shall send a notice to  
34 each voter who is on the active early voting list and who did not vote an  
35 early ballot in all elections for two consecutive election cycles as  
36 prescribed by subsection K of this section. If the voter has provided the  
37 voter's telephone or mobile phone number or email address to the county  
38 recorder, the county recorder may additionally provide the notice to the  
39 voter by telephone call, text message or email. The notice shall inform  
40 the voter that if the voter wishes to remain on the active early voting  
41 list, the voter shall do both of the following with the notice received:

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

44       2. Return the completed notice to the county recorder or other  
45 officer in charge of elections within ninety days after the notice is sent

1 to the voter. The notice shall be signed by the voter and shall contain  
2 the voter's address and date of birth.

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

7       N. A candidate, political committee or other organization may  
8 distribute active early voting list request forms to voters. If the  
9 active early voting list request forms include a printed address for  
10 return, that address shall be the political subdivision that will conduct  
11 the election. Failure to use the political subdivision as the return  
12 addressee is punishable by a civil penalty of up to three times the cost  
13 of the production and distribution of the active early voting list  
14 request.

15     O. All original and completed active early voting list request  
16 forms that are received by a candidate, political committee or other  
17 organization shall be submitted within six business days after receipt by  
18 a candidate or political committee or eleven days before the election day,  
19 whichever is earlier, to the political subdivision that will conduct the  
20 election. Any person, political committee or other organization that  
21 fails to submit a completed active early voting list request form within  
22 the prescribed time is subject to a civil penalty of up to \$25 per day for  
23 each completed form withheld from submittal. Any person who knowingly  
24 fails to submit a completed active early voting list request form before  
25 the submission deadline for the election immediately following the  
26 completion of the form is guilty of a class 6 felony.

27     P. A person who receives an early ballot at an address at which  
28 another person formerly resided, without voting the ballot or signing the  
29 envelope, shall write "not at this address" on the envelope and place the  
30 mail piece in a United States postal service collection box or other mail  
31 receptacle. On receipt, the county recorder or other officer in charge of  
32 elections shall proceed in the manner prescribed in subsection E of this  
33 section.

34     Q. When the county recorder receives confirmation from another  
35 county that a person registered has registered to vote in that other  
36 county, the county recorder shall remove that person from the active early  
37 voting list.

38     R. If the county recorder receives credible information that a  
39 person has registered to vote in a different county, the county recorder  
40 shall confirm the person's voter registration with that other county and,  
41 on confirmation, shall remove that person from the county's active early  
42 voting list pursuant to subsection Q of this section.

43     S. For the purposes of this section, "election cycle" means the  
44 two-year period beginning on January 1 in the year after a statewide  
45 general election or, for cities and towns, the two-year period beginning

1 on the first day of the calendar quarter after the calendar quarter in  
2 which the city's or town's second, runoff or general election is scheduled  
3 and ending on the last day of the calendar quarter in which the city's or  
4 town's immediately following second, runoff or general election is  
5 scheduled, however that election is designated by the city or town.

6       T. FOR THE PURPOSES OF ARIZONA LAW:

7       1. "ELECTION CYCLE" MEANS THE PERIOD BETWEEN A GENERAL ELECTION AND  
8 THE SUBSEQUENT GENERAL ELECTION.

9       2. "VOTER'S SIGNATURE ON THE VOTER'S REGISTRATION FORM" AND  
10 "SIGNATURE OF THE ELECTOR ON OR IN THE ELECTOR'S REGISTRATION RECORD" AND  
11 ALL SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR PHRASES SHALL HAVE THE IDENTICAL MEANING OF  
12 BEING THE SIGNATURE THE VOTER PROVIDED ON THE FORM PRESCRIBED IN SECTION  
13 16-152.

14       Sec. 6. Section 16-547, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
15 read:

16       16-547. Mail affidavit; form

17       A. The early ballot shall be accompanied by an envelope bearing on  
18 the front the name, official title and post office address of the recorder  
19 or other officer in charge of elections and ~~on the other side~~ a printed  
20 affidavit in substantially the following form:

21           I declare the following under penalty of perjury: I am  
22 a registered voter in \_\_\_\_\_ county Arizona, I have not  
23 voted and will not vote in this election in any other county  
24 or state, I understand that knowingly voting more than once in  
25 any election is a class 5 felony and I voted the enclosed  
26 ballot and signed this MAIL affidavit personally unless noted  
27 below.

28           If the voter was assisted by another person in marking  
29 the ballot, complete the following:

30           I declare the following under penalty of perjury: At  
31 the registered voter's request I assisted the voter identified  
32 in this MAIL affidavit with marking the voter's ballot, I  
33 marked the ballot as directly instructed by the voter, I  
34 provided the assistance because the voter was physically  
35 unable to mark the ballot solely due to illness, injury or  
36 physical limitation and I understand that there is no power of  
37 attorney for voting and that the voter must be able to make  
38 the voter's selection even if the voter cannot physically mark  
39 the ballot.

40           Name of voter assistant: \_\_\_\_\_

41           Address of voter assistant: \_\_\_\_\_

42       B. The face of each envelope in which a ballot is sent to a federal  
43 postcard applicant or in which a ballot is returned by the applicant to  
44 the recorder or other officer in charge of elections shall be in the form  
45 prescribed in accordance with the uniformed and overseas citizens absentee

1 voting act (P.L. 99-410; 52 United States Code section 20301). Otherwise,  
2 the envelopes shall be the same as those used to send ballots to, or  
3 receive ballots from, other early voters.

4 C. The officer charged by law with the duty of preparing ballots at  
5 any election shall ensure that the early ballot is sent in an envelope  
6 that states substantially the following:

7 If the addressee does not reside at this address, mark  
8 the unopened envelope "return to sender" and deposit it in the  
9 United States mail.

10 D. The county recorder or other officer in charge of elections  
11 shall supply printed instructions to early voters that direct them to sign  
12 the **MAIL** affidavit, mark the ballot and return both in the enclosed  
13 self-addressed envelope that complies with section 16-545, and:

14 1. Through 2025, the instructions shall include the following  
15 statement:

16 In order to be valid and counted, the ballot and mail  
17 affidavit must be delivered to the office of the county  
18 recorder or other officer in charge of elections or may be  
19 deposited at any polling place in the county not later than  
20 7:00 p.m. on election day. The ballot will not be counted  
21 without the voter's signature on the envelope.

22 (WARNING – It is a felony to offer or receive any compensation  
23 for a ballot.)

24 2. Beginning in 2026 **AND UNTIL 2027**, the instructions shall include  
25 the following statement:

26 In order to be valid and counted, the mail affidavit  
27 that contains the mail ballot must have the voter's signature  
28 on the envelope and must be returned to the office of the  
29 county recorder by any one of the following methods:

30 (a) Delivering it to the office of the county recorder  
31 or other officer in charge of elections not later than  
32 7:00 p.m. on election day.

33 (b) Depositing it at any polling place in the county  
34 not later than 7:00 p.m. on election day.

35 (c) Bringing the ballot to any polling place in the  
36 county not later than 7:00 p.m. on election day and choosing  
37 to present valid identification that complies with section  
38 16-579, subsection A, paragraph 1, Arizona Revised Statutes.

39 3. **BEGINNING IN 2027, THE INSTRUCTIONS SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING  
40 STATEMENT:**

41 **IN ORDER TO BE VALID AND COUNTED, THE MAILED AFFIDAVIT  
42 THAT CONTAINS THE MAILED BALLOT MUST HAVE THE VOTER'S  
43 SIGNATURE ON THE ENVELOPE AND MUST BE RETURNED TO THE OFFICE  
44 OF THE COUNTY RECORDER BY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING METHODS:**

(a) DEPOSITING IT IN A SECURE IDENTIFIED CONTAINER AT ANY EARLY VOTING LOCATION IN THE COUNTY NOT LATER THAN 7:00 P.M. ON THE LAST FRIDAY BEFORE ELECTION DAY.

(b) DELIVERING IT TO THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OR ANY OTHER OFFICER IN CHARGE OF ELECTIONS NOT LATER THAN 7:00 P.M. ON ELECTION DAY.

(c) ON ELECTION DAY, BRINGING THE BALLOT TO THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OR OTHER OFFICER IN CHARGE OF ELECTIONS WHICH, ON ELECTION DAY, WILL BE THE ONLY VALID LOCATION FOR RECEIVING THE COMPLETED BALLOT, WHICH MUST BE HAND DELIVERED.

(WARNING – It is a felony to offer or receive any compensation for a ballot.)

13       E. The printed instructions prescribed by subsection D of this  
14 section shall also include the following information regarding section  
15 16-1005, subsections H and I in substantially the following form:

A person may only handle or return ~~their~~ THE PERSON'S own ballot or the ballot of family members, household members or persons for whom ~~they are~~ THE PERSON IS a caregiver. It is unlawful under section 16-1005, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, to handle or return the ballot of any other person.

21 Sec. 7. Section 16-548, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
22 read:

## 16-548. Preparation and transmission of ballot

24 A. The early voter shall make and sign the affidavit and shall then  
25 mark ~~his~~ THE ballot in such a manner that ~~his~~ THE EARLY VOTER'S vote  
26 cannot be seen. The early voter shall fold the ballot, if a paper ballot,  
27 so as to conceal the vote and deposit the voted ballot in the envelope  
28 provided for that purpose, which shall be securely sealed and, together  
29 with the affidavit, delivered or mailed to the county recorder or other  
30 officer in charge of elections of the political subdivision in which the  
31 elector is registered or deposited by the voter or the voter's agent at  
32 any polling place in the county. **THROUGH 2026**, in order to be counted and  
33 valid, the ballot must be received by the county recorder or other officer  
34 in charge of elections or deposited at any polling place in the county ~~to~~  
35 **NOT** later than 7:00 p.m. on election day.

36 B. BEGINNING IN 2027, THE VOTED BALLOT AND AFFIDAVIT MUST BE  
37 DEPOSITED IN A SECURE RECEPTACLE AT ANY EARLY VOTING LOCATION IN THE  
38 COUNTY NOT LATER THAN 7:00 P.M. ON THE FRIDAY BEFORE ELECTION DAY,  
39 DELIVERED TO THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OR OTHER OFFICER IN CHARGE  
40 OF ELECTIONS NOT LATER THAN 7:00 P.M. ON ELECTION DAY OR, ON ELECTION DAY,  
41 BROUGHT BY HAND DELIVERY TO THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OR OTHER  
42 OFFICER IN CHARGE OF ELECTIONS BEFORE 7:00 P.M., WHICH IS THE ONLY VALID  
43 LOCATION FOR RECEIVING THE VOTED MAIL BALLOT BY HAND DELIVERY ON ELECTION  
44 DAY.

1        ~~B.~~ C. If the early voter is an overseas citizen, a qualified  
2 elector absent from the United States or in the United States service, a  
3 spouse or dependent residing with the early voter or a qualified elector  
4 of a special district mail ballot election as provided in article 8.1 of  
5 this chapter, the early voter may subscribe to the affidavit before and  
6 obtain the signature and military identification number or passport  
7 number, if available, of any person who is a United States citizen  
8 eighteen years of age or older.

9        Sec. 8. Section 16-550, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
10 read:

11        16-550. Receipt of voter's ballot; cure period; tracking  
12        system

13        A. Except for early ballots tabulated as prescribed in section  
14 16-579.02 or, beginning in 2026, received at a voting location after a  
15 voter's identification is confirmed as prescribed by section 16-579,  
16 subsection A, paragraph 4, on receipt of the envelope containing the early  
17 ballot and the mail ~~ballot~~ affidavit, the county recorder or other officer  
18 in charge of elections shall **CONDUCT SIGNATURE VERIFICATION AS PRESCRIBED**  
19 **BY THIS SECTION AND SECTION 16-550.01. THE COUNTY RECORDER OR OTHER**  
20 **OFFICER IN CHARGE OF ELECTIONS SHALL** compare the signature on the envelope  
21 with the signature of the elector **AND THE ELECTOR'S NAME AND ADDRESS** on  
22 the elector's registration record as prescribed by section 16-550.01 **AND**  
23 **ON THE EARLY BALLOT SECURITY ENVELOPE.** If the signature is inconsistent  
24 with the elector's signature on the elector's registration record, the  
25 county recorder or other officer in charge of elections shall make  
26 reasonable efforts to contact the voter, advise the voter of the  
27 inconsistent signature and allow the voter to correct or the county to  
28 confirm the inconsistent signature. The county recorder or other officer  
29 in charge of elections shall allow signatures to be corrected not later  
30 than the fifth business day after a primary, general or special election  
31 that includes a federal office or the third business day after any other  
32 election. If the election is a primary, general or special election that  
33 includes a federal office, in addition to the office's regular business  
34 hours, the county recorder's and any city or town clerks' offices that  
35 have an agreement with a county to be used as locations at which a voter  
36 may submit proof of identification shall be open during regular business  
37 hours to allow for curing signatures during the Friday and weekend before  
38 and the Friday and weekend after the election. Regular business hours  
39 include at a minimum 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. If the signature is  
40 missing, the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections shall  
41 make reasonable efforts to contact the elector, advise the elector of the  
42 missing signature and allow the elector to add the elector's signature not  
43 later than 7:00 p.m. on election day. If satisfied that the signatures  
44 correspond **AND AFTER COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 16-550.01**, the recorder or  
45 other officer in charge of elections shall hold the envelope containing

1 the early ballot and the completed mail affidavit unopened in accordance  
2 with the rules of the secretary of state. Signatures that cannot be  
3 verified pursuant to section 16-550.01 or cured pursuant to this section  
4 shall be rejected. If the ballot is a conditional provisional ballot, the  
5 voter shall provide proof of identification to the county recorder or  
6 other officer in charge of elections not later than the fifth business day  
7 after a primary, general or special election that includes a federal  
8 office or the third business day after any other election. Beginning with  
9 the first missing or mismatched signature that is identified after the  
10 period of early voting begins through the Monday immediately preceding the  
11 election, the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections  
12 shall submit daily to the political parties that are qualified for  
13 continued representation on the state ballot an updated list of all voters  
14 whose signatures are missing or inconsistent with the voter's signature on  
15 the voter's registration record. Beginning on the Wednesday immediately  
16 following the election through the end of the signature cure period after  
17 a primary, general or special election that includes a federal office, or  
18 the third business day after the election for any other election, the  
19 county recorder or other officer in charge of elections shall submit daily  
20 to the political parties that are qualified for continued representation  
21 on the state ballot an updated list of all voters whose signatures are  
22 inconsistent with the voter's signature on the voter's registration record  
23 and all voters who voted with a conditional provisional ballot. This list  
24 of voters whose signatures require curing shall include for those voters  
25 all voter information that is provided to the political parties that are  
26 qualified for continued representation on the state ballot as prescribed  
27 by section 16-168.

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

32       C. Processing and tabulation of individual ballots may begin  
33 immediately after the envelope and completed mail ~~ballot~~ affidavit are  
34 processed pursuant to this section and delivered to the early election  
35 board and shall continue without delay until completed. Until election  
36 day, the early election board and the county recorder or other officer in  
37 charge of elections shall:

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

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

1       3. Only produce a partial results report or associated files if it  
2 is part of the internal preparation for the hand count pursuant to section  
3 16-602 or for the logic and accuracy testing required pursuant to section  
4 16-449.

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

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

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

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

23       G. This section does not apply to:

24       1. A special taxing district that is authorized pursuant to section  
25 16-191 to conduct its own elections.

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

28       Sec. 9. Section 16-552, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
29 read:

30       16-552. Early ballots; processing; challenges

31       A. In a jurisdiction that uses optical scan ballots, the officer in  
32 charge of elections may use the procedure prescribed by this section or  
33 may request approval from the secretary of state for a different method  
34 for processing early ballots. The request shall be made in writing at  
35 least ninety days before the election for which the procedure is intended  
36 to be used. After the election official has confirmed with the secretary  
37 of state that all election equipment passes the logic and accuracy test,  
38 the election official may begin to count early ballots. No early ballot  
39 results may be released except as prescribed by section 16-551.

40       B. EXCEPT FOR A PERSON WHO VOTES PERSONALLY AT AN EARLY VOTING  
41 LOCATION DURING THE PERIOD OF EARLY VOTING AS PRESCRIBED BY SECTION  
42 16-548, SUBSECTION B, the early election board shall check the voter's  
43 mail ~~ballot~~ affidavit on the envelope containing the early ballot. If it  
44 is found to be sufficient, the vote shall be allowed. If the mail ~~ballot~~  
45 affidavit is insufficient, the vote shall not be allowed. Beginning in

1 2026, for an early ballot that is received and verified as prescribed by  
2 section 16-579, subsection A, paragraph 4, additional signature  
3 verification is not required.

4 C. The county chairman of each political party represented on the  
5 ballot, by written appointment addressed to the early election board, may  
6 designate party representatives and alternates to act as early ballot  
7 challengers for the party. No party may have more than the number of such  
8 representatives or alternates that were mutually agreed on by each  
9 political party to be present at one time. If such agreement cannot be  
10 reached, the number of representatives shall be limited to one for each  
11 political party.

12 D. An early ballot may be challenged on any grounds set forth in  
13 section 16-591. All challenges shall be made in writing with a brief  
14 statement of the grounds before the early ballot is placed in the ballot  
15 box. A record of all challenges and resulting proceedings shall be kept  
16 in substantially the same manner as provided in section 16-594. If an  
17 early ballot is challenged, it shall be set aside and retained in the  
18 possession of the early election board or other officer in charge of early  
19 ballot processing until a time that the early election board sets for  
20 determination of the challenge, subject to the procedure in subsection E  
21 of this section, at which time the early election board shall hear the  
22 grounds for the challenge and shall decide what disposition shall be made  
23 of the early ballot by majority vote. If the early ballot is not allowed,  
24 it shall be handled pursuant to subsection G of this section.

25 E. Within twenty-four hours of receipt of a challenge, the early  
26 election board or other officer in charge of early ballot processing shall  
27 mail, by first class mail, a notice of the challenge including a copy of  
28 the written challenge, and also including the time and place at which the  
29 voter may appear to defend the challenge, to the voter at the mailing  
30 address shown on the request for an early ballot or, if none was provided,  
31 to the mailing address shown on the registration rolls. Notice shall also  
32 be mailed to the challenger at the address listed on the written challenge  
33 and provided to the county chairman of each political party represented on  
34 the ballot. The board shall meet to determine the challenge at the time  
35 specified by the notice but, in any event, not earlier than ninety-six  
36 hours after the notice is mailed, or forty-eight hours if the notifying  
37 party chooses to deliver the notice by overnight or hand delivery, and not  
38 later than 5:00 p.m. on the Monday following the election. The board  
39 shall provide the voter with an informal opportunity to make, or to  
40 submit, brief statements regarding the challenge. The board may decline  
41 to ~~permit~~ ALLOW comments, either in person or in writing, by anyone other  
42 than the voter, the challenger and the party representatives. The burden  
43 of proof is on the challenger to show why the voter should not be  
44 ~~permitted~~ ALLOWED to vote. The fact that the voter fails to appear shall  
45 not be deemed to be an admission of the validity of the challenge. The

1 early election board or other officer in charge of early ballot processing  
2 is not required to provide the notices described in this subsection if the  
3 written challenge fails to set forth at least one of the grounds listed in  
4 section 16-591 as a basis for the challenge. In that event, the challenge  
5 will be summarily rejected at the meeting of the board. Except for  
6 election contests pursuant to section 16-672, the board's decision is  
7 final and may not be appealed.

8 F. If the vote is allowed, the board shall open the envelope  
9 containing the ballot in such a manner that the mail ~~ballot~~ affidavit  
10 ~~thereon~~ ON THE ENVELOPE is not destroyed, take out the ballot without  
11 unfolding it or ~~permitting~~ ALLOWING it to be opened or examined and show  
12 by the records of the election that the elector has voted.

13 G. If the vote is not allowed, the mail ~~ballot~~ affidavit envelope  
14 containing the early ballot shall not be opened and the board shall mark  
15 across the face of such envelope the grounds for rejection. The mail  
16 ~~ballot~~ affidavit envelope and its contents shall then be deposited with  
17 the opened mail ~~ballot~~ affidavit envelopes and shall be preserved with  
18 official returns. If the voter does not enter an appearance, the board  
19 shall send the voter a notice stating whether the early ballot was  
20 disallowed and, if disallowed, providing the grounds for the  
21 determination. The notice shall be mailed by first class mail to the  
22 voter's mailing address as shown on the registration rolls within three  
23 days after the board's determination.

24 H. Party representatives and alternates may be appointed as  
25 provided in subsection C of this section to be present and to challenge  
26 the verification of questioned ballots pursuant to section 16-584 on any  
27 grounds allowed by this section. Questioned ballots that are challenged  
28 shall be presented to the early election board for decision under the  
29 provisions of this section.

30 Sec. 10. Section 16-579.01, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
31 read:

32 **16-579.01. Early ballots: on-site tabulation**

33 A. Every county recorder or other officer in charge of elections  
34 may provide for a qualified elector who appears at that elector's  
35 designated polling location or at a voting center AT ANY TIME DURING THE  
36 PERIOD OF EARLY VOTING AND on election day with the elector's voted early  
37 ballot to have the elector's voted early ballot tabulated as prescribed in  
38 section 16-579.02.

39 B. The county recorder or other officer in charge of elections  
40 shall do all of the following if the on-site tabulation of early ballots  
41 is allowed:

42 1. Designate an area within a precinct or voting center for  
43 processing electors with their voted early ballots that is physically  
44 separate from the area for voters who are voting pursuant to section  
45 16-579.

1       2. Provide adequate poll workers, election officials and equipment  
2 necessary to conduct voting pursuant to this section and section  
3 16-579.02.

4       3. Categorize and tally separately in the official canvass and  
5 other reports electors whose voted early ballots are tabulated at the  
6 precinct or voting center. The tally shall be reported by precinct in the  
7 official canvass and other voting reports.

8       4. Reconcile for that polling place or voting center the number of  
9 electors who appear on the signature roster or ~~e-pollbook~~ ELECTRONIC  
10 POLLBOOK with the number of completed early ballot affidavits and the  
11 voted early ballots tabulated on-site.

12       Sec. 11. Section 16-579.02, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
13 read:

14       16-579.02. Election day early ballot on-site tabulation  
15                   procedure; fund

16       A. A qualified elector who appears at a voting center or at the  
17 elector's designated polling place that allows for the on-site tabulation  
18 of early ballots with the elector's voted early ballot shall present  
19 identification as prescribed in section 16-579, subsection A, paragraph 1  
20 and proceed as follows:

21       1. If the elector does not present identification that complies  
22 with section 16-579, subsection A, paragraph 1, the elector shall ~~either~~  
23 ~~deposit the elector's voted early ballot in its affidavit envelope in an~~  
24 ~~official drop box or~~ proceed to the area designated for election day  
25 voting to surrender the early ballot to the election board for retention  
26 and not for tabulating. The elector shall then be allowed to vote a  
27 provisional ballot as prescribed in section 16-584. An election official  
28 may not allow for the on-site tabulation of an early ballot if the elector  
29 does not present identification that complies with section 16-579,  
30 subsection A, paragraph 1.

31       2. If the elector presents sufficient identification to comply with  
32 section 16-579, subsection A, paragraph 1, the elector shall present the  
33 elector's early ballot affidavit to the election official in charge of the  
34 signature roster, and the election official shall confirm that the name  
35 and address on the completed affidavit reasonably appear to be the same as  
36 the name and address on the precinct register.

37       3. If the elector's affidavit is not complete, the election  
38 official in charge of the signature roster shall allow the elector to  
39 complete the affidavit. The election official may not allow for the  
40 on-site tabulation of an early ballot until the elector presents a  
41 completed early ballot affidavit.

42       B. If the elector's affidavit is complete, the elector's name shall  
43 be numbered consecutively by the clerk and in the order of application for  
44 early ballot tabulation.

1       C. For precincts in which a paper signature roster is used, each  
2 qualified elector shall sign the elector's name in the signature roster as  
3 prescribed in section 16-579, subsection D before proceeding to the  
4 tabulating equipment.

5       D. For precincts in which an electronic pollbook is used, each  
6 qualified elector shall sign the elector's name as prescribed in section  
7 16-579, subsection E before proceeding to the tabulating equipment.

8       E. After signing the signature roster or electronic pollbook, the  
9 elector shall proceed to the tabulating equipment and while under the  
10 observation of an election official, remove the early ballot from the  
11 completed affidavit envelope, deposit the empty completed affidavit  
12 envelope in the secured and labeled drop box and insert the early ballot  
13 into a tabulating machine. An early ballot that has been separated from  
14 the elector's completed affidavit envelope may not be removed from the  
15 on-site early ballot tabulation area.

16       F. The drop box prescribed in subsection E of this section shall be  
17 clearly labeled to indicate that the completed affidavits are from ballots  
18 tabulated pursuant to this section and shall be secured in a manner  
19 substantially similar to other ballot boxes at that location.

20       G. Any qualified elector who lawfully brings to a polling place or  
21 voting center another elector's voted early ballot that is sealed in its  
22 affidavit envelope shall deposit the other elector's voted early ballot in  
23 the appropriate ballot drop box before entering the on-site early ballot  
24 tabulation area for purposes of tabulating the elector's own early ballot.  
25 The county recorder or other officer in charge of elections shall ensure  
26 that a voter is not in possession of another voter's ballot within the  
27 on-site early ballot tabulation area.

28       Sec. 12. Title 16, chapter 6, article 1.2, Arizona Revised  
29 Statutes, is amended by adding section 16-919, to read:

30       16-919. Foreign contributions prohibited; ballot measures;  
31                   certification; definitions

32       A. A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT SHALL NOT KNOWINGLY GIVE AND A PERSON,  
33 ENTITY OR COMMITTEE SHALL NOT KNOWINGLY ACCEPT OR USE MONIES OR IN-KIND  
34 GOODS OR SERVICES THAT ARE CONTRIBUTED BY A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT OR A  
35 FOREIGN NONGOVERNMENTAL SOURCE TO INFLUENCE THE OUTCOME OF AN ELECTION ON  
36 A BALLOT MEASURE.

37       B. A PERSON, ENTITY OR COMMITTEE THAT IS REQUIRED TO FILE CAMPAIGN  
38 FINANCE REPORTS PURSUANT TO SECTION 16-926 SHALL CERTIFY UNDER PENALTY OF  
39 PERJURY IN THOSE REPORTS THAT THE PERSON, ENTITY OR COMMITTEE HAS NOT  
40 ACCEPTED OR USED MONIES OR IN-KIND GOODS OR SERVICES IN VIOLATION OF  
41 SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION.

42       C. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:

43       1. FOREIGN GOVERNMENT DOES NOT INCLUDE FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED  
44 SOVEREIGN TRIBAL NATIONS.

1       2. "FOREIGN NONGOVERNMENTAL SOURCE":  
2        (a) MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS NOT A UNITED STATES CITIZEN OR  
3 NATIONAL.  
4        (b) DOES NOT INCLUDE FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED SOVEREIGN TRIBAL NATIONS.  
5        Sec. 13. Short title  
6        This act may be cited as the "Florida-Style Election Act".