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### MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES<sup>2</sup>

The Arizona Constitution guarantees that the results of our elections will be the product of each voter's independent decision made alone and in secret at the polls—free of the danger of outside influences from employers, unions, families, spouses, or anyone else. This guarantee is safeguarded by the Constitution's requirements that ballots be distributed directly to voters by election officers at the polling place, where they can ensure that the vote is cast in secret.<sup>3</sup>

8 Through 1990, Arizona voters were required to vote in this manner unless physical 9 disability, age, distance, religious beliefs, or travel prevented them from doing so. Even for 10 voters entitled to vote absentee, the Arizona Legislature took pains to preserve these constitutional prerequisites. Until 1991, A.R.S § 16-54? provided that (a) absentee ballots 11 12 were to be supplied to the voter in person by an election official who witnessed the voter's 13 signature on the application for the ballot and verified his identity, and (b) the voter was 14 then to "Display ballot unmarked before the officer in his presence," vote the ballot in 15 "such a manner that [the official] annot see your vote," and seal the ballot in the ballot 16 envelope. See 1991 Ariz. Sess Eaws ch. 51 (1st Spec. Sess.). This system increased, not 17 decreased, the protections afforded to Arizona's most vulnerable voters, the sick and 18 elderly, while facilitating their participation in elections. See Commission on Federal 19 Election Reform, Building Confidence in U.S. Elections 46 (Sept. 2005) ("Citizens who 20 vote at home, at nursing homes, at the workplace, or in church are more susceptible to 21 pressure, overt and subtle, or to intimidation."). The relief Plaintiffs seek would restore it. 22 In contrast, after 1991, all voters may request an absentee ballot by mail, vote in 23 the presence and subject to the influence of anyone, and return those ballots by mail; as a 24 consequence, elections are now conducted almost entirely by mail. This post-1991 system 25 of "no-excuse mail-in voting" violates the Arizona Constitution.

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<sup>2</sup> Emphasis added and internal citations and quotations omitted for most citations herein. This motion refers to the Arizona Constitution as the "Constitution," despite the convention that only the U.S. Constitution is capitalized.
 <sup>3</sup> This motion does not challenge voting under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, 52 U.S.C.

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### STANDARD FOR PRELIMINARY INJUNCTIVE RELIEF IN CASE ALLEGING THE UNLAWFUL CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS

When public officials seek to exceed their legal authority in the means by which they conduct an election, the typical multi-factor standard for preliminary injunctive relief need not be satisfied. Rather, plaintiffs in cases such as these are entitled to preliminary injunctive relief by showing that they are likely to prevail on their claim that Defendants have acted unlawfully. Ariz. Pub. Integrity All. v. Fontes, 250 Ariz. 58, 64 ¶ 26 (2020) ("Because Plaintiffs have shown that the Recorder has acted unlawfully and exceeded his constitutional and statutory authority, they need not satisfy the standard for injunctive relief."). Thus, if Plaintiff establishes the likelihood of success on the merits (as is the case here), then irreparable harm, balance of hardships, and public policy in the movant's favor are presumed, and the requisite injury is shown by demonstrating that the movant is "beneficially interested" in compelling the public officials to perform their legal duty. Id. at 64 ¶ 26-27. All Arizona citizens and voters are "beneficially interested" in the enforcement of Arizona constitutional and statutory provisions related to election law. Id. at 62 ¶¶ 11-12.4 Just as in Fontes, where the defendant sought to conduct early voting unlawfully by promulgating inegal instructions to early voters, here, Defendants seek to employ an unlawful system of no-excuse mail-in voting. Thus, relief is warranted here for the reasons set out below.5

### ARGUMENT

### I. PLAINTIFFS ARE LIKELY TO SUCCEED ON THE MERITS BECAUSE NO-EXCUSE MAIL-IN VOTING IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL.

Arizona's no-excuse mail-in voting system is unconstitutional both facially and as 22 applied. The applicable rule of construction is the plain meaning rule: "[I]f the 23 Constitutional language is clear, judicial construction is neither required nor proper." 24

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Plaintiff Ward is an Arizona citizen and registered voter. Verified Compl. ¶ 30. Plaintiff Arizona Republican Party 26 ("AZGOP") is beneficially interested. Id. 99 39-45.

Typically, a party seeking a preliminary injunction is obligated to establish: (a) a strong likelihood of success on the 27 merits; (b) the possibility of irreparable injury; (c) the balance of hardships favors the movant; and (d) public policy favors the injunction." Shoen v. Shoen, 167 Ariz. 58, 63 (App. 1990). However, the movant may show either probable

<sup>28</sup> success on the merits and the possibility of irreparable injury or the presence of serious questions and that the balance of hardships tips sharply in the movant's favor to obtain relief. Id.

1 Perini Land & Dev. Co. v. Pima Cty., 170 Ariz. 380, 383 (1992). Only if the text is unclear 2 should "we...examine the original public meaning of the words as understood by the 3 drafters and people at the time of adoption." Clint Bolick, Principles of State Constitutional 4 Interpretation, 23 Federalist Soc'y Rev. 1, 15 (March 24, 2022). Also, "the dominant 5 judicial philosophy at the time of Arizona's statehood was originalism[;] thus, our framers 6 would have assumed that the provisions they drafted would be interpreted in accordance with original meaning." Id. at 18; State ex rel. Brnovich v. City of Tucson, 251 Ariz, 45, 56 (2021) (original meaning). Either way, today's system of no-excuse mail-in voting cannot stand.

### A. Article 7, section 1 of the Arizona Constitution requires secrecy in voting to protect voter autonomous choice and election accomes from undue influences.

Article 7, section 1 allows the legislature to enact only those laws regulating the conduct of elections that do not dispense with "secrecy in voting." Whatever this term may mean to modern readers, the framers understood it as requiring voters to make their selections at the polls, on election day, in the presence of election officials whose task it was to make it impossible for anyone to see how they were voting. Whether our current system is sufficient to satisfy some contemporary notion of secrecy is irrelevant.

The constitutional requirement of secrecy in voting originated with the "Australian 18 Ballot" reforms of the late 19th century, a reaction across the country to the plague of 19 crooked elections. "[A]fter the 1888 presidential election, which was widely regarded 20 as...plagued by fraud, many States moved to the 'Australian ballot system.' Under that 21 system, an official ballot, containing the names of all the candidates legally nominated by 22 all the parties, was printed at public expense and distributed by public officials at polling 23 places." Timmons v. Twin Cities Area New Party, 520 U.S. 351 (1997). See also John C. 24 Fortier & Norman J. Omstein, The Absentee Ballot and the Secret Ballot: Challenges for 25 Election Reform, 36 U. Mich. J. L. Reform 483, 488 (2003) (essential components of 26 Australian Ballot are: (a) ballots printed and distributed at public expense; (b) ballots with 27 the names of all candidates duly nominated by law ("blanket ballot"); (c) ballots distributed 28

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"only by election officers at the polling place"; and (d) detailed provisions for "physical
 arrangements to ensure secrecy in casting the vote.").

In 1891, the Arizona territorial legislature adopted the Australian Ballot to ensure popular sovereignty by honest elections as a check on the malignant influence on voting of corporations and political machines. It passed a law expressly defining secrecy in voting to mean that ballots were to be provided to voters only at the polls, where citizens would make their selections in a private voting booth. John D. Leshy, *The Making of the Arizona Constitution*, 20 Ariz. St. L. J. 1, 68 (1988) (citing 1891 Ariz. Terr. Sess. Laws No. 64, §§ 2, 26, 32 at 71, 73) (hereinafter, "Leshy, *Making*"). The law was entitled "AN ACT: To Promote Purity of Elections, <u>Secure Secrecy of the Ballot</u> and to Provide for the Printing and Distribution of Ballots at Public Expense." 1891 Ariz. Terr. Sess. Laws no. 64<sup>7</sup> (hereinafter, the "1891 Law"). It was the Australian Ballot System on all fours, and its provisions were incorporated by reference into the 1912 Constitution.

14 The framers of Arizona's 1912 Constitution adopted the 1891 Law's secrecy 15 safeguards into the state's fundamental law to stop corporate interests or political machines 16 from corrupting future legislatures to depart from them. Thus, to the language of article 10, 17 section 4 of the prior 1891 Constitution,<sup>8</sup> they added the key qualifier "Provided, that 18 secrecy in voting shall be preserved." Ariz. Const. art. 7, § 1; John D. Leshy, The Arizona 19 State Constitution 16 (2d ed. 2013) (hereinafter, "Leshy") ("The [constitutional] 20 convention included the Australian import, the secret ballot, that had been adopted by the 21 territorial legislature nineteen years earlier" in article 7, section 1.). In other words, the 22 1912 Constitution constrains the legislature's ability to deviate from the 1891 Law.

The term "secrecy in voting" is not limited to *privacy* in voting; rather, it means that
 voting by "secret ballot" is intended "to protect individual voters from coercion." *See, e.g.*,
 *McLaughlin v. Bennett*, 225 Ariz. 351, 354 ¶ 11 (2010) (Prop. 108 violated single
 amendment rule because "Secrecy of voting in public elections is already protected in

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Available at <u>https://azmemory.azlibrary.gov/digital/collection/lawsession/id/2667</u>.
 <sup>8</sup> Congress failed to ratify the 1891 Constitution.

1 Article 7, Section 1 of the Arizona Constitution" but if approved would add a new 2 section guaranteeing secrecy in union elections resulting in two sections "that both ensure 3 secrecy in public elections.").<sup>9</sup> In addition, secrecy protects not just individual voters from 4 undue influence but also the process itself-which is why the right to cast a secret ballot is 5 also an obligation. See Hunt v. Campbell, 19 Ariz. 254, 282-3 (1917) ("If the voter is not 6 held to a substantial compliance [with prohibition on obtaining assistance marking the 7 ballot], the spirit of the Australian ballot system is ignored. We might as well return to the 8 old system of haphazard voting in vogue before this innovation, and to remedy the many 9 evils of which, the new system was inaugurated.").

"Secrecy" is the primary means of safeguarding the Constitution's guarantee that voting is individual, independent, and free of external coercion or influence. However, current mail-in voting—allowing votes to be cast anywhere from a kitchen table to an employer's cafeteria table and in the presence of bosses, activists, family, friends, and others—fails constitutional muster.

### 1. Preservation of secrecy in voting implies that it pre-existed the 1912 Constitution.

By requiring that "secrecy in voting" be "preserved," the 1912 Constitution (still in effect today) was safeguarding the 1891 Law, which had adopted secrecy in voting along with the other reforms of the "Australian Ballot," from future legislatures. The 1891 Law required secret voting in privacy at a polling place protected by election authorities:

On receiving his ballot the voter shall forthwith and <u>without leaving the</u> <u>polling place or going outside</u> of said guard rail, <u>retire alone</u> to one of the booths or compartments <u>not occupied by any other person</u>, and prepare his ballot.... Before leaving the booth or compartment, the voter <u>shall fold his</u> <u>ballot...in such a way that the contents of the ballot shall be concealed</u>....

*Id.* § 26. It required that all ballots "shall be printed and distributed at public expense." *Id.* § 2. It also penalized disclosure of how the voter intended to vote and the breaking of

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> The constitution was subsequently amended on November 2, 2010, to include article 2, section 37, which guaranteed a secret ballot in employee representation elections: "The right to vote by secret ballot for employee representation is fundamental." *Id.* at 353 n.1. Since the right to vote by secret ballot is fundamental for employees voting in union representation elections, so much more so must be the right to vote by secret ballot in public elections.

secrecy after voting. *Id.* §§ 32, 36. Electioneering at the polls was also not allowed. *Id. See also* Leshy, *Making, supra* 68. The 1912 Constitution thus raised the provisions of the 1891
 Law mandating secrecy in voting to the status of the fundamental law of our state, where
 they remain today.

## 2. The secrecy in voting provision in the 1912 Constitution prohibits the legislature from repealing the Australian Ballot enacted by the 1891 Law.

The phrase "[p]rovided, that secrecy in voting shall be preserved" limits the legislature's power to enact laws that deviate from the essential provisions of the 1891 Law. See Ariz. State Legis. v. Ariz. Indep. Redistricting Comm'n, 576 U.S. 787, 823 (2015) ("Core aspects of the electoral process regulated by state constitutions include voting by 'ballot' or 'secret ballot'.... [T]he States' legislatures had no hand in making these laws and may not alter or amend them."); City of Phoenix v. Yates, 69 Ariz. 68, 72 (1949) ("Each word, phrase, and sentence must be given meaning so that no part will be [void], inert, redundant, or trivial."). Thus, any statute that fails to preserve secrecy in voting substantially as it existed in 1912, when the Constitution was ratified, is beyond legislature's power to enact and is unconstitutional.

## 3. The phrase "such other method as may be prescribed by law" does not authorize the legislature to stop preserving secrecy.

The phrase "such other method as may be prescribed by law" is not a broad and general grant of authority allowing the legislature to deviate from the Australian Ballot and its requirements of secrecy. Rather, the framers meant to allow the legislature to authorize voting machines *in lieu of* paper ballots. *See McLaughlin*, 225 Ariz. at 355 ("Arizona's framers...fashioned Article 7, Section 1 to preserve the state's ability to adopt voting machines."). *See also In re Contested Election*, 281 Pa. 131, 137–38 (1924) (stating that Pennsylvania's parallel constitutional provision was included "to enable the substitution of voting machines, if found practicable"); *People ex rel. Deister v. Wintermute*, 194 N.Y. 99 (1909) (same). The framers thus included the phrase to clarify that voting machines, if used, must adhere to the four principles of the Australian Ballot. *See McLaughlin*, 225

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Ariz. at 356. But, though the legislature has now authorized the use of "electronic voting" systems", even current statutory law makes clear that they only provide for secrecy in 3 voting when voters vote at the polls. See A.R.S. § 16-446 ("An electronic voting system" 4 shall: 1. Provide for voting in secrecy when used with voting booths.").

Indeed, a Pennsylvania appellate court recently struck down Pennsylvania's "noexcuse mail-in voting" system, which "created the opportunity for all Pennsylvania electors to vote by mail without secrecy or having to demonstrate a valid reason for absence from their polling place on Election Day, *i.e.*, a reason provided in the Pennsylvania Constitution." McLinko v. Commonwealth, 2022 Pa. Commw. Lexis 12, at \*4 (Pa. Commw. Ct. 2022) (review pending). That court explained that the secrecy provision, adopted in 1901, derives from the Australian Ballor reforms, noting that the "1901 amendment guaranteed the secrecy of the ballot, both in its casting and in counting. '[T]he cornerstone of honest elections is secrecy in voting. A citizen in secret is a free man; otherwise, he is subject to pressure and perhaps, control." Id. at \*21. Noteworthy is the fact that, unlike Arizona, Pennsylvania has already amended its constitution several times to expressly allow for some forms of mail-in voting.

17 Current statutes regulating in-person voting on election day preserve the 1891 Law. 18 In language largely unchanged from section 26 of the 1891 Law, A.R.S. §16-580(B) still 19 requires secrecy for in-person voting: "On receiving a ballot the voter shall promptly and 20 without leaving the voting area retire alone...to one of the voting booths that is not 21 occupied, prepare the ballot in secret and vote." In language extending the secrecy 22 provisions of the 1891 Law to account for modern technology, the legislature has even 23 criminalized photographing one's own ballot if cast at the polls. A.R.S. § 16-515(G).

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4. The history of the Arizona Constitution shows that secrecy in voting was the primary reason for adoption of the "Australian Ballot" reform.

The Arizona Constitution was a product of its time and should be interpreted in light 26 of its history and purpose. "Constitutions, meant to endure, must be interpreted with an eye 27 to syntax, history, initial principle, and extension of fundamental purpose." Saban 28

- <sup>1</sup> *Rent-a-Car LLC v. Ariz. Dep't of Revenue*, 246 Ariz. 89, 95 ¶ 21 (2019). See also Chavez
- <sup>2</sup> *v. Brewer*, 222 Ariz. 309, 319 ¶ 32 (App. 2009).

Historically, voting in the U.S. lacked secrecy and integrity in results. In *Burson v. Freeman*, 504 U.S. 191, 206 (1992), the Supreme Court described voter privacy through
 secrecy as the means adopted historically to prevent voter fraud and undue coercion:

[T]he history of election regulation in this country <u>reveals a persistent</u> <u>battle against two evils: voter intimidation and election fraud</u>. After an unsuccessful experiment with an unofficial ballot system, all 50 States, together with numerous other Western democracies, settled on the same solution: a <u>secret ballot secured in part by a restricted zone around the</u> <u>voting compartments</u>.

By 1896, almost all the states in the U.S. had adopted the Australian Ballot. See Doe v. Reed, 561 U.S. 186 (2010) (Scalia, J. concurring) ("It was precisely <u>discontent over the</u> <u>non-secret nature of ballot voting</u>, and the abuses that produced, which led to the States' adoption of the Australian secret ballot. New York and Massachusetts began that movement in 1888, and almost 90 percent of the States had followed suit by 1896.").

Arizona, too, was caught up in the progressive political movement that swept the country in the early 1900s when the 1912 Constitution was drafted. Popular sovereignty through the electoral process has been described as the "most constant thread running through the Arizona Constitution" with its "emphasis on democracy—popular control through the electoral process." Leshy, *Making supra* 59. Accordingly, the Arizona Constitutional Convention adopted the "best known" of the progressive innovations: initiative, referendum, and recall, all intended to strengthen popular sovereignty. All these innovations depended on free elections. *See Hunt*, 19 Ariz. at 283 (Australian Ballot "designed to purify elections by securing to the voter the prerogative of freely and privately selecting the candidates of his own choice"); Fortier & Ornstein, *supra* 512 (Australian Ballot came about in part because of a concern that, if constitutional safeguards were not put in place requiring voters to show their ballots to ensure they voted correctly.)

Davillier Law Group, LLC 4105 North 20<sup>th</sup> Street Suite 110 Phoenix, Arizona 85016 Telephone: §02) 730-2985 / Facsimule §02) 801-2539 1 In addition, the Arizona framers were deeply concerned with limiting the political 2 influence of corporations and political machines over the democratic process. See Ariz. 3 Corp. Comm'n v. Ariz. ex rel. Woods, 171 Ariz. 286, 290-92 (1992). See also Ariz. Const. 4 art. 15 (establishing Arizona Corporations Commission); Leshy, supra 356 (Arizona 5 Constitution reflects a "pronounced, progressive-era concern with regulating corporations, 6 a concern enhanced by the perceived dominance of large railroad and mining companies 7 during the territorial era."). Accordingly, the framers included a provision "broadly 8 proscribing corporate influence on 'any election or official action.'" Leshy, Making supra 9 91 (citing Ariz. Const. art. 15, § 18). They also enshrined direct primary elections into the 10 Constitution to limit the influence of political machines. Id. at 62. Again, most critically, these provisions depended upon free elections, and the integrity of those elections 11 depended on the secrecy of the Australian Ballot. 12

### B. The term "Official Ballot" means a ballot that is distributed and voted at the polls in secret under the watchful eyes of election officials; thus, article 4, section 1 of the Arizona Constitution precisides any other ballot.

Since the framers understood "secrecy in voting" to mean, among other things, that voting was only to take place at the polls, this is naturally reflected in other portions of the Constitution. For example, article 4 is a constitutional mandate to the Secretary of State regarding the form and manner of delivery of "official ballots."

"<u>Official ballot</u>. When any initiative or referendum...shall be filed...with the secretary of state, <u>he</u> shall cause to be printed on the official ballot <u>at</u> the next regular general election the title and number of said measure, together with the words 'yes' and 'no' in such manner that the <u>electors may express at</u> <u>the polls</u> their approval or disapproval of the measure."

Ariz. Const. art. 4, § 1(10). The constitutional requirement that votes are cast "at the polls" appears in three other places in article 4, section 1. *See id.* at (1) (reserving to people the "power to propose laws and amendments to the Constitution and to enact or reject such laws and amendments <u>at the polls</u>...and they also reserve...the power to approve or reject <u>at the polls</u> any" legislative act); *id.* at (3) ("Legislature, or five per cent of the qualified electors, may order the submission to the people **at the polls** of any measure...enacted by

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1 the Legislature."); id. at (15) ("Nothing in this section shall be construed to deprive or limit 2 the Legislature of the right to order the submission to the people at the polls of any 3 measure, item, section, or part of any measure.").

4 It was obvious to our Supreme Court, the year after our Constitution was ratified, 5 that this meant voters needed to go to the polls to cast their ballots. See Allen v. State, 14 Ariz. 458, 460-62 (1913) ("That the votes of the electors were cast at the 'polls' in the manner provided by [article 4, section 1] is unquestioned.... [T]he electors...went to the polls and voted.").

The 1891 Law adopting the Australian Ballot-just as the Arizona Constitution would do later-had also prescribed an official ballot to be used at the polls. Leshy, Making supra 68. Official ballots were to be prepared and distributed at public expense and obtainable by voters only at polling places and only from election officers. 1891 Law §§ 1, 15, 21, 25, 36. The 1912 Constitution's article 7, section 1 (requiring secrecy in voting be preserved) meant that the provisions of the 1891 Law were constitutionally required, and voting at the polls was an integral part of those requirements. Leshy, Making supra 68.

16 Even today, the plain meaning of "at the polls" in Arizona's election statutes signifies a place provided by election officials where votes are cast in booths screened from view of others and within the 75-foot circle in which electioneering is prohibited. See, e.g., A.R.S. § 16-411(B) (polling places designated by county boards of supervisors); id. at (J) 20 (Secretary shall "provide for a method to reduce voter wait time at the polls"); A.R.S. § 16-404 (polling places have "sufficient number of voting booths on which voters may 22 conveniently mark their ballots screened from the observation of others"); A.R.S. § 16-23 515(A) (no electioneering "inside the seventy-five foot limit while the polls are open").

24 In contrast to "at the polls," the actual casting of a mail-in ballot does **not** occur at 25 the polls—a specific place provided by county boards or a place with a sufficient number 26 of private voting booths and within a 75-foot "no-go" zone. Rather, mail-in votes can be 27 cast from anywhere a voter can fill out a ballot with no protection for the voter from the 28 influences of others-the kitchen table with an activist present, the cafeteria table at work

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surrounded by employees and shop stewards, or anywhere else. Because a mail-in vote is
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3 Although the "at the polls" provisions appear in article 4 (addressing the legislative 4 department and reserving certain law-making powers to the people) rather than in article 7 5 (addressing suffrage and elections), that language is not limited to elections on referenda 6 and initiatives for the simple reason that referenda and initiatives are always decided 7 "at the next regular general election." Ariz. Const. art. 4, § 1(10). Moreover, these 8 referenda provisions were adopted contemporaneously with the provisions in article 7. See 9 The Records of the Arizona Constitutional Convention of 1910, 1402-05 & 1416-17 (John 10 S. Goff ed., 1990) (documenting Constitution as originally adopted in 1910). Thus, the framers intended all voting to occur at the polls. R is also worth noting that other 11 foundational provisions relating to elections are not found in article 7. See e.g., art. 2, § 21 12 ("Free and Equal" clause). In addition, the voting provisions of articles 4 and 7 are "in pari 13 14 materia-those of the same subject or general purpose-[and] should be read together and 15 harmonized when possible." David X. v. Alexis S., 240 Ariz. 53, 55 ¶ 9 (2016). Also worth 16 noting is that, having defined the term "official ballot" in article 4 as a ballot distributed 17 "at the polls," the Constitution then goes on to use the term in several other places. Article 18 7, for example, provides that such "official ballots" are to be used for "any election or 19 primary." Ariz. Const. art. 7, § 14. Such "official ballots" were also to be used for, among 20 other things, elections for federal officers and recall elections. Ariz. Const. art. 6 § 38; art. 21 7 §§ 9, 14, 38; art. 8 §§ 3, 4, 6.

# C. Construing article 7, § 1, and article 4, § 1 as meaning something other than that ballots must be provided and filled out "at the polls" renders other portions of the Arizona Constitution meaningless.

An alternative construction would render several other constitutional provisions meaningless. For example, Article 7, section 4 provides: "Electors shall in all cases, except treason, felony, or breach of the peace, be privileged from arrest during their <u>attendance</u> at any election, and in <u>going thereto</u> and <u>returning therefrom</u>." The plain meaning of

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3 Fann v. State, 493 P.3d 246, 255 ¶ 25 (Ariz. 2021) (courts interpret language in view of 4 the entire text and consider the context in which it was used). Also, "Each word, phrase, 5 and sentence must be given meaning so that no part will be [void], inert, redundant, or 6 trivial." Yates, 69 Ariz. at 72. Arizona's present early voting laws allow electors to fill out 7 their ballots anywhere and do not require physical presence at any election on a specific 8 day. Thus, it is impossible for "[e]lectors...in all cases...[to] be privileged from arrest 9 during their attendance at any election, and in going thereto and returning therefrom," 10 Ariz. Const. art. 7, § 4 (emphasis added). 11 In addition, Article 7, section 11 would be meaningless. It provides: "There shall be Phoenix, Arizona 85016 Felephone: (602) 730-2085 / Facsimile: (602) 801-2539 Davillier Law Group, LLC 4105 North 20th Street Suite 110 12 13

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a general election of Representatives in Congress, and of State, county, and precinct officers on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of the first even 14 numbered year after the year in which Arizona is admitted to Statehood and biennially 15 thereafter." As with article 7, section 5, this provision plainly mandates that the general 16 election must take place on a specific day. See Sherman v. City of Tempe, 202 Ariz. 339, 17 343-44 ¶¶ 14-20 (2002). In Sherman, the court held that "the Arizona Constitution and 18 Arizona's election statutes employ the word 'election' to refer to a particular day" and 19 explained that the Constitution "states that 'there shall be a general election ... on the first 20 Tuesday after the first Monday in November." Thus, the court held, "according to the 21 Constitution and Arizona election statutes, elections occur on one particular date and the 22 term 'election' refers to that date." Id. at 344 ¶ 19. In contrast to the Constitution's 23 requirements, Arizona's no-excuse mail-in voting statutes allow electors to cast their 24 ballots up to 27 days before election day. A.R.S. § 16-542(C). Why stop at 27 days? Does 25 "day" in the Constitution stretch to 37, 47, or more days without limit? The simple answer 26 is that early voting, in its present form, violates the Arizona Constitution.

"attendance" is "[p]hysical presence plus freedom to perform the duties of an attendant."

Attendance, Ballentine's Law Dictionary (3rd ed. 2010). That meaning should govern here.

By way of further example, article 7, section 5 provides: "No elector shall be obliged
 to perform military duty <u>on the day of an election</u>, except in time of war or public danger."

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1 Ariz. Const. art. 7, § 5. "[O]n the day of an election" plainly refers to an election that occurs 2 on a particular day, not a month-long period during which voters can mail in ballots. If the 3 Constitution provided for mail-in voting, article 7, section 5 too would be irrelevant.

### THOUGH NOT REQUIRED, THE OTHER ELEMENTS TYPICALLY П. **REQUIRED FOR PRELIMINARY INJUNCTIVE RELIEF ARE PRESENT.** A. Though not required, Plaintiffs will experience irreparable injury if Defendants violate their constitutional right to participate in a general election safeguarded against undue influence.

Here, irreparable injury should be presumed because Plaintiffs have shown a likelihood of success on the merits of their constitutional claims. Fontes, 250 Ariz. at 64 ¶ 26. See also Melendres v. Arpaio, 695 F.3d 990, 1002 (9th Cir. 2012) ("It is well established that the deprivation of constitutional rights 'unquestionably constitutes irreparable injury."); Nelson v. NASA, 530 F.3d 865, 882 (9th Cir. 2008), rev'd on other grounds, 562 U.S. 134 (2011) ("[C]onstitutional violations cannot be adequately remedied through damages and therefore generally constitute irreparable harm.").

Nevertheless, Plaintiffs also satisfy the irreparable harm element. "A person who is denied the right to vote suffers inteparable injury." Fla. Democratic Party v. Hood, 342 F. Supp. 2d 1073 (N.D. Fla. 2004). "[T]he right to vote" is not merely the right to cast a ballot and have that ballot counted but also "the right to participate in an electoral process that is necessarily structured to maintain the integrity of the democratic system." Fontes, 250 Ariz. at 61 ¶ 4 (citing Burdick v. Takushi, 504 U.S. 428, 441 (1992)).

As Shoen provides, the party seeking an injunction must show only a possibility of irreparable injury not remediable by damages. 167 Ariz. at 63. Here, Plaintiff Ward is an individual voter in her county of residence. Absent an injunction, she will be deprived of the right to cast her vote in an election conducted under constitutional principles that safeguard against the possibility of undue influence. Plaintiff AZGOP's members and candidates will be deprived of the right to participate in an election conducted under constitutional principles. Absent an injunction, Plaintiff AZGOP will also have to employ more resources to monitor early voting against improprieties instead of using them for

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1 other election-related purposes. See, e.g., A.R.S. 16-552 (C) & (H); League of Women 2 Voters of Ariz. v. Reagan, No. CV-18-02620-PHX-JAT, 2018 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 159302, 3 at \*22 (D. Ariz. Sep. 18, 2018) (irreparable harm to defendant with "mandate to enforce 4 Arizona's election laws" where a court fails to enforce a law facilitating the discharge of 5 that duty); IB Prop. Holdings, LLC v. Rancho Del Mar Apts. Ltd. P'ship, 228 Ariz. 61 (App. 2011) (where loss uncertain or difficult to quantify, Arizona courts find irreparable harm warranting injunctive relief). Once it takes place, the election cannot be re-run. Thus, absent an injunction, these harms are irreparable.

> Though not required, the balance of hardships favors Plaintiffs. В.

Here, a balance of hardships favoring Plaintiffs should be presumed because they have shown a likelihood of success on the merits. Fontes, 250 Ariz. at 64 ¶ 26. Nevertheless, the balance of hardships tips in favor of Plaintiffs because they will be irreparably damaged if the court fails to enjoin the state and its officials from implementing an unconstitutional voting system. Future relief (e.g., issuance of a permanent injunction) cannot undo the harm Plaintiffs will experience if the 2022 general election proceeds in an unconstitutional manner.

Defendants will not be impermissibly burdened if the injunction is granted. See 250 Ariz. at 64 ¶ 28-29 (even if court was to reach balance of hardships, it cannot favor election officials who are exceeding their authority when it is possible to grant the relief requested). The deadline for voter registration is October 11, 2022, early voting begins October 12, 2022, and the deadline to request a mail-in ballot is October 28, 2022.<sup>11</sup> Thus, there is sufficient time to conduct the election by constitutionally permissible means.<sup>12</sup> Further, mail-in voting is not the exclusive or necessary way to count a large number of votes. In the 2022 election for president of France, 32,077,401 ballots were reportedly voted and counted using paper ballots in paper envelopes with no absentee or early voting

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Arizona Secretary of State, Elections Calendar & Upcoming Events, https://azsos.gov/elections/elections-27 calendar-upcoming-events (last visited May 19, 2022).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> On the other hand, there is no time for an equally "plain speedy and adequate" remedy unless a preliminary 28 injunction is appropriate on grounds other than mandamus. See 250 Ariz. at 64 9 27 (preliminary injunctive relief appropriate in mandamus actions).

with the results reported within hours.<sup>13</sup> Arizona itself used the pre-1991 system for
 decades.

In addition, other members of the public will not suffer a cognizable harm if the relief Plaintiffs seek is granted. Voters are expected to tolerate the "usual burdens of voting." *Brnovich v. Democratic Nat'l Comm.*, 141 S. Ct. 2321, 2338 (2021). "Having to identify one's own polling place and then travel there to vote does not exceed the 'usual burdens of voting." *Id.* at 2344.

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### C. Though not required, public policy favors preliminarily enjoining Defendants from conducting another unconstitutional general election.

As the Arizona Supreme Court has recognized, "[e]lection laws play an important role in protecting the integrity of the electoral process." *Fontes*, 250 Ariz. at 61 ¶ 4. Thus, as a matter of law, "public policy" and the "public interest" are served by enjoining the unlawful acts of elections officials. *Id.* at 64 ¶ 27. Arizona's current system of no-excuse mail-in voting is unlawful because it does not preserve secrecy in voting. Remarkably, even after 131 years, Arizona's statutory provisions regarding the conduct of **in-person** voting at the polls, on election day, preserve "secrecy in voting" every bit as strictly as they did in 1891—in some ways even more so. For example, it remains a crime for voters to remove their own ballot from the polls, and is now a crime for them even to photograph it, lest it be shown to others. A.R.S. §§ 16-515 (A) &(G) and 16-1018 (1), (3), & (9). Whereas in 1891 it was a crime to try to influence a voter within the polling place itself, it is now a crime to attempt to do so even within 75 feet of the polling place. A.R.S. § 16-515 (A), (F), & (I).<sup>14</sup>

Yet these restrictions are now frustrated by Arizona's repeated expansion of noexcuse mail-in voting. Approximately 89% of ballots cast in the 2020 election were early ballots.<sup>15</sup> It is simply absurd to prohibit electioneering within 75 feet of a polling place

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13 Explainer: How France's old-school voting system works, AP News (Apr. 24, 2022),

26 <u>https://apnews.com/article/covid-health-business-elections-france-e06fab5cde84f23d682013e1661caf35</u>.
27 <sup>14</sup> A fuller, but by no means exclusive, list of side-by-side comparisons between the 1891 Law and current laws

27 regarding both traditional in-person voting and no-excuse mail-in voting is attached as Exhibit B.
<sup>15</sup> Data Orbital, General Election Early Vote Tracker, <u>https://www.dataorbital.com/2020-general-election-early-</u>

28 vote-tracker (last visited May 11, 2022); Citizens Clean Elections Commission, Vote by Mail, <u>https://www.azcleanelections.gov/how-to-vote/early-voting/vote-by-mail</u> (last visited May 11, 2022). while allowing it at the door of an early voter's home; to prevent voters from removing their own ballots from the polls while permitting them to fill out their ballots at a political rally; and to throw a voter in jail for photographing their own ballot in a voting booth while expressly permitting early voters to photograph their ballots and post them on the internet. A.R.S. § 16-1018(4). Though strictly enforced by election officials <u>at the polls</u>, these prohibitions do little work to secure the voting process against undue influence <u>when the</u> **vast majority of voting takes place outside of the presence of elections officials**.

8 Undue influence over voter choices is a real problem today. See Building 9 Confidence supra 46. Early ballot return envelopes include a voter's name and address. 10 Also available for purchase from the counties themselves is real-time data on who has 11 returned their early ballots.<sup>16</sup> Anyone with money to spend may purchase access to highly 12 detailed voter databases. Computerized cross-referencing of these databases with a voter's 13 name and address can readily yield much more than party affiliation but, in addition, can 14 allow access to almost 30 "basic demographic variables" ("blue collar," "white collar," 15 etc.) about that voter and predict which messaging is most likely to change their opinion 16 on any given issue.<sup>17</sup> Not a problem for voters who vote in person on election day-their 17 ballot is never attached to any identifying information. But for voters who vote early, all 18 this information and more might as well be stapled to their ballot as it sits in their mailbox 19 and passes through hand after hand, none of which belong to election officials, on the way 20 to the counting center. That hardly comports with a modern layperson's notion of secrecy 21 in voting, much less what the framers had in mind. In sum, remarking to a neighbor in the 22 parking lot of a polling place how he or she should vote is criminalized to safeguard the 23 election system against undue influence. A.R.S. § 16-515(I). Yet anyone may purchase 24 early ballot return data, identify voters with an early ballot sitting in their mailboxes, show 25 up at their doors (or nursing homes or homeless shelters) with a message, incentive, or

<sup>27 &</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> See, e.g., Maricopa County Recorder, Public Record Request for Voter

Information, <u>https://recorder.maricopa.gov/pdf/voterpublicdatarecordrequest.pdf</u> (last visited May 14, 2022).
 <sup>17</sup> Esri, Was geography a factor in the 2016 election?, <u>https://desktop.arcgis.com/en/analytics/case-studies/election-analysis-intro.htm</u> (last visited May 14, 2022).

1 threat tailored to that particular voter, and stand there until they fill out their ballots and 2 drop them in the mailbox. This is exactly the sort thing the framers intended to prevent -3 exacerbated by modern technology.

4 Absent the Australian Ballot System, corruption flourishes. For example, in 2004, 5 supporters of a candidate were caught "assisting" voters in filling out the absentee ballots 6 they had been persuaded to request by those same supporters who were prowling polling 7 places to deflect voters-especially those who were poor, infirm, or spoke little Englishfrom voting in person. See Pabey v. Pastrick, 816 N.E.2d 1138, 1151 (Ind. 2004). The U.S. Supreme Court remarked that this case demonstrated that "not only is the risk of voter 10 fraud real but that it could affect the outcome of a close election." Crawford v. Marion Ctv. Election Bd., 553 U.S. 181, 195–96 (2008). Soon after Arizona abandoned the Australian Ballot System, this was made clear enough. See e.g., Miller v. Picacho Elementary Sch. Dist. No. 33, 179 Ariz. 178, 180 (1994) (Despite statutory prohibition, "District employees 14 with a pecuniary interest in the override's passage delivered [absentee] ballots to electors 15 whom they knew. Although these electors did not ask for ballots, school employees urged 16 them to vote and even encouraged them to vote for the override. District employees went to the homes of the electors and stood beside them as they voted.").

18 Plaintiffs are entitled to the protection the Constitution affords. See Brnovich v. 19 Democratic Nat'l Comm., 141 S. Ct. 2321, 2329 (2021) ("[A] State may take action to 20 prevent election fraud without waiting for it to occur within its own borders."); Burdick, 21 504 U.S. at 441 ("[T]he right to vote is the right to participate in an electoral process that 22 is necessarily structured to maintain the integrity of the democratic system.").

### CONCLUSION

24 Defendants are required by law to conduct Arizona's elections according to the 25 principles of the constitutionally mandated Australian Ballot System. Because Arizona's 26 post-1991 system of no-excuse mail-in voting is unconstitutional both on its face and as 27 applied, Plaintiffs ask that Defendants be preliminary enjoined from utilizing it in the 2022 28 general election.

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# Exhibit A

Sec. 2. Repeal

Title 41, chapter 7, article 2, Arizona Revised Statutes, is repealed.

Approved by the Governor, April 27, 1991.

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### ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT—EXEMPTIONS

### **CHAPTER 50**

### S.B. 1021

### AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 41–1055, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELAT-ING TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona.

Section 1. Section 41-1055, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

### § 41–1055. Exemptions

In addition to the exemptions stated in section 41-1005, this article does not apply to:

1. An agency which is a unit of state government headed by a single elected official.

2. The corporation commission, which shall adopt substantially similar rule review procedures, including the preparation of an economic impact statement and a statement of the effect of the rule on small business.

3. The state board of directors for community colleges.

4. The state board of education.

5. The industrial commission of Arizona when adopting by reference the federal occupational safety and health standards as published in 29 code of federal regulations parts 1910, 1926 and 1928.

6. The Arizona state lottery if adopting rules that relate only to the design, operation or prize structure of a lottery game.

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### **ELECTIONS**—ABSENTEE VOTING

### **CHAPTER 51**

### S.B. 1320

### AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 16-541, 16-544, 16-547, 16-548, 16-552 AND 16-594, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO ABSENTEE VOTING.

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

Section 1. Section 16-541, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

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### § 16-541. Voting absentee; qualifications

A. Any election called pursuant to the laws of this state shall provide for absentee voting. Any qualified elector <u>may vote by absentee ballot</u>. <del>who meets the criteria established by this section shall be permitted to vote absentee at such election.</del>

**B.** A person shall be permitted to vote absentee for any one of the following reasons:

1. The elector expects to be absent from his precinct at the time of holding the election.

2. The elector is physically unable to go to the polls.

3. The elector is sixty-five years of age or older.

4. The elector's place of residence is more than fifteen road miles from the polling place for his precinct.

5. The elector cannot attend the polls on the day of the election because of the tenets of his religion.

6. The elector has a visual defect within the scope of those defined by section 41-1973, subsection C.

Sec. 2. Section 16-544, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

### § 16-544. Form of application

A. Application for an absentee ballot shall be made in duplicate upon blanks furnished by the county recorder, or other officer in charge of elections of the political subdivision in which the election is to be held, and shall be in substantially the following form:

"Application for Absentee Ballot"

State of Arizona

County of \_\_\_\_

Other political subdivision (if applicable) \_

\_, do solemnly swear that I am the identical person whose I. name is signed to this application and that such name and signature are my true name and signature (or, if I did not personally sign, it was because of physical disability, viz and that I requested the attesting officer another person to sign); that I am an elector of the state of Arizona and the county of . \_\_\_\_; that I am registered in \_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ precinct in said county and reside at \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_, where I resided at the date of my registration: and that I have not voted and will not vote in this election in any other state during the calendar year of this application. Because I expect to be absent from my precinct, or other place of voting in an election of any other political subdivision, on the day of holding the next election or because of physical disability, or because I am sixty-five years of age or older, or because my place of residence is more than fifteen road miles from the polling place in my precinct, or because I am legally blind, or because of the tenets of my religion. I will not be able to go to the polls on the day of the next election and I hereby make application to the county recorder of \_\_\_\_ county, Arizona, or other officer in charge of elections of ... (name of political subdivision) for an absentee ballot. (Strike out any clause not applicable.) I understand that knowingly voting more than once in any election is a class 5 felony. For the purpose of identification, I declare that I am more than eighteen years of age and that my post office address is \_\_\_\_\_ (address to which ballot is to be mailed). I am confined at \_\_\_\_\_, Arizona (hospital, residence or other place of confinement, if

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applicable). If a challenge is filed against my absentee ballot, I understand that a copy of the challenge will be sent to me by first class mail and that I may have as little as forty-eight hours notice of an opportunity to appear. For purposes of notifying me of a ballot challenge between the time I return my ballot and a few days after election day, please use the following address: \_\_\_\_\_\_. (If no address is provided, notice will be mailed to the mailing address listed on the registration rolls.)

Elector

Subscribed and eworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_.

Signature of registration officer or other officer empowered to administer eaths

Title or designation of officer

**B.** The county recorder or other officer in charge of elections shall supply printed instructions to absentee voters, worded substantially as follows:

1. <u>Subscribe to Sign</u> both copies of this application. <del>before any county</del> recorder or other officer in charge of elections, justice of the peace, a deputy registrar, notary public or other officer suthorized by law to administer oaths.

2. Display ballot unmarked before the officer in his presence, but in such a manner that he cannot see your vets. Mark your ballot and seal it in the white envelope marked "for absentee ballot only". Do not enclose the application with the ballot.

3. Subscribe to Sign the oath on the back of the white envelope marked "for absentee ballot only".

4. Place both copies of this application for ballot, complete with signature and acknowledgement, together with the white envelope containing your ballot, in the enclosed self-addressed envelope. Check to see that the application is not enclosed in the envelope marked "for absentee ballot only" and mail.

5. The ballot and application must be in the office of the recorder or other officer in charge of elections before seven o'clock p.m. on election day.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ (printed)

County recorder or other officer in charge of elections

C. Instructions to absentee voters who are overseas citizens, qualified electors absent from the United States or in the United States service, or the spouse or dependents of such a person, shall include information substantially as follows: If you are an overseas citizen, qualified elector absent from the United States or in the United States service, or the spouse or dependent of such a person, you may subscribe to sign the application and ballot affidavit. before and obtain the signature and military identification number, or passport number if available, of any United States citizen eighteen years of age or older.

Sec. 3. Section 16-547, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

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### § 16-547. Ballot affidavit; form

A. The absentee ballot may be combined with the application form prescribed in section 16-544 and shall be accompanied by an envelope bearing upon the front the name, official title and post office address of the recorder or other officer in charge of elections and upon the other side a printed affidavit in substantially the following form:

State of Arizona

County of \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly swear that I am a qualified elector of the \_\_\_\_\_\_ precinct of the county of \_\_\_\_\_\_, state of Arizona. I further swear that I personally voted the enclosed ballot (or that it was marked according to my instructions because I was unable to do so).

Signature of elector

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_,

I further certify that the affiant exhibited the enclosed ballot to me unmarked. Then, in my presence, the affiant personally and privately marked such ballot in such a manner that neither I, nor any other person, was able to see the affiant vote (or it was marked by me according to the affiant's instructions) and enclosed and sealed it in this envelope. The affiant was not solicited or advised by any person to vote for or against any candidate or measure.

Signature and title of officer

B. There shall be printed across The face of each envelope in which a ballot is sent to a federal postcard applicant or in which a ballot is returned by such applicant to the recorder or other officer in charge of elections, two parallel horizontal red bars, each exe fourth inch wide, extending from one side of the envelope to the other side, with an intervening space of one fourth inch. The top bar shall be one and sta fourth inches from the top of the envelope and the words "Official election balloting material via air mail" or other similar language shall be printed between the bars. There shall also be printed in the upper right hand corner of each such envelope, in a box, the words "Free of U.S. postage, including air mail". All printing on the face of each such envelope shall be in red, and there shall be printed in the upper left hand corner of each ballot envelope an appropriate inscription or blanks for the return address of the sender, shall be in the form prescribed in accordance with the uniformed and overseas citizens absentee voting act of 1986 (42 USC 1973 ff, P.L. 99-410). Otherwise, the envelopes shall be the same as those used to send ballots to, or receive ballots from, other absentee voters.

Sec. 4. Section 16-548, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

### § 16-548. Preparation and transmission of ballot

A. Except as provided in subsection B, The absentee voter shall make and subscribe to sign the application and ballot affidavit. before an officer authorized by law to administer oaths. In the presence of the officer, but no other person, The absentee voter shall then mark his ballot in such a manner that his vote cannot be seen. The absentee voter shall fold the ballot, if a paper ballot, so as to conceal the vote then deposit the voted ballot in the envelope provided for that

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purpose, which shall be securely sealed, signed by the officer and, together with the application, delivered or mailed to the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections of the political subdivision in which the elector is registered.

**B.** If the absentee voter is an overseas citizen, a qualified elector absent from the United States or in the United States service, or a spouse or dependent residing with the absentee voter, the absentee voter may subscribe to the application and ballot affidavit before and obtain the signature and military identification number or passport number, if available, of any person who is a United States citizen eighteen years of age or older.

Sec. 5. Section 16-552, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

### § 16-552. Casting absentee ballot

A. The absentee election board, immediately upon receipt of the absentee ballots, shall, as provided by this section, cast separately for each precinct the absentee ballots which have been received.

**B.** The board shall check the voter's application and his affidavit on the envelope containing the absentee ballot. If these are found to be sufficient, the board shall check the voter's name on the precinct register. If the board then finds that the applicant is a duly qualified elector of the voting precinct, the vote shall be allowed. If the application or the affidavit is insufficient, or if the applicant is not a duly qualified elector of the voting precinct, the vote shall not be allowed.

C. The county chairman of each political party represented on the ballot may, by written appointment addressed to the absence election board, designate party representatives and alternates to act as absence ballot challengers for the party. No party may have more than the number of such representatives or alternates which were mutually agreed upon by each political party to be present at one time. If such agreement cannot be reached, the number of representatives shall be limited to one for each political party.

An absentee ballot may be challenged on any grounds set forth in section D. 16-591 for challenging electors or for suspected fraudulent use of the absentee ballot or any other reasonable grounds. All challenges shall be made in writing with a brief statement of the grounds prior to the absentee ballot being placed in the ballot box. A record of all challenges and resulting proceedings shall be kept in substantially the same manner as provided in section 16-594. If an absentee ballot is challenged, it shall be set aside and retained in the possession of the absentee election board or other officer in charge of absentee ballot processing until all the remaining absentee ballots for that precinct have been properly processed a time that the absentee election board sets for determination of the challenge, subject to the procedure in subsection E of this section, at which time the absentee election board shall hear the grounds for the challenge and shall decide what disposition shall be made of the absentee ballot by majority vote. If the absentee ballot is not allowed, it shall be handled pursuant to subsection F G of this section. In the event a challenge is made in writing prior to the time such ballot is processed, the absentee election board shall give notice of the consideration of the challenge to the county chairman of each political party represented on the ballot prior to such hearing.

E. Within twenty-four hours of receipt of a challenge, the absentee election board or other officer in charge of absentee ballot processing shall mail, by first class mail, a notice of the challenge including a copy of the written challenge, and also including the time and place at which the voter may appear to defend the challenge, to the voter at the mailing address shown on the request for absentee ballot or, if none was provided, to the mailing address shown on the registration rolls. Notice shall also be mailed to the challenger at the address listed on the

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written challenge and provided to the county chairman of each political party represented on the ballot. The board shall meet to determine the challenge at the time specified by the notice but, in any event, not earlier than ninety-six hours after the notice is mailed, or forty-eight hours if the notifying party chooses to deliver the notice by overnight or hand delivery, and not later than five o'clock p.m. on the Monday following the election. The board shall provide the voter with an informal opportunity to make, or to submit, brief statements regarding the challenge. The board may decline to permit comments, either in person or in writing, by anyone other than the voter, the challenger and the party representatives. The burden of proof is on the challenger to show why the voter should not be permitted to vote. The fact that the voter fails to appear shall not be deemed to be an admission of the validity of the challenge. The absentee elections board or other officer in charge of absentee ballot processing, is not required to provide the notices described in this subsection if the written challenge fails to set forth at least one of the grounds listed in section 16-591 as a basis for the challenge. In that event, the challenge will be summarily rejected at the meeting of the board. Except for election contests pursuant to section 16-672, the board's decision is final and may not be appealed.

**E. F.** If the vote is allowed, the board shall open the envelope containing the ballot in such a manner that the affidavit thereon is not destroyed, take out the ballot without unfolding it or permitting it to be opened or examined, endorse the stub in the same manner that the other ballots are endorsed, deposit the ballot and the write-in envelope in which it was enclosed in the ballot box, and show by the records of the election that the elector has voted.

**F.** <u>G.</u> If the vote is not allowed, the affidavit envelope containing the absentee ballot shall not be opened and the board shall mark across the face of such envelope the grounds for rejection. The affidavit envelope and its contents shall then be deposited with the opened affidavit envelopes and shall be preserved with official returns. If the voter does not enter an appearance, the board shall send the voter a notice stating whether the absentee ballot was disallowed and, if disallowed, providing the grounds for the determination. The notice shall be mailed, by first class mail, to the voter's mailing address as shown on the registration rolls within three days after the board's determination.

G. <u>H.</u> The processing of absentee ballots deposited in the ballot box by the absentee boards shall be as provided for regular precincts.

**H.** I. Party representatives and alternates may be appointed as provided in subsection C of this section to be present and to challenge the verification of questioned ballots pursuant to section 16-584 on any grounds permitted by this section. Questioned ballots which are challenged shall be presented to the absentee election board for decision under the provisions of this section.

Sec. 6. Section 16-594, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

### § 16-594. List of challenges, grounds and rulings

The board shall require one of the clerks to keep a list of the names of all persons challenged, the grounds of the challenge and the determination of the board upon the challenge. Copies of the list shall be kept in the office of the county recorder or other officer in charge of absentee ballot processing as a public record. Affidavits of challenged voters, decisions of election officials and challenge lists shall be a part of the official returns and shall be delivered to the board of supervisors.

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# Exhibit B

Comparison of the 1891 Law and of in-person and mail-in voting under the current Arizona Revised Statutes.

The 1891 Law <sup>1</sup>	A.R.S. In-person Voting	A.R.S. Early (Mail-in) Voting
"All ballots cast in	"B. All ballots cast in elections	"B. All ballots cast in elections
elections for public	for public office within the	for public office within the
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distributed at public	instruction to voters, shall be	instruction to voters, shall be
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64, § 2.	distributed at public expense	distributed at public expense
	and shall be a county	and shall be a county
	charge" A.R.S. § 16-503. See	charge" A.R.S. § 16-503. See
	also A.R.S. § 16-407.1	also A.R.S. § 16-407.1
	(prohibiting private monies for	(prohibiting private monies for
	election expenses).	election expenses).
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expense.		
Ballots and voting	"The board of supervisors may	"The officer charged by law
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charged to counties. Id.	and by such method as it may	ballot and deliver a sufficient
	deem for the best local	number to the recorder or
	interests" A.R.S. § 16-451.	other officer in charge of
	PILL	elections" A.R.S. § 16-545.
Ballots printed and	Ballots printed and	Ballots printed and
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expense.		
Election officials	"A. The board of supervisors	"A. The early ballot shall be
responsible for preparing	shall prepare and provide	one prepared for use in the
and providing "ballots	ballots containing the names	precinct in which the applicant

<sup>1</sup> AN ACT To Promote Purity of Elections, Secure Secrecy of the Ballot and to Provide for the Printing and Distribution of Ballots at Public Expense.

The provisions of the 1891 Law correspond to the four essential components of the Australian Ballot System: (a) ballots *printed and distributed at public expense*; (b) ballots containing the names of *all the candidates duly nominated by law* (a "blanket ballot"); (c) ballots distributed "*only by election officers at the polling place*"; and (d) detailed provisions for physical arrangements to *ensure secrecy in casting the vote*." John C. Fortier & Norman J. Ornstein, *The Absentee Ballot and the Secret Ballot: Challenges for Election Reform*, 36 U. Mich. J. L. Reform 483, 488 (2003) (emphasis added).

printed on white paper" and "ready for inspection by the candidates and their agents, at least ten days before a general election"; at "each polling place one challenger for each respective political party shall be allowed to be present and act" but "shall not be permitted to enter any of the booths." <i>Id.</i> § 15.	of all persons whose certificates of nomination have been filed with them. The ballots shall be printed and ready for inspection by the candidates and their agents at least ten days before a general election and at least five days before a city or town election." A.R.S. § 16-503. "B. At each voting place, one challenger for each political party may be present and act, but no challenger may enter a voting booth except to mark his ballot." A.R.S. § 16-590.	resides and, if a partisan primary election, of the political party with which the applicant is affiliated as shown by the affidavit of registration. The ballot shall be identical with the regular official ballots, except that it shall have printed or stamped on it 'early.'" A.R.S. § 16-545
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	physical arrangements to	ARRANGEMENTS TO SAFEGUARD
Detailed provisions for	ensure secrecy in casting the	SECRECY IN VOTING
physical arrangements to	vote.	
ensure secrecy in casting		<b>P</b> OLITICAL PARTY CHALLENGERS
the vote.		CANNOT WATCH OVER ABSENTEE
		VOTING TO ENSURE SECRECY IN
		VOTING.
"At least five sample	"B. The board of supervisors	"C. The board of supervisors
ballots, for each polling	shall print and distribute, for	shall have printed mailer-type
place, printed on tinted	the information of voters at	sample ballots for a general
paper, but in all other	each polling place, a number	election and shall mail at least
respects the same as	of sample ballots as it deems	eleven days before the
official ballots, shall be	necessary." A.R.S. § 16-510.	election one such sample

providedand shall be delivered to the election officers together with the cards of instruction. <i>Id.</i> § 16.	See also A.R.S. § 16-510 (Posting sample ballots, instruction cards and notice to voters before opening polls).	ballot to each household in the county containing a registered voter unless that registered voter is on the active early voting list established pursuant to section 16-544." A.R.S. § 16- 510.
Sample ballots N/A.	Sample ballots N/A.	Sample ballots N/A.
Official ballot requirements described. "Each ballot shall be endorsed by the words 'official ballot." <i>Id.</i> § 17.	A.R.S. § 16-502 (Form and contents of ballot).	"A. The early ballot shall be one prepared for use in the precinct in which the applicant resides and, if a partisan primary election, of the political party with which the applicant is affiliated as shown by the affidavit of registration. The ballot shall be identical with the regular official ballots, except that it shall have printed or stamped on it 'early." A.R.S. § 16-545.
Official ballot	Official ballot	SUPPOSEDLY "IDENTICAL" TO OFFICIAL BALLOT EXCEPT THAT MARKED "EARLY" BUT DOES NOT COMPLY WITH ART. 4, § 1 IN- PERSON REQUIREMENTS FOR "OFFICIAL BALLOT."
Ballots "shall be printed for and furnished to each polling place at which an election is to be held." <i>Id.</i> § 19.	"The board of supervisors shall deliver, by mail or other reliable method, to each voting precinct or to the inspector of each election board as determined by the officer in charge of elections one package containing the required number of ballots, at least forty-eight hours before the hour for opening the polls on election day The official ballots shall be sent in sealed packages with marks on the	"The county recorder or other officer in charge of elections shall mail the early ballot and the envelope for its return postage prepaid to the address provided by the requesting elector" A.R.S. § 16-542.

Ballots to be delivered "by mail or other reliable method" to presiding officer "at least forty-eight hours before the hour for opening the polls on election day" in "sealed packages with marks on the outsideclearly designating the polling place for which they are intended," and officer shall provide "return receipts therefore." Id. § 21."The board of supervisors, city or town clerk or governing body of a special district shall deliver, by mail or other reliable method, to each voting precinct or to the inspector of each election officer in charge of elections one package containing the place for which they are intended," and officer shall provide "return receipts therefore." Id. § 21."The board of supervisors, city or town clerk or governing body of a special district shall deliver, by mail or other reliable method, to each voting precinct or to the inspector of each election officer in charge of elections one package containing the provide "return receipts therefore." Id. § 21."A. Within ninety-three before any election call pursuant to the laws of state, an elector may m verbal or signed reques county recorder, or oth officer in charge of elections one package containing the required number of ballots, at least forty-eight hours before the hour for opening the polls on election day The official ballots shall be sent in sealed packages with marks on the outside of the package clearly designating the polling place"A. Within ninety-three before any election call pursuant to the laws of state, an elector may m verbal or signed reques county recorder, or oth officer in charge of election day"C. The county recorder other officer in charge of elections shall mail the ballot and the enveloped	ake a t to the er tions cal in elector r an R.S. § r or of early e for its
	e for its to the e
Ballots distributed "only Ballots distributed "only by BALLOTS MAILED TO VOTER A	AND
by election officers at the election officers at the polling THUS NOT DISTRIBUTED ONL	
polling place." place." ELECTION OFFICERS AT THE P	
"On the opening of the "A. On opening the polls, the "C. The county recorder	
polls at each polling place, inspector shall produce the other officer in charge of	

the presiding officer shall produce the sealed package of official ballots and publicly open it" Id. § 22.	sealed package of official ballots and publicly open it and deliver one book or block of ballots therein contained to the judges B. One of the judges of election shall keep the ballots within the polling place in plain view of the public and deliver them only to qualified voters. C. A person shall not take or remove a ballot from the	elections shall mail the early ballot and the envelope for its return postage prepaid to the address provided by the requesting elector" A.R.S. § 16-542.
	polling place before the polls are closed." A.R.S. § 16-572.	THUS NOT DISTRIBUTED ONLY BY ELECTION OFFICERS AT THE POLLS.
	are closed. A.K.S. 9 10-572.	al a
Ballots distributed "only by election officers at the	Ballots distributed "only by election officers at the polling	NO STATUTORY PROVISION FOR
polling place."	place."	BALLOT" RECEIVED.
"[O]fficers whose duty it	A.R.S. 16-411 (Designation of	A.R.S. § 16-542 (ballots mailed
isto designate the polling places shall determine the	election precincts and polling places; voting centers;	to early voters).
number and situation of	electioneering; wait times);	"A. Any election called
the polling places in each districtand shall appoint ballot clerks for each polling place An equal number of such clerks to be appointed from the two opposing political parties casting the highest number of votes at the last preceding election. The clerks so appointed shall have charge of the ballots at such election and furnish them to voters as hereinafter provided." <i>Id.</i> § 23.	A.R.S. § 16-446 (Specifications of electronic voting system).	pursuant to the laws of this state shall provide for early voting. Any qualified elector may vote by early ballot." A.R.S. § 16-541.
Ballots distributed "only	Ballots distributed "only by	BALLOTS MAILED TO VOTER AND
by election officers at the polling place."	election officers at the polling place."	THUS NOT DISTRIBUTED ONLY BY ELECTION OFFICERS AT THE POLLS.

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Election officers to provide	"B. An electronic voting	A.R.S. § 16-542 (Only the
"a sufficient number of	system shall:	elector [early voter] may be in
voting boothswith	1. Provide for voting in secrecy	possession of that elector's
convenient shelves on	when used with voting	unvoted early ballot.)
which voters may	booths." A.R.S. § 16-446	
conveniently mark their	(emphasis added).	"The early voter shall make
ballotsscreened from the		and sign the affidavit and shall
observation of others,"	"A. The arrangement of the	then mark his ballot in such a
and no "person other than	polling place shall be such that	manner that his vote cannot
the election officers and	neither the ballot boxes nor	be seen. The early voter shall
votersshall be	the voting booths are hidden	fold the ballot, if a paper
permitted" within six feet	from the view of persons	ballot, so as to conceal the
of the locked "ballot boxes	immediately outside the	vote and deposit the voted
of such voting booths." Id.	voting area.	ballot in the envelope
§ 24.	B. No person other than the	provided for that purpose,
3 24.	election officers, voters, party	which shall be securely sealed
		and, together with the
	representatives and	
	challengers shall be permitted	affidavit, delivered or mailed
	within six feet of the ballot	to the county recorder or
	boxes or voting booths except	other officer in charge of
	by authority of the election	elections of the political
	officers for the purpose of	subdivision in which the
	keeping order and enforcing	elector is registered or
	the law." A.R.S. § 16-562.	deposited by the voter or the
	4P-0	voter's agent at any polling
		place in the county." A.R.S. §
	ALL	16-548. But see A.R.S. § 16-
		1018(4) (early voters can post
Detailed provisions for	Detailed provisions for	pictures of ballot on internet).
physical arrangements to	physical arrangements to	
ensure secrecy in casting	ensure secrecy in casting the	<b>NO ELECTION OFFICIALS PRESENT</b>
the vote.	vote for in-person voters.	WITH MAIL-IN VOTERS TO ENSURE
		SECRECY IS ENFORCED; THUS, NO
		DETAILED PROVISIONS FOR PHYSICAL
		ARRANGEMENTS TO ENSURE SECRECY
		IN CASTING THE VOTE. AND MAIL-IN
		VOTERS CAN POST PICTURES OF
		THEIR BALLOTS ON THE INTERNET!
Ballot clerks shall be under	"A. One election official shall	"G. The county recorder or
supervision at all times,	attend the voting machine,	other officer in charge of early
"keep the ballots within	and the other officers shall	balloting shall provide an
the polling place and in	attend the pollbooks and	alphabetized list of all voters
plain view of the public	perform the duties of election	in the precinct who have
and deliver them only to	officials as provided by law.	requested and have been sent

qualified voters" and is responsible for checking off voters. <i>Id.</i> § 25.	B. The voting machine shall be so placed and protected that it is accessible to only one voter at a time and is in full view of all election officers and observers at the polling place" A.R.S. § 16-570.	an early ballot to the election board of the precinct in which the voter is registered not later than the day before the election." A.R.S. § 16-542.
Ballots distributed "only	Ballots distributed "only by	OFFICIALS TO ENSURE BALLOTS
by election officers at the	election officers at the polling	DISTRIBUTED "ONLY BY ELECTION
polling place" to qualified	place" to qualified electors.	OFFICERS AT THE POLLING PLACE" TO
electors. Enforced by	Enforced by election officials.	QUALIFIED ELECTORS.
election officials.		<u> </u>
"On receiving his ballot the	"B. On receiving a ballot the	"A. The early voter shall make
voter shall forthwith and	voter shall promptly and	and sign the affidavit and shall then mark his ballot in such a
without leaving the polling place or going outside of	without leaving the voting area retire alone, except as	manner that his vote cannot
said guard rail, retire alone	provided in subsection E of	be seen. The early voter shall
to one of the boothsnot	this section, to one of the	fold the ballot, if a paper
occupied by any other	voting booths that is not	ballot, so as to conceal the
person, and prepare his	occupied, prepare the ballot in	vote and deposit the voted
ballot," and "shall fold his	secret and vote in the manner	ballot in the envelope
ballotin such a way that	and substantiat form as	provided for that purpose,
the contentsshall be	required by the instruction to	which shall be securely sealed
concealeduntil he has	voters.	and, together with the
delivered the same to the	C. The voter shall deposit the	affidavit, delivered or mailed
election officers." Id. § 26.	ballot in the ballot box, or if	to the county recorder or
a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a	the voter so requests, hand	other officer in charge of
×	the ballot to the election	elections of the political subdivision in which the
	board official and permit the election board official to	elector is registered or
	deposit the ballot in the ballot	deposited by the voter or the
	box." A.R.S. § 16-580.	voter's agent at any polling
		place in the county." A.R.S. §
	Voter can be arrested if they	16-548. <i>But see</i> A.R.S. § 16-
	, take pictures of their own	1018(4) (early voters can post
	ballot. A.R.S. §§ 16-515 (A),	pictures of ballot on internet).
	(G); 16-1018 (1), (3), (9).	
		<b>N</b> O REQUIREMENT THAT VOTER BE
Detailed provisions for	Detailed provisions for	ALONE WHEN THEY FILL OUT THEIR
physical arrangements to	physical arrangements to	BALLOT.
ensure secrecy in casting the vote.	ensure secrecy in casting the	
	vote.	EARLY VOTERS CAN POST PICTURES
		OF THEIR BALLOT ON THE INTERNET.

		EARLY VOTERS CAN GIVE BALLOT TO THEIR "AGENT" OR A MAILMAN, NOT AN ELECTIONS OFFICIAL, TAKE THEIR
		BALLOT.
		<b>NO ELECTION OFFICIALS PRESENT</b>
		WITH MAIL-IN VOTERS TO ENSURE SECRECY IS ENFORCED; THUS, NO
		DETAILED PROVISIONS FOR PHYSICAL
		ARRANGEMENTS TO ENSURE SECRECY
	<u> </u>	IN CASTING THE VOTE.
Only official ballots to be counted. <i>Id.</i> § 29.	Same	EARLY BALLOTS ARE NOT OFFICIAL BALLOTS. SEE ART. 4, § 1.
"A voter who shall, except	"A voter who knowingly	DALLO13. JEL ANT. 4, 3 1.
as herein otherwise	•	COW
provided, allow his ballot		, cor
to be seen by any other person with intention of	misdemeanor: 1. Makes a false statement as	т -
letting it be known how he	to the voter's inability to mark	
is about to vote, or who	a ballot.	
shall make a false	2. Interferes with a voter	
statement as to his	within the seventy-five foot limit of the polling place as	
inability to mark his ballot, or any person who shall	posted by the election marshal	
interfere with any voter	or within seventy-five feet of	
inside of said enclosed	the main outside entrance to	
space, or who shall	an on-site early voting location	
endeavor to induce any voter to vote for any	established by a county recorder pursuant to section	
particular candidateshall	16-542, subsection A.	NO RESTRICTION ON TRYING TO
be punished by a fine of	3. Endeavors while within the	INDUCE VOTERS TO VOTE A CERTAIN
fifty dollars, or fifty days	seventy-five foot limit for a	WAY BEYOND SEVENTY-FIVE FEET
injail." <i>Id.</i> § 32.	polling place or on-site early	FROM THE POLLS.
	voting location to induce a voter to vote for or against a	THESE PROVISIONS CANNOT BE
	particular candidate or issue."	ENFORCED ANYWHERE OTHER THAN
	A.R.S. § 16-1017.	AT THE POLLS BY ELECTION
Detailed succide to fair	Detailed area interes for	OFFICIALS; THUS, MAIL-IN VOTING
Detailed provisions for physical arrangements to	Detailed provisions for physical arrangements to	DOES NOT PROVIDE DETAILED PROVISIONS FOR PHYSICAL
ensure secrecy in casting	ensure secrecy in casting the	ARRANGEMENTS TO ENSURE SECRECY
the vote.	vote.	IN CASTING THE VOTE.

"Any person who shallwilfully hinder the voting of others" shall be punished by a fifty-dollar fine or fifty days in jail. <i>Id.</i> § 33.	"A voter who knowingly commits any of the following acts is guilty of a class 2 misdemeanor:  6. Hinders the voting of others." <i>Id. See also</i> A.R.S. § 16-1017.	THESE PROVISIONS CANNOT BE ENFORCED ANYWHERE OTHER THAN AT THE POLLS BY ELECTION
		OFFICIALS; THUS, MAIL-IN VOTING
Detailed provisions for	Detailed provisions for	
physical arrangements to	physical arrangements to	PROVISIONS FOR PHYSICAL
ensure secrecy in casting	ensure secrecy in casting the	
the vote.	vote.	IN CASTING THE VOTE.
"Any public officer upon	"A public officer upon whom a	
whom a duty is imposed	duty is imposed by this title,	
by this Act, who wilfully	who knowingly fails or refuses	Ch'
neglects to perform such	to perform that duty in the	<u>ç</u>
duty, or who shall wilfully	manner prescribed by law, is	-
perform it in such way as	guilty of a class 3	
to hinder the objects of	misdemeanor." A.R.S. § 16-	
this Act, shall be punished	1009.	
by a fine of two hundred	- MOC	Turses an output of a subject of
dollars, or two hundred	NO <sup>EC</sup>	
days in the county jail." <i>Id.</i> § 34.	OM	ENFORCED ANYWHERE OTHER THAN
3 34.	10 Fre	AT THE POLLS BY ELECTION OFFICIALS; THUS, MAIL-IN VOTING
Detailed provisions for	Detailed provisions for	DOES NOT PROVIDE DETAILED
physical arrangements to	physical arrangements to	PROVISIONS FOR PHYSICAL
ensure secrecy in casting	ensure secrecy in casting the	ARRANGEMENTS TO ENSURE SECRECY
the vote.	vote.	IN CASTING THE VOTE.
No electioneering "on	"A person who commits any of	
election day within any	the following acts is guilty of a	
polling place, orwithin	class 2 misdemeanor:	
one hundred and fifty feet	1. Knowingly electioneers on	
of any pooling place"; no	election day within a polling	
removal of official ballots	place or in a public manner	
before polls close; no	within seventy-five feet of the	
person shall reveal his	main outside entrance of a	
ballots or solicit anyone to		
do so; no one shall receive	polling place or on-site early	
	polling place or on-site early voting location established by	
a voted ballot except an		
inspector of election; no	voting location established by	
•	voting location established by a county recorder pursuant to	

from a ballot clerk; no one other than ballot clerk may deliver ballot to voter; voter cannot mark ballot in a way that reveals his identity; violations of this section result in a misdemeanor and jail. <i>Id.</i> § 36.	place, on-site early voting location or custody of an election official a voting machine or a voting record. 3. Knowingly removes an official ballot from a polling place before closing the polls. 4. Shows another voter's ballot to any person after it is prepared for voting in such a manner as to reveal the contents, except to an authorized person lawfully assisting the voter. A voter who makes available an image of the voter's own ballot by posting on the internet or in some other electronic medium is deemed to have consented to retransmittal of that image and that retransmittal does not constitute a violation of this section. 5. Knowingly solicits a voter to show the voter's ballot, or receives from a voter a ballot prepared for voting, unless the person is an election official or unless otherwise authorized by law. 6. Knowingly receives an official ballot from a person other than an election official having charge of the ballots. 7. Knowingly delivers an official ballot to a voter, unless the voter is an election official. 8. Except for a completed ballot transmitted by an elector by fax or other electronic format pursuant to section 16-543, knowingly places a mark on the voter's ballot by which it can be	com

No removal of ballots	identified as the one voted by the voter. 9. After having received a ballot as a voter, knowingly fails to return the ballot to the election official before leaving the polling place or on-site early voting location." A.R.S. § 16-1018. <b>No removal of ballots from</b>	<b>EARLY BALLOTS ARE ALWAYS</b>
from polls.	polls.	OUTSIDE OF THE POLLS.
Ballots containing the names of all the candidates duly nominated by law. Ballots distributed "only by election officers at the polling place."	Ballots containing the names of all the candidates duly nominated by law. Ballots distributed "only by election officers at the polling place."	PERFECTLY FINE TO ELECTIONEER TO EARLY VOTERS EVEN WITH BALLOT IN HAND. MOST OF THESE PROVISIONS CANNOT OR DO NOT APPLY TO MAIL- IN VOTING.
Detailed provisions for physical arrangements to ensure secrecy in casting the vote.	Detailed provisions for physical arrangements to ensure secrecy in casting the vote.	
"Any person entitled to vote at a general electionon the day of such electionentitled to absent himself from any service or employment for two hours between the time of opening and the time of closing the polls." <i>Id.</i> § 37.	"A A person entitled to vote at a primary or general election held within this state may, on the day of election, absent himself for the purpose of voting from the service or employment at which he is employed if there are less than three consecutive hours between the opening of the polls and the beginning of his regular workshift or between the end of his regular workshift and the closing of the polls" A.R.S. § 16-402.	A.R.S. § 16-541 <i>et seq.</i> (allows anyone to vote by mail, i.e., absentee).
		BALLOTS DISTRIBUTED BY THE MAILMAN.

Ballots distributed "only by election officers at the polling place." Detailed provisions for physical arrangements to ensure secrecy in casting the vote.	Ballots distributed "only by election officers at the polling place." Detailed provisions for physical arrangements to ensure secrecy in casting the vote.	<b>A</b> LLOWS VOTERS TO MAIL IN THEIR BALLOTS RATHER THAN BE EXCUSED TO PERFORM THEIR OBLIGATION TO VOTE SECRETLY AND SECURELY IN PERSON.
N/A No electronic voting systems in 1891.	A.R.S. § 16-446 ("An electronic voting system shall: 1. Provide for voting in secrecy <b>when</b> <b>used with voting booths</b> .").	A.R.S. § 16-446 ("An electronic voting system shall: 1. Provide for voting in secrecy <b>when</b> <b>used with voting booths</b> .").
	Detailed provisions for physical arrangements to ensure secrecy in casting the vote.	Acknowledgement that when votes cast away from the polls, secrecy is not ensured.
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