

REFERENCE TITLE: special election boards; voter registration

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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 16-549, 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 16-549, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 16-549. Special election boards; expenses; voting procedure
5 for ill electors or electors with disabilities

6 A. The county recorder or other officer in charge of elections, for
7 the purpose of making it possible for qualified electors who are ill or
8 have a disability to vote, may appoint such number of special election
9 boards as needed. In a partisan election, each such board shall consist
10 of two members, one from each of the two political parties that cast the
11 highest number of votes in the state in the last preceding general
12 election. The county chairman of each such party shall furnish, within
13 sixty days before the election day, the county recorder or other officer
14 in charge of elections with a list of names of qualified electors within
15 the chairman's political party, and such additional lists as may be
16 required, from which the county recorder or other officer in charge of
17 elections shall appoint members to such special election boards. The
18 county recorder or other officer in charge of elections may refuse for
19 cause to appoint or may for cause remove a member of this board. A person
20 who is a candidate for an office other than precinct committeeman is not
21 eligible to serve on the special election board for that election.

22 B. Members of special election boards appointed under this section
23 shall be reimbursed for travel expenses in the manner provided by law and
24 shall also receive such compensation as the board of supervisors or the
25 governing body prescribes, all of which shall be paid by the county or
26 other political subdivision.

27 C. In lieu of the mailed early ballot procedure, any qualified
28 elector who is confined as the result of a continuing illness or physical
29 disability and is, therefore, not able to go to the polls on the day of
30 the next election and who does not wish to vote by the mailed early ballot
31 procedure, may make a verbal or a signed written request to the county
32 recorder or other officer in charge of elections to have a ballot
33 personally delivered to the elector by the special election board at the
34 elector's place of confinement within the county or other political
35 subdivision. The ballot shall be delivered to the elector in person by a
36 special election board as provided in this section. Such requests must be
37 made by 5:00 p.m. on the second Friday before the election.

38 D. Qualified electors who become ill or become a person with a
39 disability after the second Friday before the election may nevertheless
40 request personal ballot delivery pursuant to this section, and the county
41 recorder or other officer in charge of elections shall when possible honor
42 such requests up to and including the last day before the election.
43 Qualified electors who are admitted to a hospital after 5:00 p.m. on the
44 second Friday preceding the election and before 5:00 p.m. on election day
45 may request the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections to

1 provide a special election board with a ballot at the elector's place of
2 confinement. If the county recorder or other officer in charge of
3 elections is able to accommodate the request, the voted ballot of the
4 elector shall be sealed in an envelope and shall be processed as a
5 provisional ballot pursuant to section 16-584. Before receiving a ballot
6 pursuant to this subsection, a qualified elector shall provide
7 identification as prescribed in section 16-579 and shall sign a statement
8 under penalty of perjury that states that the person is experiencing or
9 experienced an emergency after 5:00 p.m. on the second Friday preceding
10 the election and before 5:00 p.m. on the Monday immediately preceding the
11 election that would prevent the person from voting at the polls. Signed
12 statements received pursuant to this subsection are not subject to
13 inspection pursuant to title 39, chapter 1, article 2.

14 E. The manner and procedure of voting shall be as provided in
15 section 16-548, except that the marked ballot in the sealed envelope shall
16 be handed by the elector to the special election board and shall be
17 delivered by the board to the county recorder or other officer in charge
18 of elections.

19 F. A SPECIAL ELECTION BOARD MEMBER SHALL NOT COLLECT, PROCESS OR
20 OTHERWISE FACILITATE A VOTER REGISTRATION WHILE ACTING FOR OR ON BEHALF OF
21 THE COUNTY RECORDER OR OTHER OFFICER IN CHARGE OF ELECTIONS.