

REFERENCE TITLE: moving violation; citation; AZPOST-certified officer

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Introduced by
Senator Payne

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 28-1592, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO CIVIL
TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Section 28-1592, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 28-1592. Commencement of action; original citation changes

5 A. A civil traffic violation case is commenced by issuance or
6 filing of a uniform traffic ticket and complaint as provided in this
7 article.

8 B. A civil traffic violation case shall be commenced as follows:

9 1. If a case is commenced by issuance, it shall be issued within
10 sixty days after the alleged violation.

11 2. If the case is commenced by filing, it shall be filed within
12 sixty days after the alleged violation and shall be served within ninety
13 days after the filing date.

14 3. Except as provided in paragraph 4 of this subsection, within one
15 hundred eighty days after the alleged violation if the alleged violation
16 is under investigation in conjunction with a traffic accident.

17 4. Within one year after the alleged violation if the alleged
18 violation is under investigation in conjunction with a traffic accident
19 resulting in death.

20 C. On an original citation, if a peace officer or duly authorized
21 traffic agent changes the date, time or location of the violation or the
22 section of law that is allegedly violated, the original citation must be
23 amended through the court pursuant to the Arizona rules of civil **PROCEDURE**
24 **FOR** traffic and civil boating violations.

25 **D. A MOVING CIVIL TRAFFIC VIOLATION MAY ONLY BE ISSUED BY A PEACE**
26 **OFFICER.**