

REFERENCE TITLE: polling places; accessible equipment

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HB 2794

Introduced by
Representative Garcia

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 16-447, 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 16-447, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 16-447. Voting devices; inspection; specifications and number
5 of booths

6 A. The board of supervisors shall provide at each polling place at
7 least one device that complies with the help America vote act of 2002
8 (P.L. 107-252) and that is certified by the secretary of state for use by
9 voters with disabilities. EACH ACCESSIBLE DEVICE THAT IS PLACED AT A
10 PRECINCT-BASED POLLING PLACE OR VOTING CENTER SHALL BE PROGRAMMED AND
11 PREPARED SO THAT ALL BALLOT STYLES FOR THAT ENTIRE JURISDICTION OR COUNTY
12 ARE AVAILABLE FROM EACH DEVICE WITHOUT REGARD TO THE PRECINCT OR OTHER
13 LOCATION IN WHICH THE DEVICE IS USED.

14 B. Before any election at which electronic voting devices are used,
15 the board of supervisors or other authority in charge of elections shall
16 have the voting devices prepared for the election and shall mail a notice
17 to the chairmen of the county committees of the different political
18 parties, stating when and where the voting devices may be inspected before
19 they are sealed and delivered to the polling places.

20 C. The board of supervisors or other authority in charge of
21 elections shall have delivered to each polling place a sufficient number
22 of voting booths and voting or marking devices. The voting booths shall
23 be durably constructed and shall be of sufficient size and so designed as
24 to enable the voter to mark the voter's ballot in secrecy.

25 D. In any election, the election officer in charge of the election
26 shall determine the number of voting devices to be used.

27 E. The board of supervisors shall designate a person to observe the
28 installation and modification of any election management software or
29 computer programming used for county election administration. The board
30 of supervisors shall also designate a person to act as a substitute if the
31 primary designee is unavailable. The persons designated may be county
32 employees but may not be employed by or under the supervision of the
33 officer in charge of elections.