

REFERENCE TITLE: voter registration changes; text notices

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## **SB 1470**

Introduced by  
Senator Kavanagh

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 16-163, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO VOTER  
REGISTRATION ROLLS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Section 16-163, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 16-163. Assignment of registrations to general county  
5 register; exception; notification to elector;  
6 electronic storage of registration forms; voter  
7 information change; notice

8 A. The county recorder, on receipt of a registration in proper  
9 form, shall assign the registration record to its proper precinct and  
10 alphabetical arrangement in the general county register. The general  
11 county register shall be preserved permanently to reflect the registration  
12 as of each general election. After the general county register is revised  
13 to reflect the valid registrations for the general election, the county  
14 recorder shall provide the Arizona state library, archives and public  
15 records with a copy of the revised county register.

16 B. After placing the record of registration in the county general  
17 register, the county recorder shall notify the elector within thirty days  
18 in writing that the elector's name appears in the general register.

19 C. If the notice that is sent is returned undeliverable, the county  
20 recorder may send an additional notice as prescribed by section 16-166,  
21 subsection A and that notice shall indicate that the elector must respond  
22 not later than thirty-five days after the mailing of the notice.

23 D. Images of original registration forms shall be stored  
24 electronically in the voter registration database. All original  
25 registration forms that are canceled, and all original applications for  
26 cancellation of registration received since the preceding general  
27 election, also shall be maintained in the voter registration database.  
28 Computer output microfilm, listings or other electronic format media  
29 containing the information from the general county register after each  
30 general election shall be provided to the Arizona state library, archives  
31 and public records and shall serve to fulfill the requirements of this  
32 section and section 16-164, subsection A.

33 E. When the county recorder makes a change to the information  
34 prescribed by section 16-152 for an existing registered voter:

35 1. The county recorder shall notify the elector of any changes made  
36 to the **FOLLOWING** information prescribed by section 16-152 for the elector:  
37 ~~by sending a text message or email alert within twenty-four hours after~~  
38 ~~making the change as requested by the elector's subscription preferences~~

- 39 (a) **ACTIVE EARLY VOTING LIST STATUS.**
- 40 (b) **PARTY PREFERENCE.**
- 41 (c) **RESIDENCE ADDRESS.**
- 42 (d) **MAILING ADDRESS.**

43 2. **THE COUNTY RECORDER SHALL MAKE THE NOTIFICATION PRESCRIBED IN**  
44 **PARAGRAPH 1 OF THIS SUBSECTION BY EITHER:**

1 (a) SENDING A TEXT MESSAGE OR EMAIL ALERT WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS  
2 AFTER MAKING THE CHANGE AS REQUESTED BY THE ELECTOR'S SUBSCRIPTION  
3 PREFERENCES.

4 ~~2.~~ (b) If the elector has not subscribed to the voter registration  
5 alert system, ~~the county recorder shall notify~~ NOTIFYING the elector in  
6 writing within ten days after the change ~~in the information prescribed by~~  
7 ~~section 16-152 for the elector.~~

8 F. The notice PRESCRIBED BY SUBSECTION E OF THIS SECTION shall  
9 include instructions on how the elector may check the elector's voter  
10 registration status, make any revisions to the elector's voter  
11 registration information and notify the county recorder if the elector did  
12 not request or authorize the change to the information prescribed by  
13 section 16-152 for the elector's voter registration.