

REFERENCE TITLE: voting centers; early voting; security

State of Arizona  
House of Representatives  
Fifty-seventh Legislature  
Second Regular Session  
2026

## **HB 2907**

Introduced by  
Representative De Los Santos

### AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 16-166, 16-245 AND 16-246, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; REPEALING SECTION 16-407.01, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING TITLE 16, CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 16-407.04; AMENDING SECTIONS 16-411, 16-461, 16-510, 16-515, 16-542, 16-544, 16-550, 16-572, 16-1017 AND 16-1018, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; APPROPRIATING MONIES; RELATING TO ELECTIONS AND ELECTORS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Section 16-166, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 16-166. Verification of registration

5 A. Except for the mailing of sample ballots, a county recorder who  
6 mails an item to any elector shall send the mailing by nonforwardable  
7 first class mail marked with the statement required by the postmaster to  
8 receive an address correction notification. If the item is returned  
9 undelivered, the county recorder shall send a follow-up notice to that  
10 elector within three weeks of receipt of the returned notice. The county  
11 recorder shall send the follow-up notice to the address that appears in  
12 the general county register or to the forwarding address provided by the  
13 United States postal service. The follow-up notice shall include an  
14 appropriate internet address for revising voter registration information  
15 or a registration form and the information prescribed by section 16-131,  
16 subsection C and shall state that if the elector does not complete and  
17 return a new registration form with current information to the county  
18 recorder or make changes to the elector's voter registration information  
19 that is maintained online within thirty-five days, the elector's  
20 registration status shall be changed from active to inactive.

21 B. If the elector provides the county recorder with a new  
22 registration form or otherwise revises the elector's information, the  
23 county recorder shall change the general register to reflect the changes  
24 indicated on the new registration. If the elector indicates a new  
25 residence address outside that county, the county recorder shall forward  
26 the voter registration form or revised information to the county recorder  
27 of the county in which the elector's address is located. If the elector  
28 provides a new residence address that is located outside this state, the  
29 county recorder shall cancel the elector's registration.

30 C. The county recorder shall maintain on the inactive voter list  
31 the names of electors who have been removed from the general register  
32 pursuant to subsection A or E of this section for a period of four years  
33 or through the date of the second general election for federal office  
34 following the date of the notice from the county recorder that is sent  
35 pursuant to subsection E of this section.

36 D. On notice that a government agency has changed the name of any  
37 street, route number, post office box number or other address designation,  
38 the county recorder shall revise the registration records and shall send a  
39 new verification of registration notice to the electors whose records were  
40 changed.

41 E. The county recorder on or before May 1 of each year preceding a  
42 state primary and general election or more frequently as the recorder  
43 deems necessary may use the change of address information supplied by the  
44 postal service through its licensees and the information provided by an  
45 electronic voter registration information center to identify registrants

1 whose addresses may have changed. If it appears from information provided  
 2 by the postal service or an electronic voter registration information  
 3 center that a registrant has moved to a different residence address, the  
 4 county recorder shall send the registrant a notice of the change by  
 5 forwardable mail and a postage prepaid preaddressed return form or an  
 6 appropriate internet address for revising voter registration information  
 7 by which the registrant may verify or correct the registration  
 8 information. If the registrant fails to revise the information or return  
 9 the form postmarked not later than thirty-five days after the mailing of  
 10 the notice, the elector's registration status shall be changed from active  
 11 to inactive. If the notice sent by the recorder is not returned, the  
 12 registrant may be required to provide affirmation or confirmation of the  
 13 registrant's address in order to vote. If the registrant does not vote in  
 14 an election during the period after the date of the notice from the  
 15 recorder through the date of the second general election for federal  
 16 office following the date of that notice, the registrant's name shall be  
 17 removed from the list of inactive voters. If the registrant has changed  
 18 residence to a new county, the county recorder shall provide information  
 19 on how the registrant can continue to be eligible to vote.

20 F. The county recorder shall reject any application for  
 21 registration that is not accompanied by satisfactory evidence of United  
 22 States citizenship. Satisfactory evidence of citizenship shall include  
 23 any of the following:

24 1. The number of the applicant's driver license or nonoperating  
 25 identification license issued after October 1, 1996 by the department of  
 26 transportation or the equivalent governmental agency of another state  
 27 within the United States if the agency indicates on the applicant's driver  
 28 license or nonoperating identification license that the person has  
 29 provided satisfactory proof of United States citizenship.

30 2. A legible photocopy of the applicant's birth certificate that  
 31 verifies citizenship to the satisfaction of the county recorder.

32 3. A legible photocopy of pertinent pages of the applicant's United  
 33 States passport identifying the applicant and the applicant's passport  
 34 number or presentation to the county recorder of the applicant's United  
 35 States passport.

36 4. A presentation to the county recorder of the applicant's United  
 37 States naturalization documents or the number of the certificate of  
 38 naturalization. If only the number of the certificate of naturalization  
 39 is provided, the applicant shall not be included in the registration rolls  
 40 until the number of the certificate of naturalization is verified with the  
 41 United States immigration and naturalization service by the county  
 42 recorder.

43 5. Other documents or methods of proof that are established  
 44 pursuant to the immigration reform and control act of 1986.

1           6. The applicant's bureau of Indian affairs card number, tribal  
2 treaty card number or tribal enrollment number.

3           G. Notwithstanding subsection F of this section, any person who is  
4 registered in this state on the effective date of this amendment to this  
5 section is deemed to have provided satisfactory evidence of citizenship  
6 and shall not be required to resubmit evidence of citizenship unless the  
7 person is changing voter registration from one county to another.

8           H. For the purposes of this section, proof of voter registration  
9 from another state or county is not satisfactory evidence of citizenship.

10          I. A person who modifies voter registration records with a new  
11 residence ballot shall not be required to submit evidence of citizenship.  
12 After citizenship has been demonstrated to the county recorder, the person  
13 is not required to resubmit satisfactory evidence of citizenship in that  
14 county.

15          J. After a person has submitted satisfactory evidence of  
16 citizenship, the county recorder shall indicate this information in the  
17 person's permanent voter file. After two years the county recorder may  
18 destroy all documents that were submitted as evidence of citizenship.

19          K. THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL JOIN AND MAINTAIN THIS STATE'S  
20 PARTICIPATION IN A MULTISTATE ELECTRONIC VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION  
21 CENTER IN ORDER TO ENSURE ACCURATE AND TIMELY VOTER REGISTRATION  
22 INFORMATION. THE COUNTY RECORDER SHALL PARTICIPATE IN LIST MAINTENANCE  
23 EFFORTS IN COORDINATION WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE THAT ARE DERIVED FROM  
24 THIS MEMBERSHIP.

25          Sec. 2. Section 16-245, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
26 read:

27           16-245. Form and content of ballot

28          A. Ballots and ballot labels for the presidential preference  
29 election shall be printed on different colored paper or white paper with a  
30 different colored stripe for each party represented on the presidential  
31 preference election ballot. Only one party may be represented on each  
32 ballot. At the top shall be printed "official ballot of the  
33 \_\_\_\_\_ party, presidential preference election (date), county of  
34 \_\_\_\_\_, state of Arizona".

35          B. The order of the names of certified candidates on the ballot  
36 shall be determined by lots drawn at a public meeting called by the  
37 secretary of state for that purpose. Rotation of candidate names is  
38 prohibited. The certified candidates shall be listed under the title  
39 "\_\_\_\_\_ party candidates for President of the United  
40 States". Immediately below shall be printed "vote for not more than  
41 one". The ballot may also contain printed instructions to voters as  
42 prescribed for other elections.

1 C. The officer in charge of elections shall provide a sample ballot  
2 proof to the state committee chairman of each qualified candidate's state  
3 committee ~~no~~ NOT later than five days after ~~receipt of~~ RECEIVING the  
4 certification from the secretary of state.

5 D. The officer in charge of elections shall mail one sample ballot  
6 of each party represented on the presidential preference election ballot  
7 to each household that contains a registered voter of that political party  
8 unless that registered voter is on the ~~active~~ PERMANENT early voting list  
9 established pursuant to section 16-544. The return address on the sample  
10 ballot mailer shall not contain the name of any elected or appointed  
11 official, and the name of an appointed or elected official shall not be  
12 used to indicate who produced the sample ballot.

13 E. The mailing face of each sample ballot shall be imprinted with  
14 the great seal of the state of Arizona with the words "official voting  
15 materials – presidential preference election". The ~~polling place~~ VOTING  
16 LOCATION for that household may also be designated on the mailing face of  
17 the sample ballot.

18 Sec. 3. Section 16-246, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
19 read:

20 16-246. Early balloting; satellite locations; additional  
21 procedures

22 A. Within ninety-three days before the presidential preference  
23 election and not later than 5:00 p.m. on the eleventh day preceding the  
24 election, any elector who is eligible to vote in the presidential  
25 preference election may make a verbal or signed, written request for an  
26 official early ballot to the county recorder or other officer in charge of  
27 elections for the county in which the elector is registered to vote. If  
28 the request is verbal, the requesting elector shall provide the date of  
29 birth and birthplace or other information that if compared to the voter  
30 registration records for that elector would confirm the identity of the  
31 elector.

32 B. Absent uniformed services voters or overseas voters who are  
33 otherwise eligible to vote in the election may vote as prescribed by  
34 sections 16-543 and 16-543.02.

35 C. The county recorder or other officer in charge of elections may  
36 establish on-site early voting locations at the office of the county  
37 recorder or at other locations in the county deemed necessary or  
38 appropriate by the recorder. Early voting shall begin within the time  
39 limits prescribed in section 16-542 unless otherwise prescribed by this  
40 section.

41 D. The county recorder or other officer in charge of elections  
42 shall send by nonforwardable mail that is marked with the statement  
43 required by the postmaster to receive an address correction notification  
44 any early ballots that are requested pursuant to subsections A and B of

1 this section and shall include a preaddressed envelope for the elector to  
2 return the completed ballot.

3 E. The county recorder or other officer in charge of elections  
4 shall provide to each election board an appropriate alphabetized list of  
5 voters who have requested and have been sent an early ballot. Any person  
6 who is on that list of voters and who was sent an early ballot shall not  
7 vote at the ~~polling place~~ VOTING LOCATION for that election precinct  
8 except as prescribed by section 16-579, subsection B.

9 F. The county recorder or other officer in charge of elections may  
10 provide for ~~any of the following~~ SPECIAL ELECTION BOARDS in the same  
11 manner prescribed by law for other elections. ~~---~~

12 ~~1. Special election boards.~~

13 ~~2. Emergency balloting for persons who experience an emergency  
14 after 5:00 p.m. on the Friday preceding the presidential preference  
15 election and before 5:00 p.m. on the Monday immediately preceding the  
16 presidential preference election. Before receiving a ballot pursuant to  
17 this paragraph, a person who experiences an emergency shall provide  
18 identification as prescribed in section 16-579 and shall sign a statement  
19 under penalty of perjury that states that the person is experiencing or  
20 experienced an emergency after 5:00 p.m. on the Friday immediately  
21 preceding the election and before 5:00 p.m. on the Monday immediately  
22 preceding the election that would prevent the person from voting at the  
23 polls. Signed statements received pursuant to this subsection are not  
24 subject to inspection pursuant to title 39, chapter 1, article 2.~~

25 ~~G. Notwithstanding section 16-579, subsection A, paragraph 2, for  
26 emergency balloting pursuant to subsection F, paragraph 2 of this section,  
27 the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections may allow a  
28 qualified elector to update the elector's voter registration information as  
29 as provided for in the secretary of state's instructions and procedures  
30 manual adopted pursuant to section 16-452.~~

31 ~~H.~~ G. Sections 16-550, 16-551 and 16-552 govern the use of early  
32 balloting for the presidential preference election.

33 Sec. 4. Repeal

34 Section 16-407.01, Arizona Revised Statutes, is repealed.

35 Sec. 5. Title 16, chapter 4, article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes,  
36 is amended by adding section 16-407.04, to read:

37 16-407.04. Election administration; private monies

38 NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER LAW, THE SECRETARY OF STATE, COUNTY  
39 RECORDERS AND COUNTY ELECTION DIRECTORS MAY RECEIVE AND SPEND PRIVATE  
40 MONIES FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO PROCESSES USED IN PREPARING FOR, ADMINISTERING  
41 OR CONDUCTING ELECTIONS, INCLUDING REGISTERING VOTERS, CONDUCTING VOTER  
42 EDUCATION AND DEVELOPING INNOVATIVE ELECTION PROGRAMS.

1           Sec. 6. Section 16-411, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
2 read:

3           16-411. Designation of election precincts; voting centers;  
4           electioneering; wait times

5           A. The board of supervisors of each county, on or before October 1  
6 of each year preceding the year of a general election, by an order, shall  
7 establish a convenient number of election precincts in the county and  
8 define the boundaries of the precincts as follows:

9           1. The election precinct boundaries shall be established so as to  
10 be included within election districts prescribed by law for elected  
11 officers of the state and its political subdivisions, including community  
12 college district precincts, except those elected officers provided for in  
13 titles 30 and 48.

14           2. If after October 1 of the year preceding the year of a general  
15 election the board of supervisors must further adjust precinct boundaries  
16 due to the redistricting of election districts as prescribed by law and to  
17 comply with this subsection, the board of supervisors shall adjust these  
18 precinct boundaries as soon as is practicable.

19           B. At least twenty days before a general or primary election, and  
20 at least ten days before a special election, ~~the board shall designate one~~  
21 ~~polling place within each precinct where the election shall be held,~~  
22 ~~except that:~~

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

27           ~~2. Adjacent precincts may be combined if boundaries so established~~  
28 ~~are included in election districts prescribed by law for state elected~~  
29 ~~officials and political subdivisions including community college districts~~  
30 ~~but not including elected officials prescribed by titles 30 and 48. The~~  
31 ~~officer in charge of elections may also split a precinct for~~  
32 ~~administrative purposes. The polling places shall be listed in separate~~  
33 ~~sections of the order or resolution.~~

34           ~~3. On a specific finding of the board that the number of persons~~  
35 ~~who are listed as early voters pursuant to section 16-544 and who are not~~  
36 ~~expected to have their ballots tabulated at the polling place as~~  
37 ~~prescribed in section 16-579.02 is likely to substantially reduce the~~  
38 ~~number of voters appearing at one or more specific polling places at that~~  
39 ~~election, adjacent precincts may be consolidated by combining polling~~  
40 ~~places and precinct boards for that election. The board of supervisors~~  
41 ~~shall ensure that a reasonable and adequate number of polling places will~~  
42 ~~be designated for that election. Any consolidated polling places shall be~~  
43 ~~listed in separate sections of the order or resolution of the board.~~

1           ~~4.~~ on a specific resolution of the board, the board ~~may authorize~~  
2 **SHALL PROVIDE FOR** the use of voting centers in place of ~~or in addition to~~  
3 specifically designated ~~polling places~~ **VOTING LOCATIONS**. A voting center  
4 shall allow any voter in that county to receive the appropriate ballot for  
5 that voter on election day after presenting identification as prescribed  
6 in section 16-579 and to lawfully cast the ballot. Voting centers ~~may~~  
7 **SHALL** be established in coordination and consultation with the county  
8 recorder, at other county offices or at other locations in the county  
9 deemed appropriate.

10           ~~5. On a specific resolution of the board of supervisors that is~~  
11 ~~limited to a specific election date and that is voted on by a recorded~~  
12 ~~vote, the board may authorize the county recorder or other officer in~~  
13 ~~charge of elections to use emergency voting centers as follows:~~

14           ~~(a) The board shall specify in the resolution the location and the~~  
15 ~~hours of operation of the emergency voting centers.~~

16           ~~(b) A qualified elector voting at an emergency voting center shall~~  
17 ~~provide identification as prescribed in section 16-579, except that~~  
18 ~~notwithstanding section 16-579, subsection A, paragraph 2, for any voting~~  
19 ~~at an emergency voting center, the county recorder or other officer in~~  
20 ~~charge of elections may allow a qualified elector to update the elector's~~  
21 ~~voter registration information as provided for in the secretary of state's~~  
22 ~~instructions and procedures manual adopted pursuant to section 16-452.~~

23           ~~(c) If an emergency voting center established pursuant to this~~  
24 ~~section becomes unavailable and there is not sufficient time for the board~~  
25 ~~of supervisors to convene to approve an alternate location for that~~  
26 ~~emergency voting center, the county recorder or other officer in charge of~~  
27 ~~elections may make changes to the approved emergency voting center~~  
28 ~~location and shall notify the public and the board of supervisors~~  
29 ~~regarding that change as soon as practicable. The alternate emergency~~  
30 ~~voting center shall be as close in proximity to the approved emergency~~  
31 ~~voting center location as possible.~~

32           ~~c. If the board fails to designate the place for holding the~~  
33 ~~election, or if it cannot be held at or about the place designated, the~~  
34 ~~justice of the peace in the precinct, two days before the election, by an~~  
35 ~~order, copies of which the justice of the peace shall immediately post in~~  
36 ~~three public places in the precinct, shall designate the place within the~~  
37 ~~precinct for holding the election. If there is no justice of the peace in~~  
38 ~~the precinct, or if the justice of the peace fails to do so, the election~~  
39 ~~board of the precinct shall designate and give notice of the place within~~  
40 ~~the precinct of holding the election. For any election in which there are~~  
41 ~~no candidates for elected office appearing on the ballot, the board may~~  
42 ~~consolidate polling places and precinct boards and may consolidate the~~  
43 ~~tabulation of results for that election if all of the following apply:~~

44           ~~1. All affected voters are notified by mail of the change at least~~  
45 ~~thirty-three days before the election.~~

1           ~~2. Notice of the change in polling places includes notice of the~~  
2 ~~new voting location, notice of the hours for voting on election day and~~  
3 ~~notice of the telephone number to call for voter assistance.~~

4           ~~3. All affected voters receive information on early voting that~~  
5 ~~includes the application used to request an early voting ballot.~~

6           ~~D.~~ C. The board is not required to designate a ~~polling place~~  
7 VOTING CENTER for special district mail ballot elections held pursuant to  
8 article 8.1 of this chapter, but the board may designate one or more sites  
9 for voters to deposit marked ballots until 7:00 p.m. on the day of the  
10 election.

11           ~~E.~~ D. Except as provided in subsection ~~F~~ E of this section, a  
12 public school shall provide sufficient space for use as a ~~polling place~~  
13 VOTING LOCATION for any city, county or state election when requested by  
14 the officer in charge of elections.

15           ~~F.~~ E. The principal of the school may deny a request to provide  
16 space for use as a ~~polling place~~ VOTING LOCATION for any city, county or  
17 state election if, within two weeks after a request has been made, the  
18 principal provides a written statement indicating a reason the election  
19 cannot be held in the school, including any of the following:

- 20           1. Space is not available at the school.
- 21           2. The safety or welfare of the children would be jeopardized.

22           ~~G.~~ F. Beginning in 2026, the department of administration shall  
23 coordinate with state agencies and counties to provide available and  
24 appropriate state-owned facilities for use as a voting location for any  
25 city, county or state election when requested by the officer in charge of  
26 elections.

27           ~~H.~~ G. The board shall make available to the public as a public  
28 record a list of the ~~polling places~~ VOTING LOCATIONS for all precincts in  
29 which the election is to be held.

30           ~~I.~~ H. Except in the case of an emergency, any facility that is  
31 used as a ~~polling place~~ VOTING LOCATION on election day or that is used as  
32 an early voting site during the period of early voting shall allow persons  
33 to electioneer and engage in other political activity outside of the  
34 seventy-five foot limit prescribed by section 16-515 in public areas and  
35 parking lots used by voters. This subsection does not allow the temporary  
36 or permanent construction of structures in public areas and parking lots  
37 or the blocking or other impairment of access to parking spaces for  
38 voters. The county recorder or other officer in charge of elections shall  
39 post on its website at least two weeks before election day a list of those  
40 ~~polling places~~ VOTING LOCATIONS in which emergency conditions prevent  
41 electioneering and shall specify the reason the emergency designation was  
42 granted and the number of attempts that were made to find a ~~polling place~~  
43 VOTING LOCATION before granting an emergency designation. If the ~~polling~~  
44 ~~place~~ VOTING LOCATION is not on the website list of ~~polling places~~ VOTING  
45 LOCATIONS with emergency designations, electioneering and other political

1 activity shall be allowed outside of the seventy-five foot limit. If an  
2 emergency arises after the county recorder or other officer in charge of  
3 elections' initial website posting, the county recorder or other officer  
4 in charge of elections shall update the website as soon as is practicable  
5 to include any new ~~polling places~~ VOTING LOCATION, shall highlight the  
6 ~~polling place~~ VOTING location on the website and shall specify the reason  
7 the emergency designation was granted and the number of attempts that were  
8 made to find a ~~polling place~~ VOTING LOCATION before granting an emergency  
9 designation.

10 ~~I.~~ I. For the purposes of this section, a county recorder or other  
11 officer in charge of elections shall designate a ~~polling place~~ VOTING  
12 LOCATION as an emergency ~~polling place~~ VOTING LOCATION and thus prohibit  
13 persons from electioneering and engaging in other political activity  
14 outside of the seventy-five foot limit prescribed by section 16-515 but  
15 inside the property of the facility that is hosting the ~~polling place~~  
16 VOTING LOCATION if any of the following occurs:

17 1. An act of God renders a previously set ~~polling place~~ VOTING  
18 LOCATION as unusable.

19 2. A county recorder or other officer in charge of elections has  
20 exhausted all options and there are no suitable facilities in a ~~precinct~~  
21 AN AREA that are willing to be a ~~polling place~~ VOTING LOCATION unless a  
22 facility can be given an emergency designation.

23 ~~K.~~ J. The secretary of state shall provide through the  
24 instructions and procedures manual adopted pursuant to section 16-452 the  
25 maximum allowable wait time for any election that is subject to section  
26 16-204 and provide for a method to reduce voter wait time at the polls in  
27 the primary and general elections. The method shall consider at least all  
28 of the following for primary and general elections in each precinct:

29 1. The number of ballots voted in the prior primary and general  
30 elections.

31 2. The number of registered voters who voted early in the prior  
32 primary and general elections.

33 3. The number of registered voters and the number of registered  
34 voters who cast an early ballot for the current primary or general  
35 election.

36 4. The number of registered voters whose early ballots were  
37 tabulated on-site as prescribed in section 16-579.02 in the prior primary  
38 and general elections.

39 5. The number of election board members and clerks and the number  
40 of rosters that will reduce voter wait time at the polls.

1           Sec. 7. Section 16-461, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
2 read:

3           16-461. Sample primary election ballots; submission to party  
4           chairmen for examination; preparation, printing and  
5           distribution of ballot

6           A. At least forty-five days before a primary election, the officer  
7 in charge of that election shall:

8           1. Prepare a proof of a sample ballot.

9           2. Submit the sample ballot proof of each party to the county  
10 chairman or in city or town primaries to the city or town chairman.

11           3. Mail a sample ballot proof to each candidate for whom a  
12 nomination paper and petitions have been filed.

13           B. Within two calendar days after receipt of the sample ballot, the  
14 county chairman of each political party and any candidate in that election  
15 who has submitted and confirmed an email address shall suggest to the  
16 election officer any change the chairman or candidate considers should be  
17 made in the chairman's or candidate's party ballot, and if on examination  
18 the election officer finds an error or omission on the ballot, the officer  
19 shall correct it. The election officer shall print and distribute the  
20 sample ballots as required by law, shall maintain a copy of each sample  
21 ballot and shall post a notice indicating that sample ballots are  
22 available on request. The official sample ballot shall be printed on  
23 colored paper or white paper with a different colored stripe for each  
24 party that is represented on that ballot. For voters who are not  
25 registered with a party that is entitled to continued representation on  
26 the ballot pursuant to section 16-804, the election officer may print and  
27 distribute the required sample ballots in an alternative format, including  
28 a reduced size format.

29           C. Not later than forty days before a primary election, the county  
30 chairman of a political party may request one sample primary election  
31 ballot of the chairman's party for each election precinct.

32           D. The board of supervisors shall have printed mailer-type sample  
33 ballots for a primary election and shall mail at least eleven days before  
34 the election one sample ballot of a political party to each household  
35 containing a registered voter of that political party unless that  
36 registered voter is on the ~~active~~ PERMANENT early voting list established  
37 pursuant to section 16-544. Each sample ballot shall contain the  
38 following statement: "This is a sample ballot and cannot be used as an  
39 official ballot under any circumstances". A certified claim shall be  
40 presented to the secretary of state by the board of supervisors for the  
41 actual cost of printing, labeling and postage of each sample ballot  
42 actually mailed, and the secretary of state shall direct payment of the  
43 authenticated claim from funds of the secretary of state's office.

1 E. For city and town elections, the governing body of a city or  
2 town may have printed mailer-type sample ballots for a primary election.  
3 If the city or town has printed such sample ballots, the city or town  
4 shall provide for the distribution of such ballots and shall bear the  
5 expense of printing and distributing such sample ballots.

6 F. The return address on the mailer-type sample ballots shall not  
7 contain the name of an appointed or elected public officer nor may the  
8 name of an appointed or elected public officer be used to indicate who  
9 produced the sample ballot.

10 G. The great seal of the state of Arizona shall be imprinted along  
11 with the words "official voting materials" on the mailing face of each  
12 sample ballot. In county, city or town elections the seal of such  
13 jurisdiction shall be substituted for the state seal.

14 Sec. 8. Section 16-510, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
15 read:

16 16-510. Sample ballots; preparation and distribution

17 A. Before printing the sample ballots for the general election the  
18 board of supervisors shall send to each candidate whose name did not  
19 appear on the preceding primary election ballot and to the county  
20 chairperson of each political party a ballot proof of the sample ballot  
21 for the candidate's and chairperson's review. Within two calendar days  
22 after receipt of the sample ballot, those candidates and the county  
23 chairperson of each political party shall suggest to the election officer  
24 any change the candidate or chairperson considers should be made to the  
25 ballot, and if on examination the election officer finds an error or  
26 omission on the ballot, the officer shall correct the error or omission.

27 B. The board of supervisors shall print and distribute, for the  
28 information of voters at each ~~polling place~~ VOTING LOCATION, a number of  
29 sample ballots as it deems necessary.

30 C. The board of supervisors shall have printed mailer-type sample  
31 ballots for a general election and shall mail at least eleven days before  
32 the election one such sample ballot to each household in the county  
33 containing a registered voter unless that registered voter is on the  
34 ~~active~~ PERMANENT early voting list established pursuant to section 16-544.  
35 Each sample ballot shall contain the following statement: "This is a  
36 sample ballot and cannot be used as an official ballot under any  
37 circumstances". A certified claim shall be presented to the secretary of  
38 state by the board of supervisors for the actual cost of printing,  
39 labeling and postage of each sample ballot actually mailed, and the  
40 secretary of state shall direct payment of the authenticated claim from  
41 funds of the secretary of state's office.

42 D. For city and town elections, the governing body of a city or  
43 town may have printed mailer-type sample ballots for a general  
44 election. If the city or town has printed such sample ballots, the city

1 or town shall provide for the distribution of such ballots and shall bear  
2 the expense of printing and distributing such sample ballots.

3 E. For special district elections, the governing body of a special  
4 district may have printed mailer-type sample ballots. If the special  
5 district has printed such sample ballots, the special district shall  
6 provide for the distribution of such ballots and shall bear the expense of  
7 printing and distributing such sample ballots.

8 Sec. 9. Section 16-515, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
9 read:

10 16-515. "Seventy-five foot limit" notices; posting;  
11 violation; classification

12 A. Except as prescribed in this section and section 16-580, a  
13 person shall not be allowed to remain inside the seventy-five foot limit  
14 FOR EACH VOTING LOCATION while the polls are open AND FOR EACH DESIGNATED  
15 BALLOT RECEPTACLE WHILE ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC, except for the purpose  
16 of voting, and except the election officials, one representative at any  
17 one time of each political party represented on the ballot who has been  
18 appointed by the county chairman of that political party and the  
19 challengers allowed by law, and ~~no~~ electioneering may NOT occur within the  
20 seventy-five foot limit. Voters having cast their ballots shall promptly  
21 move outside the seventy-five foot limit.

22 B. The board of supervisors shall furnish FOR EACH DESIGNATED  
23 BALLOT RECEPTACLE, AND with the ballots for each ~~polling place~~ VOTING  
24 LOCATION, three notices, printed in letters not less than two inches high,  
25 with the heading: "Seventy-five foot limit" and underneath that heading  
26 the following:

27 No person shall be allowed to remain inside these limits while  
28 the polls are open, except for the purpose of voting, and  
29 except the election officials, one representative at any one  
30 time of each political party represented on the ballot who has  
31 been appointed by the county chairman of such political party,  
32 and the challengers allowed by law. Voters having cast their  
33 ballots shall at once retire without the seventy-five foot  
34 limit. A person violating any provision of this notice is  
35 guilty of a class 2 misdemeanor.

36 C. A minor voting in a simulated election at a ~~polling place~~ VOTING  
37 LOCATION is subject to the same seventy-five foot limit restrictions  
38 prescribed for a voter. Persons supervising or working in a simulated  
39 election in which minors vote may remain within the seventy-five foot  
40 limit of the ~~polling place~~ VOTING LOCATION. The inspector for the ~~polling~~  
41 ~~place~~ VOTING LOCATION shall exercise authority over all election and  
42 simulated election related activities at the ~~polling place~~ VOTING  
43 LOCATION.

1 D. For an election that is held by an Indian tribe and that is held  
2 at a ~~polling place~~ VOTING LOCATION at the same time and on the same date  
3 as any other election, the following apply:

4 1. A person who is voting is subject to the same seventy-five foot  
5 limit restrictions prescribed for other voters.

6 2. An election official for the tribal election may remain within  
7 the seventy-five foot limit for the ~~polling place~~ VOTING LOCATION.

8 E. With the permission of the voter, a minor may enter and remain  
9 within the seventy-five foot limit in order to accompany a voter into a  
10 ~~polling place~~ VOTING LOCATION, an on-site early voting facility and a  
11 voting booth while the voter is voting.

12 F. Notwithstanding any other law, an election official, a  
13 representative of a political party who has been appointed by the county  
14 chairman of that political party or a challenger who is authorized by law  
15 to be within the seventy-five foot limit as prescribed by this section  
16 shall not wear, carry or display materials that identify or express  
17 support for or opposition to a candidate, a political party or  
18 organization, a ballot question or any other political issue and shall not  
19 electioneer within the seventy-five foot limit of a ~~polling place~~ VOTING  
20 LOCATION OR DESIGNATED BALLOT RECEPTACLE.

21 G. Notwithstanding section 16-1018, a person may not take  
22 photographs or videos while within the seventy-five foot limit.

23 H. ~~Any~~ A person ~~violating~~ WHO VIOLATES this section is guilty of a  
24 class 2 misdemeanor.

25 I. For the purposes of this section, electioneering occurs when an  
26 individual knowingly, intentionally, by verbal expression and in order to  
27 induce or compel another person to vote in a particular manner or to  
28 refrain from voting expresses support for or opposition to a candidate who  
29 appears on the ballot in that election, a ballot question that appears on  
30 the ballot in that election or a political party with one or more  
31 candidates who appear on the ballot in that election.

32 Sec. 10. Section 16-542, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
33 read:

34 16-542. Request for ballot; civil penalties; violation;  
35 classification

36 A. Within ninety-three days before any election called pursuant to  
37 the laws of this state, an elector may make a verbal or signed request to  
38 the county recorder, or other officer in charge of elections for the  
39 applicable political subdivision of this state in whose jurisdiction the  
40 elector is registered to vote, for an official early ballot. In addition  
41 to name and address, the requesting elector shall provide the date of  
42 birth and state or country of birth or other information that if compared  
43 to the voter registration information on file would confirm the identity  
44 of the elector. If the request indicates that the elector needs a primary  
45 election ballot and a general election ballot, the county recorder or

1 other officer in charge of elections shall honor the request. For any  
2 partisan primary election, if the elector is not registered as a member of  
3 a political party that is entitled to continued representation on the  
4 ballot pursuant to section 16-804, the elector shall designate the ballot  
5 of only one of the political parties that is entitled to continued  
6 representation on the ballot and the elector may receive and vote the  
7 ballot of only that one political party, which also shall include any  
8 nonpartisan offices and ballot questions, or the elector shall designate  
9 the ballot for nonpartisan offices and ballot questions only and the  
10 elector may receive and vote the ballot that contains only nonpartisan  
11 offices and ballot questions. The county recorder or other officer in  
12 charge of elections shall process any request for an early ballot for a  
13 municipal election pursuant to this subsection. The county recorder ~~may~~  
14 **SHALL** establish on-site early voting locations at the **COUNTY** recorder's  
15 office, which shall be open and available for use beginning the same day  
16 that a county begins to send out the early ballots. The county recorder  
17 may also establish any other early voting locations in the county the  
18 **COUNTY** recorder deems necessary. **THE EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS, INCLUDING**  
19 **THE LOCATIONS AT THE COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICES, SHALL BE OPEN ON THE**  
20 **SATURDAY, SUNDAY AND MONDAY BEFORE ELECTION DAY FROM AT LEAST 8:00 A.M.**  
21 **UNTIL AT LEAST 5:00 P.M.** Any on-site early voting location or other early  
22 voting location shall require each elector to present identification as  
23 prescribed in section 16-579 before receiving a ballot. Notwithstanding  
24 section 16-579, subsection A, paragraph 2, at any on-site early voting  
25 location or other early voting location the county recorder or other  
26 officer in charge of elections may provide for a qualified elector to  
27 update the elector's voter registration information as provided for in the  
28 secretary of state's instructions and procedures manual adopted pursuant  
29 to section 16-452.

30 B. Notwithstanding subsection A of this section, a request for an  
31 official early ballot from an absent uniformed services voter or overseas  
32 voter as defined in the uniformed and overseas citizens absentee voting  
33 act (P.L. 99-410; 52 United States Code section 20310) or a voter whose  
34 information is protected pursuant to section 16-153 that is received by  
35 the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections more than  
36 ninety-three days before the election is valid. If requested by the  
37 absent uniformed services or overseas voter, or a voter whose information  
38 is protected pursuant to section 16-153, the county recorder or other  
39 officer in charge of elections shall provide to the requesting voter early  
40 ballot materials through the next regularly scheduled general election for  
41 federal office immediately following receipt of the request unless a  
42 different period of time, which does not exceed the next two regularly  
43 scheduled general elections for federal office, is designated by the  
44 voter.

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

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

22 E. In order to be complete and correct and to receive an early  
23 ballot by mail, an elector's request that an early ballot be mailed to the  
24 elector's residence or temporary address must include all of the  
25 information prescribed by subsection A of this section and must be  
26 received by the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections  
27 not later than 5:00 p.m. on the eleventh day preceding the election. An  
28 elector who appears personally not later than 7:00 p.m. on the Friday  
29 preceding the election at an on-site early voting location that is  
30 established by the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections  
31 shall be given a ballot after presenting identification as prescribed in  
32 section 16-579 and shall be allowed to vote at the on-site location.  
33 Notwithstanding section 16-579, subsection A, paragraph 2, at any on-site  
34 early voting location the county recorder or other officer in charge of  
35 elections may provide for a qualified elector to update the elector's  
36 voter registration information as provided for in the secretary of state's  
37 instructions and procedures manual adopted pursuant to section 16-452. If  
38 an elector's request to receive an early ballot is not complete and  
39 correct but complies with all other requirements of this section, the  
40 county recorder or other officer in charge of elections shall attempt to  
41 notify the elector of the deficiency of the request.

42 F. Unless an elector specifies that the address to which an early  
43 ballot is to be sent is a temporary address, the recorder may use the  
44 information from an early ballot request form to update voter registration  
45 records.

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

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

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

27 ~~J.~~ H. A candidate, political committee or other organization may  
28 distribute early ballot request forms to voters. If the early ballot  
29 request forms include a printed address for return, the addressee shall be  
30 the political subdivision that will conduct the election. Failure to use  
31 the political subdivision as the return addressee is punishable by a civil  
32 penalty of up to three times the cost of the production and distribution  
33 of the request.

34 ~~K.~~ I. All original and completed early ballot request forms that  
35 are received by a candidate, political committee or other organization  
36 shall be submitted within six business days after receipt by a candidate,  
37 political committee or other organization or eleven days before the  
38 election day, whichever is earlier, to the political subdivision that will  
39 conduct the election. Any person, political committee or other  
40 organization that fails to submit a completed early ballot request form  
41 within the prescribed time is subject to a civil penalty of up to \$25 per  
42 day for each completed form withheld from submittal. Any person who  
43 knowingly fails to submit a completed early ballot request form before the  
44 submission deadline for the election immediately following the completion  
45 of the form is guilty of a class 6 felony.

1       ~~t.~~ J. Except for a voter who is on the ~~active~~ PERMANENT early  
2 voting list prescribed by section 16-544, a voter who requests a onetime  
3 early ballot pursuant to this section or for an election conducted  
4 pursuant to section 16-409 or article 8.1 of this chapter, a county  
5 recorder, city or town clerk or other election officer may not deliver or  
6 mail an early ballot to a person who has not requested an early ballot for  
7 that election. An election officer who knowingly violates this subsection  
8 is guilty of a class 5 felony.

9       Sec. 11. Section 16-544, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
10 read:

11       16-544. Permanent early voting list; civil penalty;  
12               violation; classification; definition

13       A. Any voter may request to be included on a list of voters to  
14 receive an early ballot by mail for any election for which the county  
15 voter registration roll is used to prepare the election register. The  
16 county recorder of each county shall maintain the ~~active~~ PERMANENT early  
17 voting list as part of the voter registration roll.

18       B. In order to be included on the ~~active~~ PERMANENT early voting  
19 list, the voter shall make a written request specifically requesting that  
20 the voter's name be added to the ~~active~~ PERMANENT early voting list for  
21 all elections in which the applicant is eligible to vote. ~~An~~ A PERMANENT  
22 early voter request form shall conform to requirements prescribed in the  
23 instructions and procedures manual issued pursuant to section 16-452. The  
24 application shall allow for the voter to provide the voter's name,  
25 residence address, mailing address in the voter's county of residence,  
26 date of birth and signature and shall state that the voter is attesting  
27 that the voter is a registered voter who is eligible to vote in the county  
28 of residence. The voter shall not list a mailing address that is outside  
29 of this state for the purpose of the ~~active~~ PERMANENT early voting list  
30 unless the voter is an absent uniformed services voter or overseas voter  
31 as defined in the uniformed and overseas citizens absentee voting act  
32 (P.L. 99-410; 52 United States Code section 20310). In lieu of the  
33 application, the applicant may submit a written request that contains the  
34 required information.

35       C. On receipt of a request to be included on the ~~active~~ PERMANENT  
36 early voting list, the county recorder or other officer in charge of  
37 elections shall compare the signature on the request form with the voter's  
38 signature on the voter's registration form and, if the request is from the  
39 voter, shall mark the voter's registration file as ~~an active~~ A PERMANENT  
40 early ballot request.

41       D. Not less than ninety days before any ~~polling place~~ VOTING  
42 LOCATION election scheduled in March or August, the county recorder or  
43 other officer in charge of elections shall mail to all voters who are  
44 eligible for the election, who are not listed as inactive and who are  
45 included on the ~~active~~ PERMANENT early voting list an election notice by

1 nonforwardable mail that is marked with the statement required by the  
2 postmaster to receive an address correction notification. If an election  
3 is not formally called by a jurisdiction by the one hundred eightieth day  
4 before the election, the recorder or other officer in charge of elections  
5 is not required to send the election notice. The notice shall include the  
6 dates of the elections that are the subject of the notice, the dates that  
7 the voter's ballot is expected to be mailed and the address where the  
8 ballot will be mailed. If the upcoming election is a partisan open  
9 primary election and the voter is not registered as a member of one of the  
10 political parties that is recognized for purposes of that primary, the  
11 notice shall include information on the procedure for the voter to  
12 designate a political party ballot. The notice shall be delivered with  
13 return postage prepaid and shall also include a means for the voter to do  
14 any of the following:

- 15 1. Change the mailing address for the voter's ballot to another  
16 location in the voter's county of residence.
- 17 2. Update the voter's residence address in the voter's county of  
18 residence.

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

21 E. If the notice that is mailed to the voter is returned  
22 undeliverable by the postal service, the county recorder or other officer  
23 in charge of elections shall take the necessary steps to contact the voter  
24 at the voter's new residence address in order to update that voter's  
25 address or to move the voter to inactive status as prescribed in section  
26 16-166, subsection A. If a voter is moved to inactive status, the voter  
27 shall be removed from the ~~active~~ PERMANENT early voting list and may not  
28 receive an early ballot unless the voter updates or otherwise confirms the  
29 voter's registration information. If the voter is removed from the ~~active~~  
30 PERMANENT early voting list, the voter shall only be added to the ~~active~~  
31 PERMANENT early voting list again if the voter submits a new request  
32 pursuant to this section.

33 F. Not later than the first day of early voting, the county  
34 recorder or other officer in charge of elections shall mail an early  
35 ballot to all eligible voters who are not listed as inactive and who are  
36 included on the ~~active~~ PERMANENT early voting list in the same manner  
37 prescribed in section 16-542, subsection C. If the voter has not returned  
38 the notice or otherwise notified the election officer within forty-five  
39 days before the election that the voter does not wish to receive an early  
40 ballot by mail for the election or elections indicated, the ballot shall  
41 automatically be scheduled for mailing.

42 G. If a voter who is on the ~~active~~ PERMANENT early voting list is  
43 not registered as a member of a recognized political party and fails to  
44 notify the county recorder of the voter's choice for political party

1 ballot within forty-five days before a partisan open primary election, the  
2 following apply:

3 1. The voter shall not automatically be sent a ballot for that  
4 partisan open primary election only and the voter's name shall remain on  
5 the ~~active~~ PERMANENT early voting list for future elections.

6 2. To receive an early ballot for the primary election, the voter  
7 shall submit the voter's choice for political party ballot to the county  
8 recorder.

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

13 1. The voter requests in writing to be removed from the ~~active~~  
14 PERMANENT early voting list.

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

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

21 ~~4. The voter fails to vote an early ballot in all elections for two~~  
22 ~~consecutive election cycles. For the purposes of this paragraph,~~  
23 ~~"election" means any regular primary or regular general election for which~~  
24 ~~there was a federal race on the ballot or for which a city or town~~  
25 ~~candidate primary or first election or city or town candidate second,~~  
26 ~~general or runoff election was on the ballot. This paragraph does not~~  
27 ~~apply to:~~

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

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

32 I. A voter may make a written request at any time to be removed  
33 from the ~~active~~ PERMANENT early voting list. The request shall include  
34 the voter's name, residence address, date of birth and signature. On  
35 receipt of a completed request to remove a voter from the ~~active~~ PERMANENT  
36 early voting list, the county recorder or other officer in charge of  
37 elections shall remove the voter's name from the list as soon as  
38 practicable.

39 J. An absent uniformed services voter or overseas voter as defined  
40 in the uniformed and overseas citizens absentee voting act (P.L. 99-410;  
41 52 United States Code section 20310) is eligible to be placed on the  
42 ~~active~~ PERMANENT early voting list pursuant to this section.

1 K. A voter's failure to vote an early ballot once received does not  
2 constitute grounds to remove the voter from the ~~active~~ PERMANENT early  
3 voting list, ~~except that a county recorder shall remove a voter from the~~  
4 ~~active early voting list if both of the following apply:~~

5 ~~1. The county recorder or other officer in charge of elections~~  
6 ~~complies with subsection M of this section.~~

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

9 ~~(a) A regular primary and regular general election for which there~~  
10 ~~was a federal race on the ballot.~~

11 ~~(b) A city or town candidate primary or first election and a city~~  
12 ~~or town candidate second, general or runoff election.~~

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

23 ~~1. Confirm in writing the voter's desire to remain on the active~~  
24 ~~early voting list.~~

25 ~~2. Return the completed notice to the county recorder or other~~  
26 ~~officer in charge of elections within ninety days after the notice is sent~~  
27 ~~to the voter. The notice shall be signed by the voter and shall contain~~  
28 ~~the voter's address and date of birth.~~

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

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

41 ~~O.~~ M. All original and completed ~~active~~ PERMANENT early voting  
42 list request forms that are received by a candidate, political committee  
43 or other organization shall be submitted within six business days after  
44 receipt by a candidate or political committee 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 ~~active~~ PERMANENT early  
 3 voting list request form within the prescribed time is subject to a civil  
 4 penalty of up to \$25 per day for each completed form withheld from  
 5 submittal. Any person who knowingly fails to submit a completed ~~active~~  
 6 PERMANENT early voting list request form before the submission deadline  
 7 for the election immediately following the completion of the form is  
 8 guilty of a class 6 felony.

9 ~~P.~~ N. A person who receives an early ballot at an address at which  
 10 another person formerly resided, without voting the ballot or signing the  
 11 envelope, shall write "not at this address" on the envelope and place the  
 12 mail piece in a United States postal service collection box or other mail  
 13 receptacle. On receipt the county recorder or other officer in charge of  
 14 elections shall proceed in the manner prescribed in subsection E of this  
 15 section.

16 ~~Q.~~ O. When the county recorder receives confirmation from another  
 17 county that a person registered has registered to vote in that other  
 18 county, the county recorder shall remove that person from the ~~active~~  
 19 PERMANENT early voting list.

20 ~~R.~~ P. If the county recorder receives credible information that a  
 21 person has registered to vote in a different county, the county recorder  
 22 shall confirm the person's voter registration with that other county and,  
 23 on confirmation, shall remove that person from the county's ~~active~~  
 24 PERMANENT early voting list pursuant to subsection ~~Q~~ O of this section.

25 ~~S. For the purposes of this section, "election cycle" means the~~  
 26 ~~two-year period beginning on January 1 in the year after a statewide~~  
 27 ~~general election or, for cities and towns, the two-year period beginning~~  
 28 ~~on the first day of the calendar quarter after the calendar quarter in~~  
 29 ~~which the city's or town's second, runoff or general election is scheduled~~  
 30 ~~and ending on the last day of the calendar quarter in which the city's or~~  
 31 ~~town's immediately following second, runoff or general election is~~  
 32 ~~scheduled, however that election is designated by the city or town.~~

33 Sec. 12. Section 16-550, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
 34 read:

35 16-550. Receipt of voter's ballot; cure period; notice to  
 36 cure system; tracking system

37 A. Except for early ballots tabulated as prescribed in section  
 38 16-579.02 or, beginning in 2026, received at a voting location after a  
 39 voter's identification is confirmed as prescribed by section 16-579,  
 40 subsection A, paragraph 4, on receipt of the envelope containing the early  
 41 ballot and the mail affidavit, the county recorder or other officer in  
 42 charge of elections shall compare the signature on the envelope with the  
 43 signature of the elector on the elector's registration record as  
 44 prescribed by section 16-550.01. If the signature is inconsistent with  
 45 the elector's signature on the elector's registration record, the county

1 recorder or other officer in charge of elections shall make reasonable  
2 efforts to contact the voter, advise the voter of the inconsistent  
3 signature and allow the voter to correct or the county to confirm the  
4 inconsistent signature. The county recorder or other officer in charge of  
5 elections shall allow signatures to be corrected not later than the fifth  
6 business day after a primary, general or special election that includes a  
7 federal office or the third business day after any other election. If the  
8 election is a primary, general or special election that includes a federal  
9 office and there are outstanding ballots that require identification or  
10 ballot signatures to be corrected or confirmed, in addition to the  
11 office's regular business hours, the county recorder's and any city or  
12 town clerks' offices that have an agreement with a county to be used as  
13 locations at which a voter may submit proof of identification shall be  
14 open during regular business hours to allow for curing signatures during  
15 the Friday and weekend before and the Friday and weekend after the  
16 election. Regular business hours include at a minimum 8:00 a.m. until  
17 5:00 p.m. If there are no ballots remaining that require identification  
18 or signatures to be cured, the county recorder and city and town clerks  
19 are not required to be open during the weekend. If the signature is  
20 missing, the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections shall  
21 make reasonable efforts to contact the elector, advise the elector of the  
22 missing signature and allow the elector to add the elector's signature not  
23 later than 7:00 p.m. on election day. If satisfied that the signatures  
24 correspond, the recorder or other officer in charge of elections shall  
25 hold the envelope containing the early ballot and the completed mail  
26 affidavit unopened in accordance with the rules of the secretary of state.  
27 Signatures that cannot be verified pursuant to section 16-550.01 or cured  
28 pursuant to this section shall be rejected. If the ballot is a  
29 conditional provisional ballot, **THE COUNTY RECORDER OR OTHER OFFICER IN**  
30 **CHARGE OF ELECTIONS SHALL MAKE REASONABLE EFFORTS TO CONTACT THE VOTER AND**  
31 **ADVISE THE VOTER THAT** the voter ~~shall~~ **MUST** provide proof of identification  
32 to the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections not later  
33 than the fifth business day after a primary, general or special election  
34 that includes a federal office or the third business day after any other  
35 election. Beginning with the first missing or mismatched signature that  
36 is identified after the period of early voting begins through the Monday  
37 immediately preceding the election, the county recorder or other officer  
38 in charge of elections shall submit daily to the political parties that  
39 are qualified for continued representation on the state ballot an updated  
40 list of all voters whose signatures are missing or inconsistent with the  
41 voter's signature on the voter's registration record. Beginning on the  
42 Wednesday immediately following the election through the end of the  
43 signature cure period after a primary, general or special election that  
44 includes a federal office, or the third business day after the election  
45 for any other election, the county recorder or other officer in charge of

1 elections shall submit daily to the political parties that are qualified  
2 for continued representation on the state ballot an updated list of all  
3 voters whose signatures are inconsistent with the voter's signature on the  
4 voter's registration record and all voters who voted with a conditional  
5 provisional ballot. This list of voters whose signatures require curing  
6 shall include for those voters all voter information that is provided to  
7 the political parties that are qualified for continued representation on  
8 the state ballot as prescribed by section 16-168.

9 B. A COUNTY RECORDER OR OTHER OFFICER IN CHARGE OF ELECTIONS WHO IS  
10 REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION TO MAKE EFFORTS TO NOTIFY A VOTER  
11 THAT THE VOTER'S SIGNATURE APPEARS INCONSISTENT OR IS MISSING OR THAT THE  
12 VOTER OF A CONDITIONAL PROVISIONAL BALLOT IS REQUIRED TO PROVIDE PROOF OF  
13 IDENTIFICATION SHALL ESTABLISH A NOTICE TO CURE SYSTEM THAT INDICATES BY  
14 TEXT MESSAGE TO A VOTER WHETHER THE VOTER'S SIGNATURE NEEDS TO BE ADDED,  
15 CONFIRMED OR CURED AND WHETHER THE VOTER IS REQUIRED TO PROVIDE  
16 IDENTIFICATION OR OTHER INFORMATION IN ORDER TO VALIDATE THE VOTER'S  
17 BALLOT AND WHETHER THE BALLOT HAS BEEN VERIFIED AND SENT TO BE TABULATED  
18 OR REJECTED. THE COUNTY RECORDER OR OTHER OFFICER IN CHARGE OF ELECTIONS  
19 SHALL PROVIDE VOTERS WITH ACCESS TO THE NOTICE TO CURE SYSTEM ON THE  
20 COUNTY'S WEBSITE AND SHALL REQUIRE THE VOTER'S CONSENT TO RECEIVE TEXT  
21 MESSAGES.

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

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

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

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

37 3. Only produce a partial results report or associated files if it  
38 is part of the internal preparation for the hand count pursuant to section  
39 16-602 or for the logic and accuracy testing required pursuant to section  
40 16-449.

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

1           ~~D.~~ E. The county recorder or other officer in charge of elections  
2 shall post on its website within forty-eight hours after all ballot  
3 tabulation is complete all system log files and other similar files from  
4 the election management system that verify compliance with subsection ~~E~~ D  
5 of this section.

6           ~~E.~~ F. The county recorder shall send a list of all voters who were  
7 issued early ballots to the election board of the precinct in which the  
8 voter is registered.

9           ~~F.~~ G. For a county that uses early ballots, the county recorder or  
10 other officer in charge of elections shall provide an early ballot  
11 tracking system that indicates BY TEXT MESSAGE TO AN EARLY VOTER whether  
12 the voter's early ballot has been received and whether the early ballot  
13 has been verified and sent to be tabulated or rejected. The county  
14 recorder or other officer in charge of elections shall provide voters with  
15 access to the early ballot tracking system on the county's website AND  
16 SHALL REQUIRE THE EARLY VOTER'S CONSENT TO RECEIVE TEXT MESSAGES.

17           H. IF A COUNTY RECORDER OR OTHER OFFICER IN CHARGE OF ELECTIONS  
18 RECEIVES A VOTED EARLY BALLOT THAT APPEARS TO BE AN OTHERWISE LAWFUL  
19 BALLOT THAT HAS BEEN ISSUED BY A COUNTY OR JURISDICTION OTHER THAN THE  
20 COUNTY THAT RECEIVED THE BALLOT, THE FOLLOWING APPLY:

21           1. IF THE COUNTY RECORDER OR OTHER OFFICER IN CHARGE OF ELECTIONS  
22 THAT INITIALLY RECEIVED THE EARLY BALLOT RECEIVED IT ON OR BEFORE 7:00  
23 P.M. ON ELECTION DAY, THAT COUNTY RECORDER OR OTHER OFFICER IN CHARGE OF  
24 ELECTIONS SHALL PROVIDE THE BALLOT AND THE MAIL AFFIDAVIT BY PERSONAL  
25 DELIVERY, EXPEDITED MAIL OR OTHER PACKAGE TRANSFER METHOD TO THE COUNTY  
26 RECORDER OR OTHER OFFICER IN CHARGE OF ELECTIONS FROM THE COUNTY THAT  
27 ISSUED THE BALLOT.

28           2. THE COUNTY RECORDER OR OTHER OFFICER IN CHARGE OF ELECTIONS THAT  
29 INITIALLY RECEIVED THE EARLY BALLOT SHALL MAKE THE DELIVERY OR TRANSFER  
30 PRESCRIBED BY PARAGRAPH 1 OF THIS SUBSECTION SO THAT THE SECOND COUNTY  
31 RECORDER OR OTHER OFFICER IN CHARGE OF ELECTIONS RECEIVES THE EARLY BALLOT  
32 AND MAIL AFFIDAVIT WITHIN THREE DAYS AFTER ELECTION DAY.

33           3. ON RECEIPT AS PRESCRIBED BY PARAGRAPH 2 OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE  
34 COUNTY OR OTHER JURISDICTION THAT ISSUED AND RECEIVED THE BALLOT AND MAIL  
35 AFFIDAVIT SHALL PROCESS THE EARLY BALLOT AS PRESCRIBED BY SUBSECTIONS A  
36 THROUGH F OF THIS SECTION AND SECTION 16-550.01, AND THAT BALLOT IS  
37 ELIGIBLE TO BE CONSIDERED FOR TABULATION.

38           ~~G.~~ I. This section does not apply to:

39           1. A special taxing district that is authorized pursuant to section  
40 16-191 to conduct its own elections.

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



1           4. ~~Prior to~~ BEFORE the close of an election defaces or destroys a  
2 sample ballot posted by election officers, or defaces, tears down,  
3 removes or destroys a card of instructions posted for the instruction of  
4 voters.

5           5. Removes or destroys supplies or conveniences furnished to enable  
6 a voter to prepare the voter's ballot.

7           6. Hinders the voting of others.

8           7. Votes in a county in which the voter no longer resides, except  
9 as provided in section 16-125.

10          Sec. 15. Section 16-1018, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
11 read:

12           16-1018. Additional unlawful acts by persons with respect to  
13 voting; classification

14          A person who commits any of the following acts is guilty of a class  
15 2 misdemeanor:

16           1. Knowingly electioneers on election day within a ~~polling place~~  
17 VOTING LOCATION OR WITHIN THE SEVENTY-FIVE FOOT LIMIT FOR A DESIGNATED  
18 BALLOT RECEPTACLE or in a public manner within seventy-five feet of the  
19 main outside entrance of a ~~polling place~~ VOTING CENTER or on-site early  
20 voting location established by a county recorder pursuant to section  
21 16-542, subsection A.

22           2. Intentionally disables or removes from the ~~polling place~~ VOTING  
23 CENTER, on-site early voting location or custody of an election official a  
24 voting machine or a voting record.

25           3. Knowingly removes an official ballot from a ~~polling place~~ VOTING  
26 LOCATION, ON-SITE EARLY VOTING LOCATION OR DESIGNATED BALLOT RECEPTACLE  
27 before closing the polls.

28           4. Shows another voter's ballot to any person after it is prepared  
29 for voting in such a manner as to reveal the contents, except to an  
30 authorized person lawfully assisting the voter. A voter who makes  
31 available an image of the voter's own ballot by posting on the internet or  
32 in some other electronic medium is deemed to have consented to  
33 retransmittal of that image and that retransmittal does not constitute a  
34 violation of this section.

35           5. Knowingly solicits a voter to show the voter's ballot, or  
36 receives from a voter a ballot prepared for voting, unless the person is  
37 an election official or unless otherwise authorized by law.

38           6. Knowingly receives an official ballot from a person other than  
39 an election official having charge of the ballots.

40           7. Knowingly delivers an official ballot to a voter, unless the  
41 voter is an election official.

42           8. Except for a completed ballot transmitted by an elector by fax  
43 or other electronic format pursuant to section 16-543, knowingly places a  
44 mark on the voter's ballot by which it can be identified as the one voted  
45 by the voter.

