

REFERENCE TITLE: presidential electors; presidential candidates; vacancy

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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 16-212, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO
PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 16-212, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 16-212. Election of presidential electors; electoral college
5 votes; vacancy; replacement

6 A. On the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1956,
7 and quadrennially thereafter, there shall be elected a number of
8 presidential electors equal to the number of United States senators and
9 representatives in Congress from this state.

10 B. After the secretary of state issues the statewide canvass
11 containing the results of a presidential election, the presidential
12 electors of this state shall cast their electoral college votes for the
13 candidate for president and the candidate for vice president who jointly
14 received the highest number of votes in this state as prescribed in the
15 canvass, EXCEPT IF A WINNING CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT OR VICE PRESIDENT IN
16 THIS STATE DIES OR WITHDRAWS BEFORE THE DATE ON WHICH THE PRESIDENTIAL
17 ELECTORS ARE SCHEDULED TO MEET AND CAST THEIR VOTES, THE PRESIDENTIAL
18 ELECTORS SHALL CAST THEIR ELECTORAL COLLEGE VOTES FOR THE SUCCESSOR
19 CANDIDATE FOR THAT OFFICE WHO IS NOMINATED BY THE DECEASED OR WITHDRAWN
20 CANDIDATE'S POLITICAL PARTY AS PRESCRIBED BY THAT POLITICAL PARTY'S RULES.

21 C. A presidential elector who ~~knowingly~~ refuses to cast that
22 elector's electoral college vote as prescribed in subsection B of this
23 section is no longer eligible to hold the office of presidential elector
24 and that office is deemed and declared vacant by operation of law. IF A
25 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTOR IS NOT PRESENT TO VOTE AT THE MEETING OF THIS STATE'S
26 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS, THAT PRESIDENTIAL ELECTOR'S OFFICE IS ALSO DEEMED
27 VACANT. TO FILL ANY VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENTIAL ELECTOR, the
28 chairperson of the state committee of the political party represented by
29 that elector shall appoint a person who is otherwise qualified to be a
30 presidential elector. The replacement presidential elector shall cast the
31 elector's electoral college vote as prescribed by this section.
32 Notwithstanding section 16-344 and any other statute, the nomination paper
33 and affidavit of qualification of the replacement presidential elector may
34 be completed and filed with the secretary of state as soon as is
35 practicable after the presidential elector's appointment.