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# HOUSE BILL 2785

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 16-411, 16-461, 16-510, 16-542, 16-547 AND 16-550, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING TITLE 16, CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 8, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 16-550.01; AMENDING SECTIONS 16-551, 16-552, 16-579, 16-584, 16-622, 16-642, 16-645, 16-646, 16-648, 16-662, 16-663 AND 16-664, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO 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 16-411, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 16-411. Designation of election precincts and polling places;  
5 voting centers; electioneering; wait times

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

6           3. All affected voters receive information on early voting that  
7 includes the application used to request an early voting ballot.

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

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

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

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

23           G. BEGINNING IN 2026, THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION SHALL  
24 COORDINATE WITH STATE AGENCIES AND COUNTIES TO PROVIDE AVAILABLE AND  
25 APPROPRIATE STATE-OWNED FACILITIES FOR USE AS A VOTING LOCATION FOR ANY  
26 CITY, COUNTY OR STATE ELECTION WHEN REQUESTED BY THE OFFICER IN CHARGE OF  
27 ELECTIONS.

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

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

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

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

15 1. An act of God renders a previously set polling place as  
16 unusable.

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

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

27 1. The number of ballots voted in the prior primary and general  
28 elections.

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

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

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

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

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

41 16-461. Sample primary election ballots; submission to party  
42 chairmen for examination; preparation, printing and  
43 distribution of ballot

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

- 1           1. Prepare a proof of a sample ballot.
- 2           2. Submit the sample ballot proof of each party to the county  
3 chairman or in city or town primaries to the city or town chairman.
- 4           3. Mail a sample ballot proof to each candidate for whom a  
5 nomination paper and petitions have been filed.
- 6           B. Within ~~five~~ TWO CALENDAR days after receipt of the sample  
7 ballot, the county chairman of each political party AND ANY CANDIDATE IN  
8 THAT ELECTION WHO HAS SUBMITTED AND CONFIRMED AN EMAIL ADDRESS shall  
9 suggest to the election officer any change the chairman OR CANDIDATE  
10 considers should be made in the chairman's OR CANDIDATE'S party ballot,  
11 and if on examination the election officer finds an error or omission ~~in~~  
12 ON the ballot, the officer shall correct it. The election officer shall  
13 ~~cause~~ PRINT AND DISTRIBUTE the sample ballots ~~to be printed and~~  
14 ~~distributed~~ as required by law, shall maintain a copy of each sample  
15 ballot and shall post a notice indicating that sample ballots are  
16 available on request. The official sample ballot shall be printed on  
17 colored paper or white paper with a different colored stripe for each  
18 party that is represented on that ballot. For voters who are not  
19 registered with a party that is entitled to continued representation on  
20 the ballot pursuant to section 16-804, the election officer may print and  
21 distribute the required sample ballots in an alternative format, including  
22 a reduced size format.
- 23           C. Not later than forty days before a primary election, the county  
24 chairman of a political party may request one sample primary election  
25 ballot of the chairman's party for each election precinct.
- 26           D. The board of supervisors shall have printed mailer-type sample  
27 ballots for a primary election and shall mail at least eleven days before  
28 the election one sample ballot of a political party to each household  
29 containing a registered voter of that political party unless that  
30 registered voter is on the active early voting list established pursuant  
31 to section 16-544. Each sample ballot shall contain the following  
32 statement: "This is a sample ballot and cannot be used as an official  
33 ballot under any circumstances". A certified claim shall be presented to  
34 the secretary of state by the board of supervisors for the actual cost of  
35 printing, labeling and postage of each sample ballot actually mailed, and  
36 the secretary of state shall direct payment of the authenticated claim  
37 from funds of the secretary of state's office.
- 38           E. For city and town elections, the governing body of a city or  
39 town may have printed mailer-type sample ballots for a primary election.  
40 If the city or town has printed such sample ballots, the city or town  
41 shall provide for the distribution of such ballots and shall bear the  
42 expense of printing and distributing ~~of~~ such sample ballots.

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

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

9 Sec. 3. Section 16-510, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
10 read:

11 16-510. Sample ballots; preparation and distribution

12 A. Before printing the sample ballots for the general election the  
13 board of supervisors shall send to each candidate whose name did not  
14 appear on the preceding primary election ballot AND TO THE COUNTY  
15 CHAIRPERSON OF EACH POLITICAL PARTY a ballot proof of the sample ballot  
16 for the candidate's AND CHAIRPERSON'S review. WITHIN TWO CALENDAR DAYS  
17 AFTER RECEIPT OF THE SAMPLE BALLOT, THOSE CANDIDATES AND THE COUNTY  
18 CHAIRPERSON OF EACH POLITICAL PARTY SHALL SUGGEST TO THE ELECTION OFFICER  
19 ANY CHANGE THE CANDIDATE OR CHAIRPERSON CONSIDERS SHOULD BE MADE TO THE  
20 BALLOT, AND IF ON EXAMINATION THE ELECTION OFFICER FINDS AN ERROR OR  
21 OMISSION ON THE BALLOT, THE OFFICER SHALL CORRECT THE ERROR OR OMISSION.

22 B. The board of supervisors shall print and distribute, for the  
23 information of voters at each polling place, a number of sample ballots as  
24 it deems necessary.

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

37 D. For city and town elections, the governing body of a city or  
38 town may have printed mailer-type sample ballots for a general  
39 election. If the city or town has printed such sample ballots, the city  
40 or town shall provide for the distribution of such ballots and shall bear  
41 the expense of printing and distributing such sample ballots.

42 E. For special district elections, the governing body of a special  
43 district may have printed mailer-type sample ballots. If the special  
44 district has printed such sample ballots, the special district shall

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

3 Sec. 4. Section 16-542, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
4 read:

5 16-542. Request for ballot; civil penalties; violation;  
6 classification

7 A. Within ninety-three days before any election called pursuant to  
8 the laws of this state, an elector may make a verbal or signed request to  
9 the county recorder, or other officer in charge of elections for the  
10 applicable political subdivision of this state in whose jurisdiction the  
11 elector is registered to vote, for an official early ballot. In addition  
12 to name and address, the requesting elector shall provide the date of  
13 birth and state or country of birth or other information that if compared  
14 to the voter registration information on file would confirm the identity  
15 of the elector. If the request indicates that the elector needs a primary  
16 election ballot and a general election ballot, the county recorder or  
17 other officer in charge of elections shall honor the request. For any  
18 partisan primary election, if the elector is not registered as a member of  
19 a political party that is entitled to continued representation on the  
20 ballot pursuant to section 16-804, the elector shall designate the ballot  
21 of only one of the political parties that is entitled to continued  
22 representation on the ballot and the elector may receive and vote the  
23 ballot of only that one political party, which also shall include any  
24 nonpartisan offices and ballot questions, or the elector shall designate  
25 the ballot for nonpartisan offices and ballot questions only and the  
26 elector may receive and vote the ballot that contains only nonpartisan  
27 offices and ballot questions. The county recorder or other officer in  
28 charge of elections shall process any request for an early ballot for a  
29 municipal election pursuant to this subsection. The county recorder may  
30 establish on-site early voting locations at the recorder's office, which  
31 shall be open and available for use beginning the same day that a county  
32 begins to send out the early ballots. The county recorder may also  
33 establish any other early voting locations in the county the recorder  
34 deems necessary. Any on-site early voting location or other early voting  
35 location shall require each elector to present identification as  
36 prescribed in section 16-579 before receiving a ballot. Notwithstanding  
37 section 16-579, subsection A, paragraph 2, at any on-site early voting  
38 location or other early voting location the county recorder or other  
39 officer in charge of elections may provide for a qualified elector to  
40 update the elector's voter registration information as provided for in the  
41 secretary of state's instructions and procedures manual adopted pursuant  
42 to section 16-452.



1           B. Notwithstanding subsection A of this section, a request for an  
2 official early ballot from an absent uniformed services voter or overseas  
3 voter as defined in the uniformed and overseas citizens absentee voting  
4 act ~~of 1986~~ (P.L. 99-410; 52 United States Code section 20310) or a voter  
5 whose information is protected pursuant to section 16-153 that is received  
6 by the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections more than  
7 ninety-three days before the election is valid. If requested by the  
8 absent uniformed services or overseas voter, or a voter whose information  
9 is protected pursuant to section 16-153, the county recorder or other  
10 officer in charge of elections shall provide to the requesting voter early  
11 ballot materials through the next regularly scheduled general election for  
12 federal office immediately following receipt of the request unless a  
13 different period of time, which does not exceed the next two regularly  
14 scheduled general elections for federal office, is designated by the  
15 voter.

16           C. The county recorder or other officer in charge of elections  
17 shall mail the early ballot and the envelope for its return postage  
18 prepaid to the address provided by the requesting elector within five days  
19 after receipt of the official early ballots from the officer charged by  
20 law with the duty of preparing ballots pursuant to section 16-545, except  
21 that early ballot distribution shall not begin more than twenty-seven days  
22 before the election. If an early ballot request is received on or before  
23 the thirty-first day before the election, the early ballot shall be  
24 distributed not earlier than the twenty-seventh day before the election  
25 and not later than the twenty-fourth day before the election.

26           D. Only the elector may be in possession of that elector's unvoted  
27 early ballot. If a complete and correct request is made by the elector  
28 within twenty-seven days before the election, the mailing must be made  
29 within forty-eight hours after receipt of the request. Saturdays, Sundays  
30 and other legal holidays are excluded from the computation of the  
31 ~~forty-eight hour~~ FORTY-EIGHT-HOUR period prescribed by this subsection.  
32 If a complete and correct request is made by an absent uniformed services  
33 voter or an overseas voter before the election, the regular early ballot  
34 shall be transmitted by mail, by fax or by other electronic format  
35 approved by the secretary of state within twenty-four hours after the  
36 early ballots are delivered pursuant to section 16-545, subsection B,  
37 excluding Sundays.

38           E. In order to be complete and correct and to receive an early  
39 ballot by mail, an elector's request that an early ballot be mailed to the  
40 elector's residence or temporary address must include all of the  
41 information prescribed by subsection A of this section and must be  
42 received by the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections ~~no~~  
43 NOT later than 5:00 p.m. on the eleventh day preceding the election. An  
44 elector who appears personally ~~no~~ NOT later than ~~5:00~~ 7:00 p.m. on the  
45 Friday preceding the election at an on-site early voting location that is

1 established by the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections  
2 shall be given a ballot after presenting identification as prescribed in  
3 section 16-579 and shall be ~~permitted~~ ALLOWED to vote at the on-site  
4 location. Notwithstanding section 16-579, subsection A, paragraph 2, at  
5 any on-site early voting location the county recorder or other officer in  
6 charge of elections may provide for a qualified elector to update the  
7 elector's voter registration information as provided for in the secretary  
8 of state's instructions and procedures manual adopted pursuant to section  
9 16-452. If an elector's request to receive an early ballot is not  
10 complete and correct but complies with all other requirements of this  
11 section, the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections shall  
12 attempt to notify the elector of the deficiency of the request.

13 F. Unless an elector specifies that the address to which an early  
14 ballot is to be sent is a temporary address, the recorder may use the  
15 information from an early ballot request form to update voter registration  
16 records.

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

22 H. As a result of experiencing an emergency between ~~5:00~~ 7:00 p.m.  
23 on the Friday preceding the election and 5:00 p.m. on the Monday preceding  
24 the election, qualified electors may request to vote in the manner  
25 prescribed by the board of supervisors of their respective county. Before  
26 voting pursuant to this subsection, an elector who experiences an  
27 emergency shall provide identification as prescribed in section 16-579 and  
28 shall sign a statement under penalty of perjury that states that the  
29 person is experiencing or experienced an emergency after ~~5:00~~ 7:00 p.m. on  
30 the Friday immediately preceding the election and before 5:00 p.m. on the  
31 Monday immediately preceding the election that would prevent the person  
32 from voting at the polls. Signed statements received pursuant to this  
33 subsection are not subject to inspection pursuant to title 39, chapter 1,  
34 article 2. For the purposes of this subsection, "emergency" means any  
35 unforeseen circumstances that would prevent the elector from voting at the  
36 polls.

37 I. Notwithstanding section 16-579, subsection A, paragraph 2, for  
38 any voting pursuant to subsection H of this section, the county recorder  
39 or other officer in charge of elections may allow a qualified elector to  
40 update the elector's voter registration information as provided for in the  
41 secretary of state's instructions and procedures manual adopted pursuant  
42 to section 16-452.

43 J. A candidate, political committee or other organization may  
44 distribute early ballot request forms to voters. If the early ballot  
45 request forms include a printed address for return, the addressee shall be

1 the political subdivision that will conduct the election. Failure to use  
2 the political subdivision as the return addressee is punishable by a civil  
3 penalty of up to three times the cost of the production and distribution  
4 of the request.

5 K. All original and completed early ballot request forms that are  
6 received by a candidate, political committee or other organization shall  
7 be submitted within six business days after receipt by a candidate,  
8 political committee or other organization or eleven days before the  
9 election day, whichever is earlier, to the political subdivision that will  
10 conduct the election. Any person, political committee or other  
11 organization that fails to submit a completed early ballot request form  
12 within the prescribed time is subject to a civil penalty of up to \$25 per  
13 day for each completed form withheld from submittal. Any person who  
14 knowingly fails to submit a completed early ballot request form before the  
15 submission deadline for the election immediately following the completion  
16 of the form is guilty of a class 6 felony.

17 L. Except for a voter who is on the active early voting list  
18 prescribed by section 16-544, a voter who requests a onetime early ballot  
19 pursuant to ~~THIS section 16-542~~ or for an election conducted pursuant to  
20 section 16-409 or article 8.1 of this chapter, a county recorder, city or  
21 town clerk or other election officer may not deliver or mail an early  
22 ballot to a person who has not requested an early ballot for that  
23 election. An election officer who knowingly violates this subsection is  
24 guilty of a class 5 felony.

25 Sec. 5. Section 16-547, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
26 read:

27 16-547. Ballot affidavit: form

28 A. The early ballot shall be accompanied by an envelope bearing on  
29 the front the name, official title and post office address of the recorder  
30 or other officer in charge of elections and on the other side a printed  
31 affidavit in substantially the following form:

32 I declare the following under penalty of perjury: I am  
33 a registered voter in \_\_\_\_\_ county Arizona, I have not  
34 voted and will not vote in this election in any other county  
35 or state, I understand that knowingly voting more than once in  
36 any election is a class 5 felony and I voted the enclosed  
37 ballot and signed this affidavit personally unless noted  
38 below.

39 If the voter was assisted by another person in marking  
40 the ballot, complete the following:

41 I declare the following under penalty of perjury: At  
42 the registered voter's request I assisted the voter identified  
43 in this affidavit with marking the voter's ballot, I marked  
44 the ballot as directly instructed by the voter, I provided the  
45 assistance because the voter was physically unable to mark the

1 ballot solely due to illness, injury or physical limitation  
2 and I understand that there is no power of attorney for voting  
3 and that the voter must be able to make the voter's selection  
4 even if the voter cannot physically mark the ballot.

5 Name of voter assistant: \_\_\_\_\_

6 Address of voter assistant: \_\_\_\_\_

7 B. The face of each envelope in which a ballot is sent to a federal  
8 postcard applicant or in which a ballot is returned by the applicant to  
9 the recorder or other officer in charge of elections shall be in the form  
10 prescribed in accordance with the uniformed and overseas citizens absentee  
11 voting act (P.L. 99-410; 52 United States Code section 20301). Otherwise,  
12 the envelopes shall be the same as those used to send ballots to, or  
13 receive ballots from, other early voters.

14 C. The officer charged by law with the duty of preparing ballots at  
15 any election shall ensure that the early ballot is sent in an envelope  
16 that states substantially the following:

17 If the addressee does not reside at this address, mark  
18 the unopened envelope "return to sender" and deposit it in the  
19 United States mail.

20 D. The county recorder or other officer in charge of elections  
21 shall supply printed instructions to early voters that direct them to sign  
22 the affidavit, mark the ballot and return both in the enclosed  
23 self-addressed envelope that complies with section 16-545, ~~AND~~ AND:

24 1. THROUGH 2025, the instructions shall include the following  
25 statement:

26 In order to be valid and counted, the ballot and MAIL  
27 affidavit must be delivered to the office of the county  
28 recorder or other officer in charge of elections or may be  
29 deposited at any polling place in the county not later than  
30 7:00 p.m. on election day. The ballot will not be counted  
31 without the voter's signature on the envelope.

32 (WARNING – It is a felony to offer or receive any compensation  
33 for a ballot.)

34 2. BEGINNING IN 2026, THE INSTRUCTIONS SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING  
35 STATEMENT:

36 IN ORDER TO BE VALID AND COUNTED, THE MAIL AFFIDAVIT  
37 THAT CONTAINS THE MAIL BALLOT MUST HAVE THE VOTER'S SIGNATURE  
38 ON THE ENVELOPE AND MUST BE RETURNED TO THE OFFICE OF THE  
39 COUNTY RECORDER BY ANY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING METHODS:

40 (a) DELIVERING IT TO THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER  
41 OR OTHER OFFICER IN CHARGE OF ELECTIONS NOT LATER THAN  
42 7:00 P.M. ON ELECTION DAY.

43 (b) DEPOSITING IT AT ANY POLLING PLACE IN THE COUNTY  
44 NOT LATER THAN 7:00 P.M. ON ELECTION DAY.

1 (c) BRINGING THE BALLOT TO ANY POLLING PLACE IN THE  
2 COUNTY NOT LATER THAN 7:00 P.M. ON ELECTION DAY AND CHOOSING  
3 TO PRESENT VALID IDENTIFICATION THAT COMPLIES WITH SECTION  
4 16-579, SUBSECTION A, PARAGRAPH 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES.  
5 (WARNING – IT IS A FELONY TO OFFER OR RECEIVE ANY COMPENSATION  
6 FOR A BALLOT.)

7 E. The printed instructions prescribed by subsection D of this  
8 section shall also include the following information regarding section  
9 16-1005, subsections H and I in substantially the following form:

10 A person may only handle or return their own ballot or  
11 the ballot of family members, household members or persons for  
12 whom they are a caregiver. It is unlawful under section  
13 16-1005 to handle or return the ballot of any other person.

14 Sec. 6. Section 16-550, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
15 read:

16 16-550. Receipt of voter's ballot; cure period; tracking  
17 system

18 A. Except for early ballots tabulated as prescribed in section  
19 16-579.02 OR, BEGINNING IN 2026, RECEIVED AT A VOTING LOCATION AFTER A  
20 VOTER'S IDENTIFICATION IS CONFIRMED AS PRESCRIBED BY SECTION 16-579,  
21 SUBSECTION A, PARAGRAPH 4, on receipt of the envelope containing the early  
22 ballot and the MAIL ballot affidavit, the county recorder or other officer  
23 in charge of elections shall compare the ~~signatures thereon~~ SIGNATURE ON  
24 THE ENVELOPE with the signature of the elector on the elector's  
25 registration record AS PRESCRIBED BY SECTION 16-550.01. If the signature  
26 is inconsistent with the elector's signature on the elector's registration  
27 record, the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections shall  
28 make reasonable efforts to contact the voter, advise the voter of the  
29 inconsistent signature and allow the voter to correct or the county to  
30 confirm the inconsistent signature. The county recorder or other officer  
31 in charge of elections shall allow signatures to be corrected not later  
32 than the fifth business day after a primary, general or special election  
33 that includes a federal office or the third business day after any other  
34 election. IF THE ELECTION IS A PRIMARY, GENERAL OR SPECIAL ELECTION THAT  
35 INCLUDES A FEDERAL OFFICE, IN ADDITION TO THE OFFICE'S REGULAR BUSINESS  
36 HOURS, THE COUNTY RECORDER'S AND CITY OR TOWN CLERKS' OFFICES SHALL BE  
37 OPEN DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS TO ALLOW FOR CURING SIGNATURES DURING  
38 THE FRIDAY AND WEEKEND BEFORE AND THE FRIDAY AND WEEKEND AFTER THE  
39 ELECTION. If the signature is missing, the county recorder or other  
40 officer in charge of elections shall make reasonable efforts to contact  
41 the elector, advise the elector of the missing signature and allow the  
42 elector to add the elector's signature not later than 7:00 p.m. on  
43 election day. If satisfied that the signatures correspond, the recorder  
44 or other officer in charge of elections shall hold the envelope containing  
45 the early ballot and the completed MAIL affidavit unopened in accordance

1 with the rules of the secretary of state. SIGNATURES THAT CANNOT BE  
2 VERIFIED PURSUANT TO SECTION 16-550.01 OR CURED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION  
3 SHALL BE REJECTED. BEGINNING WITH THE FIRST MISSING OR MISMATCHED  
4 SIGNATURE THAT IS IDENTIFIED AFTER THE PERIOD OF EARLY VOTING BEGINS  
5 THROUGH THE MONDAY IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE ELECTION, THE COUNTY RECORDER  
6 OR OTHER OFFICER IN CHARGE OF ELECTIONS SHALL SUBMIT DAILY TO THE  
7 POLITICAL PARTIES THAT ARE QUALIFIED FOR CONTINUED REPRESENTATION ON THE  
8 STATE BALLOT AN UPDATED LIST OF ALL VOTERS WHOSE SIGNATURES ARE MISSING OR  
9 INCONSISTENT WITH THE VOTER'S SIGNATURE ON THE VOTER'S REGISTRATION  
10 RECORD. BEGINNING ON THE WEDNESDAY IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE ELECTION  
11 THROUGH THE END OF THE SIGNATURE CURE PERIOD AFTER A PRIMARY, GENERAL OR  
12 SPECIAL ELECTION THAT INCLUDES A FEDERAL OFFICE, OR THE THIRD BUSINESS DAY  
13 AFTER THE ELECTION FOR ANY OTHER ELECTION, THE COUNTY RECORDER OR OTHER  
14 OFFICER IN CHARGE OF ELECTIONS SHALL SUBMIT DAILY TO THE POLITICAL PARTIES  
15 THAT ARE QUALIFIED FOR CONTINUED REPRESENTATION ON THE STATE BALLOT AN  
16 UPDATED LIST OF ALL VOTERS WHOSE SIGNATURES ARE INCONSISTENT WITH THE  
17 VOTER'S SIGNATURE ON THE VOTER'S REGISTRATION RECORD AND ALL VOTERS WHO  
18 VOTED WITH A CONDITIONAL PROVISIONAL BALLOT. THIS LIST OF VOTERS WHOSE  
19 SIGNATURES REQUIRE CURING SHALL INCLUDE FOR THOSE VOTERS ALL VOTER  
20 INFORMATION THAT IS PROVIDED TO THE POLITICAL PARTIES THAT ARE QUALIFIED  
21 FOR CONTINUED REPRESENTATION ON THE STATE BALLOT AS PRESCRIBED BY SECTION  
22 16-168.

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

27 C. PROCESSING AND TABULATION of INDIVIDUAL ballots may begin  
28 immediately after the envelope and completed MAIL BALLOT affidavit are  
29 processed pursuant to this section and delivered to the early election  
30 board AND SHALL CONTINUE WITHOUT DELAY UNTIL COMPLETED. UNTIL ELECTION  
31 DAY, THE EARLY ELECTION BOARD AND THE COUNTY RECORDER OR OTHER OFFICER IN  
32 CHARGE OF ELECTIONS SHALL:

33 1. NOT ACCESS AN AGGREGATED COMPLETE RESULTS FILE OF EARLY VOTING  
34 AND VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS THAT WERE PROCESSED AND TABULATED BY THE END OF  
35 THE EARLY VOTING PERIOD.

36 2. NOT PRODUCE FOR INTERNAL OR EXTERNAL USE AN AGGREGATED RESULTS  
37 REPORT OR ASSOCIATED FILES OF COMPLETE RESULTS.

38 3. ONLY PRODUCE A PARTIAL RESULTS REPORT OR ASSOCIATED FILES IF IT  
39 IS PART OF THE INTERNAL PREPARATION FOR THE HAND COUNT PURSUANT TO SECTION  
40 16-602 OR FOR THE LOGIC AND ACCURACY TESTING REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SECTION  
41 16-449.

42 4. NOT PUBLICLY RELEASE COMPLETE OR PARTIAL RESULTS, WHETHER FOR  
43 INTERNAL OR EXTERNAL USE, UNTIL ALL PRECINCTS HAVE REPORTED OR ONE HOUR  
44 AFTER THE CLOSING OF THE POLLS ON ELECTION DAY, WHICHEVER IS EARLIER.

1 D. THE COUNTY RECORDER OR OTHER OFFICER IN CHARGE OF ELECTIONS  
2 SHALL POST ON ITS WEBSITE WITHIN FORTY-EIGHT HOURS AFTER ALL BALLOT  
3 TABULATION IS COMPLETE ALL SYSTEM LOG FILES AND OTHER SIMILAR FILES FROM  
4 THE ELECTION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM THAT VERIFY COMPLIANCE WITH SUBSECTION C OF  
5 THIS SECTION.

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

9 ~~F.~~ F. For a county that uses early ballots, the county recorder or  
10 other officer in charge of elections shall provide an early ballot  
11 tracking system that indicates whether the voter's early ballot has been  
12 received and whether the early ballot has been verified and sent to be  
13 tabulated or rejected. The county recorder or other officer in charge of  
14 elections shall provide voters with access to the early ballot tracking  
15 system on the county's website.

16 ~~G.~~ G. This section does not apply to:

17 1. A special taxing district that is authorized pursuant to section  
18 16-191 to conduct its own elections.

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

21 Sec. 7. Title 16, chapter 4, article 8, Arizona Revised Statutes,  
22 is amended by adding section 16-550.01, to read:

23 16-550.01. Signature verification; procedures; exemption;  
24 intent; definitions

25 A. EXCEPT FOR EARLY BALLOTS TABULATED AS PRESCRIBED IN SECTION  
26 16-579.02, ON RECEIPT OF THE ENVELOPE CONTAINING THE EARLY BALLOT AND THE  
27 BALLOT AFFIDAVIT, THE COUNTY RECORDER OR OTHER OFFICER IN CHARGE OF  
28 ELECTIONS SHALL CONDUCT SIGNATURE VERIFICATION AS PRESCRIBED BY THIS  
29 SECTION.

30 B. THE EVALUATOR SHALL EXAMINE ALL THE BROAD CHARACTERISTICS OF THE  
31 SIGNATURE. IF THE BROAD CHARACTERISTICS OF THE SIGNATURE ON THE BALLOT  
32 AFFIDAVIT ARE CLEARLY CONSISTENT WITH THE BROAD CHARACTERISTICS OF THE  
33 VOTER'S SIGNATURE IN THE VOTER'S REGISTRATION RECORD, THE EVALUATOR MAY  
34 ACCEPT THE SIGNATURE AS VALID.

35 C. IF THE EVALUATOR FINDS DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN THE SIGNATURE ON  
36 THE BALLOT AFFIDAVIT AND THE VOTER'S SIGNATURE IN THE VOTER'S REGISTRATION  
37 RECORD, THE EVALUATOR SHALL EXAMINE THE LOCAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE  
38 SIGNATURE. IF THE LOCAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE SIGNATURE ON THE BALLOT  
39 AFFIDAVIT ARE CLEARLY CONSISTENT WITH THE LOCAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE  
40 VOTER'S SIGNATURE IN THE VOTER'S REGISTRATION RECORD, THE EVALUATOR MAY  
41 ACCEPT THE SIGNATURE AS VALID.

42 D. IF THE EVALUATOR FINDS A COMBINATION OF BROAD AND LOCAL  
43 CHARACTERISTIC DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE SIGNATURE ON THE BALLOT AFFIDAVIT  
44 AND THE VOTER'S SIGNATURE IN THE VOTER'S REGISTRATION RECORD, THE  
45 EVALUATOR SHALL DENOTE THE SIGNATURE FOR A SECOND REVIEW THAT SHALL BE

1 CONDUCTED BY AN EVALUATOR USING THE SAME STANDARDS PRESCRIBED BY THIS  
2 SECTION.

3 E. ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES SHALL BE EVALUATED AS PRESCRIBED BY THIS  
4 SECTION, EXCEPT THAT ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES THAT USE A TYPED FONT SHALL BE  
5 REJECTED.

6 F. THE LEGISLATURE INTENDS THAT THE ILLUSTRATIONS OF BROAD AND  
7 LOCAL CHARACTERISTICS IN THE 2020 SECRETARY OF STATE'S SIGNATURE  
8 VERIFICATION GUIDE BE USED AS REFERENCE.

9 G. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:

10 1. "BROAD CHARACTERISTICS" MEANS ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

- 11 (a) THE TYPE OF WRITING.
- 12 (b) THE SPEED OF WRITING.
- 13 (c) OVERALL SPACING.
- 14 (d) OVERALL SIZE AND PROPORTIONS.
- 15 (e) POSITION OF THE SIGNATURE.
- 16 (f) SPELLING AND PUNCTUATION.

17 2. "EVALUATOR" MEANS THE INDIVIDUAL WHO IS DESIGNATED BY THE COUNTY  
18 RECORDER OR OFFICER IN CHARGE OF ELECTIONS AND WHO CONDUCTS SIGNATURE  
19 VERIFICATION.

20 3. "LOCAL CHARACTERISTICS" MEANS ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

- 21 (a) INTERNAL SPACING.
- 22 (b) THE SIZE OR PROPORTIONS OF A LETTER OR LETTER COMBINATION.
- 23 (c) CURVES, LOOPS AND CROSS POINTS.
- 24 (d) THE PRESENCE OR ABSENCE OF PEN LIFTS.
- 25 (e) BEGINNING AND ENDING STROKES.

26 4. "SIGNATURE VERIFICATION" MEANS THE PROCESS OF MANUALLY COMPARING  
27 THE SIGNATURE ON A VOTER'S AFFIDAVIT ENVELOPE OR BALLOT AFFIDAVIT WITH THE  
28 VOTER'S SIGNATURE IN THE VOTER'S REGISTRATION RECORD.

29 H. THE LEGISLATURE INTENDS BY THIS SECTION TO CODIFY PROCEDURES  
30 BASED ON THE 2020 SECRETARY OF STATE SIGNATURE VERIFICATION GUIDE,  
31 PROVIDED THAT IN THE EVENT OF ANY CONFLICT BETWEEN THE GUIDE AND THIS  
32 SECTION, THIS SECTION CONTROLS. THIS SECTION IS NOT INTENDED TO MODIFY  
33 THE GROUNDS ON WHICH A PARTY-APPOINTED CHALLENGER MAY CHALLENGE AN EARLY  
34 BALLOT. THIS SECTION DOES NOT REQUIRE SIGNATURE EVALUATORS TO EXAMINE  
35 BROAD OR LOCAL CHARACTERISTICS ONE AT A TIME. THIS SECTION IS NOT  
36 INTENDED TO REQUIRE AN EXACT MATCH.

37 Sec. 8. Section 16-551, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
38 read:

39 16-551. Early election board; violation; classification

40 A. The board of supervisors or the governing body of the political  
41 subdivision shall appoint one or more early election boards to serve at  
42 places to be designated by the board of supervisors or the governing body  
43 to canvass and tally early election ballots. Members of early election  
44 boards shall be selected in accordance with the provisions for selecting  
45 members of regular election boards as provided in section 16-531.



1 B. If an electronic voting system is in use for early voting, the  
2 early election board shall consist of at least one inspector and two  
3 judges who shall perform the processing requirements in accordance with  
4 the rules issued by the secretary of state. The inspector and judges  
5 shall be appointed in the same manner by party as provided in section  
6 16-531.

7 C. All early ballots received by the county recorder or other  
8 officer in charge of elections before 7:00 p.m. on election day and the  
9 original MAIL BALLOT affidavit of the voter shall be delivered to the  
10 early election boards for processing as provided in the rules of the  
11 secretary of state. BEGINNING IN 2026, ALL EARLY BALLOTS THAT ARE  
12 DELIVERED BY A VOTER TO A VOTING LOCATION WITHOUT PRESENTING  
13 IDENTIFICATION THAT COMPLIES WITH SECTION 16-579, SUBSECTION A, PARAGRAPH  
14 1 MUST BE SIGNATURE VERIFIED. The office of the county recorder or other  
15 officer in charge of elections shall remain open until 7:00 p.m. on  
16 election day for the purpose of receiving early ballots. Partial or  
17 complete tallies of the early election board shall not be released or  
18 divulged before all precincts have reported or one hour after the closing  
19 of the polls on election day, whichever occurs first. Any person who  
20 unlawfully releases information regarding vote tallies or who possesses a  
21 tally sheet or summary without authorization from the recorder or officer  
22 in charge of elections is guilty of a class 6 felony.

23 D. ~~if practicable~~, The county recorder or other officer in charge  
24 of elections shall count the number of early ballots that are returned at  
25 voting locations on election day and shall post on its website those  
26 totals with the last unofficial results that are released on election  
27 night pursuant to section 16-622. Beginning with the day following the  
28 election, the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections  
29 shall enter into the county's ballot tracking system, if established,  
30 early ballots that were returned at the voting location on election day.

31 E. The necessary printed blanks for poll lists, tally lists, lists  
32 of voters, ballots, oaths and returns, together with envelopes in which to  
33 enclose the returns, shall be furnished by the board of supervisors or the  
34 governing body of the political subdivision to the early election board  
35 for each election precinct at the expense of the county or the political  
36 subdivision.

37 Sec. 9. Section 16-552, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
38 read:

39 16-552. Early ballots; processing; challenges

40 A. In a jurisdiction that uses optical scan ballots, the officer in  
41 charge of elections may use the procedure prescribed by this section or  
42 may request approval from the secretary of state for a different method  
43 for processing early ballots. The request shall be made in writing at  
44 least ninety days before the election for which the procedure is intended  
45 to be used. After the election official has confirmed with the secretary

1 of state that all election equipment passes the logic and accuracy test,  
2 the election official may begin to count early ballots. No early ballot  
3 results may be released except as prescribed by section 16-551.

4 B. The early election board shall check the voter's MAIL BALLOT  
5 affidavit on the envelope containing the early ballot. If it is found to  
6 be sufficient, the vote shall be allowed. If the MAIL BALLOT affidavit is  
7 insufficient, the vote shall not be allowed. BEGINNING IN 2026, FOR AN  
8 EARLY BALLOT THAT IS RECEIVED AND VERIFIED AS PRESCRIBED BY SECTION  
9 16-579, SUBSECTION A, PARAGRAPH 4, ADDITIONAL SIGNATURE VERIFICATION IS  
10 NOT REQUIRED.

11 C. The county chairman of each political party represented on the  
12 ballot, by written appointment addressed to the early election board, may  
13 designate party representatives and alternates to act as early ballot  
14 challengers for the party. No party may have more than the number of such  
15 representatives or alternates that were mutually agreed on by each  
16 political party to be present at one time. If such agreement cannot be  
17 reached, the number of representatives shall be limited to one for each  
18 political party.

19 D. An early ballot may be challenged on any grounds set forth in  
20 section 16-591. All challenges shall be made in writing with a brief  
21 statement of the grounds before the early ballot is placed in the ballot  
22 box. A record of all challenges and resulting proceedings shall be kept  
23 in substantially the same manner as provided in section 16-594. If an  
24 early ballot is challenged, it shall be set aside and retained in the  
25 possession of the early election board or other officer in charge of early  
26 ballot processing until a time that the early election board sets for  
27 determination of the challenge, subject to the procedure in subsection E  
28 of this section, at which time the early election board shall hear the  
29 grounds for the challenge and shall decide what disposition shall be made  
30 of the early ballot by majority vote. If the early ballot is not allowed,  
31 it shall be handled pursuant to subsection G of this section.

32 E. Within twenty-four hours of receipt of a challenge, the early  
33 election board or other officer in charge of early ballot processing shall  
34 mail, by first class mail, a notice of the challenge including a copy of  
35 the written challenge, and also including the time and place at which the  
36 voter may appear to defend the challenge, to the voter at the mailing  
37 address shown on the request for an early ballot or, if none was provided,  
38 to the mailing address shown on the registration rolls. Notice shall also  
39 be mailed to the challenger at the address listed on the written challenge  
40 and provided to the county chairman of each political party represented on  
41 the ballot. The board shall meet to determine the challenge at the time  
42 specified by the notice but, in any event, not earlier than ninety-six  
43 hours after the notice is mailed, or forty-eight hours if the notifying  
44 party chooses to deliver the notice by overnight or hand delivery, and not  
45 later than 5:00 p.m. on the Monday following the election. The board

1 shall provide the voter with an informal opportunity to make, or to  
2 submit, brief statements regarding the challenge. The board may decline  
3 to permit comments, either in person or in writing, by anyone other than  
4 the voter, the challenger and the party representatives. The burden of  
5 proof is on the challenger to show why the voter should not be permitted  
6 to vote. The fact that the voter fails to appear shall not be deemed to  
7 be an admission of the validity of the challenge. The early election  
8 board or other officer in charge of early ballot processing is not  
9 required to provide the notices described in this subsection if the  
10 written challenge fails to set forth at least one of the grounds listed in  
11 section 16-591 as a basis for the challenge. In that event, the challenge  
12 will be summarily rejected at the meeting of the board. Except for  
13 election contests pursuant to section 16-672, the board's decision is  
14 final and may not be appealed.

15 F. If the vote is allowed, the board shall open the envelope  
16 containing the ballot in such a manner that the MAIL BALLOT affidavit  
17 thereon is not destroyed, take out the ballot without unfolding it or  
18 permitting it to be opened or examined and show by the records of the  
19 election that the elector has voted.

20 G. If the vote is not allowed, the MAIL BALLOT affidavit envelope  
21 containing the early ballot shall not be opened and the board shall mark  
22 across the face of such envelope the grounds for rejection. The MAIL  
23 BALLOT affidavit envelope and its contents shall then be deposited with  
24 the opened MAIL BALLOT affidavit envelopes and shall be preserved with  
25 official returns. If the voter does not enter an appearance, the board  
26 shall send the voter a notice stating whether the early ballot was  
27 disallowed and, if disallowed, providing the grounds for the  
28 determination. The notice shall be mailed by first class mail to the  
29 voter's mailing address as shown on the registration rolls within three  
30 days after the board's determination.

31 H. Party representatives and alternates may be appointed as  
32 provided in subsection C of this section to be present and to challenge  
33 the verification of questioned ballots pursuant to section 16-584 on any  
34 grounds ~~permitted~~ ALLOWED by this section. Questioned ballots that are  
35 challenged shall be presented to the early election board for decision  
36 under the provisions of this section.

37 Sec. 10. Section 16-579, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
38 read:

39 16-579. Procedure for obtaining ballot by elector

40 A. Every qualified elector, before receiving a ballot, shall  
41 announce the elector's name and place of residence in a clear, audible  
42 tone of voice to the election official in charge of the signature roster  
43 or present the elector's name and residence in writing. The election  
44 official in charge of the signature roster shall comply with the following  
45 and the qualified elector shall be allowed within the voting area:

1           1. The elector shall present any of the following:

2           (a) A valid form of identification that bears the photograph, name  
3 and address of the elector that reasonably appear to be the same as the  
4 name and address in the precinct register, including an Arizona driver  
5 license, an Arizona nonoperating identification license, a tribal  
6 enrollment card or other form of tribal identification or a United States  
7 federal, state or local government issued identification. Identification  
8 is deemed valid unless it can be determined on its face that it has  
9 expired.

10          (b) Two different items that contain the name and address of the  
11 elector that reasonably appear to be the same as the name and address in  
12 the precinct register, including a utility bill, a bank or credit union  
13 statement that is dated within ninety days of the date of the election, a  
14 valid Arizona vehicle registration, an Arizona vehicle insurance card, an  
15 Indian census card, tribal enrollment card or other form of tribal  
16 identification, a property tax statement, a recorder's certificate, a  
17 voter registration card, a valid United States federal, state or local  
18 government issued identification or any mailing that is labeled as  
19 "official election material". Identification is deemed valid unless it  
20 can be determined on its face that it has expired.

21          (c) A valid form of identification that bears the photograph, name  
22 and address of the elector except that if the address on the  
23 identification does not reasonably appear to be the same as the address in  
24 the precinct register or the identification is a valid United States  
25 military identification card or a valid United States passport and does  
26 not bear an address, the identification must be accompanied by one of the  
27 items listed in subdivision (b) of this paragraph.

28           2. If the elector does not present identification that complies  
29 with paragraph 1 of this subsection, the elector is only eligible to vote  
30 a provisional ballot as prescribed by section 16-584 or a conditional  
31 provisional ballot as provided for in the secretary of state's instruction  
32 and procedures manual adopted pursuant to section 16-452.

33           3. **THROUGH 2025**, if the voter surrenders the early ballot to the  
34 precinct inspector and the voter is not otherwise required to be issued a  
35 provisional ballot, the voter shall be issued a standard ballot after  
36 presenting identification pursuant to this subsection. The precinct  
37 inspector shall retain the surrendered early ballot, unopened in its  
38 affidavit envelope.

39           4. **BEGINNING IN 2026, AT ANY VOTING LOCATION THE VOTER MAY CHOOSE**  
40 **TO PROVIDE IDENTIFICATION WHEN PRESENTING THE VOTER'S MAILED EARLY BALLOT,**  
41 **AND IF SO THE ELECTION OFFICIAL SHALL:**

42           (a) **REQUIRE THE VOTER TO PRESENT IDENTIFICATION THAT COMPLIES WITH**  
43 **PARAGRAPH 1 OF THIS SUBSECTION.**

1 (b) CONFIRM THAT THE NAME AND ADDRESS ON THE IDENTIFICATION  
2 REASONABLY APPEAR TO BE THE SAME NAME AND ADDRESS SHOWN ON THE VOTER'S  
3 REGISTRATION RECORD.

4 (c) STAMP THE SIGNED AFFIDAVIT WITH A STAMP THAT READS  
5 "ID VERIFIED" AND PLACE THE STAMPED AFFIDAVIT THAT CONTAINS THE EARLY  
6 BALLOT IN A SECURED BALLOT BOX THAT IS LABELED FOR EARLY BALLOTS. THE  
7 STAMPED AFFIDAVIT ENVELOPE IS NOT REQUIRED TO BE REVIEWED AT THE VOTING  
8 LOCATION, THE VOTER'S EARLY BALLOT IS DEEMED READY FOR TABULATING AND  
9 ADDITIONAL SIGNATURE VERIFICATION OF THE COMPLETED AFFIDAVIT ENVELOPE AS  
10 PRESCRIBED BY SECTION 16-550 IS NOT REQUIRED.

11 (d) MAINTAIN A TALLY OF THE NUMBER OF BALLOTS THAT HAVE BEEN  
12 DEPOSITED IN THE SECURED BALLOT BOX AND SIGN AN AFFIDAVIT THAT INCLUDES  
13 THE ELECTION OFFICIAL'S NAME, THE POLLING LOCATION, THE TIME AND DATE, THE  
14 NUMBER OF EARLY BALLOTS DEPOSITED ACCORDING TO THE TALLY MAINTAINED BY THE  
15 ELECTION OFFICIAL AND A STATEMENT SUFFICIENT TO RECORD AND MAINTAIN THE  
16 CHAIN OF CUSTODY FOR THOSE BALLOTS.

17 B. Any qualified elector who is listed as having applied for an  
18 early ballot but who states that the elector has not voted and will not  
19 vote an early ballot for this election or surrenders the early ballot to  
20 the precinct inspector on election day shall be allowed to vote pursuant  
21 to the procedure set forth in section 16-584, except that for elections  
22 conducted using an electronic pollbook or similar system with continuous  
23 voter usage updates, the following apply:

24 1. If the electronic pollbook or other system indicates that the  
25 voter's early ballot has not been returned or accepted by the county  
26 recorder and the voter is not otherwise required to be issued a  
27 provisional ballot, the voter may be issued a standard ballot after  
28 presenting identification pursuant to subsection A of this section.

29 2. If the electronic pollbook or other system indicates that the  
30 voter's early ballot has been received or accepted by the county recorder,  
31 the voter may not be issued a standard ballot and may only be issued a  
32 provisional ballot as prescribed in section 16-584.

33 C. Each qualified elector's name shall be numbered consecutively by  
34 the clerks and in the order of applications for ballots. The judge shall  
35 give the qualified elector only one ballot and a ballot privacy folder,  
36 and the elector's name shall be immediately checked on the precinct  
37 register. Notwithstanding any provision of this subsection, an elector  
38 shall not be required to accept or use a ballot privacy folder.

39 D. For precincts in which a paper signature roster is used, each  
40 qualified elector shall sign the elector's name in the signature roster  
41 before receiving a ballot, but an inspector or judge may sign the roster  
42 for an elector who is unable to sign because of physical disability, and  
43 in that event the name of the elector shall be written with red ink, and  
44 no attestation or other proof shall be necessary. The provisions of this

1 subsection relating to signing the signature roster ~~shall~~ DO not apply to  
2 electors casting a ballot using early voting procedures.

3 E. For precincts in which an electronic poll book system is used,  
4 each qualified elector shall sign the elector's name as prescribed in the  
5 instructions and procedures manual adopted by the secretary of state  
6 pursuant to section 16-452 before receiving a ballot, but an inspector or  
7 judge may sign the roster for an elector who is unable to sign because of  
8 physical disability, and in that event the name of the elector shall be  
9 written with the inspector's or judge's attestation on the same signature  
10 line.

11 F. A person offering to vote at a special district election for  
12 which no special district register has been supplied shall sign an  
13 affidavit stating the person's address and that the person resides within  
14 the district boundaries or proposed district boundaries and swearing that  
15 the person is a qualified elector and has not already voted at the  
16 election being held.

17 Sec. 11. Section 16-584, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
18 read:

19 16-584. Qualified elector not on precinct register;  
20 recorder's certificate; verified ballot; procedure

21 A. A qualified elector whose name is not on the precinct register  
22 and who presents a certificate from the county recorder showing that the  
23 elector is entitled by law to vote in the precinct shall be entered on the  
24 signature roster on the blank following the last printed name and shall be  
25 given the next consecutive register number, and the qualified elector  
26 shall sign in the space provided.

27 B. A qualified elector whose name is not on the precinct register,  
28 on presentation of identification verifying the identity of the elector  
29 that includes the voter's given name and surname and the complete  
30 residence address that is verified by the election board to be in the  
31 precinct or on signing an affirmation that states that the elector is a  
32 registered voter in that jurisdiction and is eligible to vote in that  
33 jurisdiction, shall be allowed to vote a provisional ballot.

34 C. If a voter has moved to a new address within the county and has  
35 not notified the county recorder of the change of address before the date  
36 of an election, the voter shall be ~~permitted~~ ALLOWED to correct the voting  
37 records for purposes of voting in future elections at the appropriate  
38 polling place for the voter's new address. The voter shall be ~~permitted~~  
39 ALLOWED to vote a provisional ballot. The voter shall present a form of  
40 identification that includes the voter's given name and surname and the  
41 voter's complete residence address. The residence address must be within  
42 the precinct in which the voter is attempting to vote, and the voter shall  
43 affirm in writing that the voter is registered in that jurisdiction and is  
44 eligible to vote in that jurisdiction.

1           D. On completion of the ballot, the election official shall place  
2 the ballot in a provisional ballot envelope and shall deposit the envelope  
3 in the ballot box. Within ~~ten~~ FIVE calendar days after a PRIMARY, general  
4 OR SPECIAL election that includes an election for a federal office and  
5 within ~~five~~ THREE business days after any other election or ~~no~~ NOT later  
6 than the time at which challenged early voting ballots are resolved, the  
7 signature shall be compared to the precinct signature roster of the former  
8 precinct where the voter was registered. If the voter's name is not  
9 signed on the roster and if there is no indication that the voter voted an  
10 early ballot, the provisional ballot envelope shall be opened and the  
11 ballot shall be counted. If there is information showing the person did  
12 vote, the provisional ballot shall remain unopened and shall not be  
13 counted. When provisional ballots are confirmed for counting, the county  
14 recorder shall use the information supplied on the provisional ballot  
15 envelope to correct the address record of the voter.

16           E. When a voter is allowed to vote a provisional ballot, the  
17 elector's name shall be entered on a separate signature roster page at the  
18 end of the signature roster. Voters' names shall be numbered  
19 consecutively beginning with the number V-1. The elector shall sign in  
20 the space provided. The ballot shall be placed in a separate envelope,  
21 the outside of which shall contain the precinct name or number, a sworn or  
22 attested statement of the elector that the elector resides in the  
23 precinct, is eligible to vote in the election and has not previously voted  
24 in the election, the signature of the elector and the voter registration  
25 number of the elector, if available. The ballot shall be verified for  
26 proper registration of the elector by the county recorder before being  
27 counted. The verification shall be made by the county recorder within ten  
28 calendar days after a general election that includes an election for a  
29 federal office and within five business days following any other  
30 election. Verified ballots shall be counted by depositing the ballot in  
31 the ballot box and showing on the records of the election that the elector  
32 has voted. If registration is not verified the ballot shall remain  
33 unopened and shall be retained in the same manner as voted ballots.

34           F. For any person who votes a provisional ballot, the county  
35 recorder or other officer in charge of elections shall provide for a  
36 method of notifying the provisional ballot voter at no cost to the voter  
37 whether the voter's ballot was verified and counted and, if not counted,  
38 the reason for not counting the ballot. The notification may be in the  
39 form of notice by mail to the voter, establishment of a ~~toll-free~~  
40 TOLL-FREE telephone number, internet access or other similar method to  
41 allow the voter to have access to this information. The method of  
42 notification shall provide reasonable restrictions that are designed to  
43 limit transmittal of the information only to the voter.



1           Sec. 12. Section 16-622, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
2 read:

3           16-622. Official canvass; unofficial results

4           A. At any time following the close of the polls, except as provided  
5 in SECTION 16-550 AND section 16-551, subsection C, unofficial returns may  
6 be released during the counting of the ballots by vote tabulating  
7 equipment, and ~~upon~~ ON completion of the count the unofficial results  
8 shall be open to the public. The result printed by the vote tabulating  
9 equipment, to which have been added write-in and early votes, ~~shall~~, when  
10 certified by the board of supervisors or other officer in charge, SHALL  
11 constitute the official canvass of each precinct or election district.

12           B. In any election for a federal office, a statewide office or a  
13 member of the legislature or in any election for a statewide ballot  
14 measure, all unofficial returns that are released during the counting of  
15 the ballots and all unofficial results that are open to the public shall  
16 when released to the public be transmitted by telephone, by ~~telefacsimile~~  
17 FAX or by other electronic means to the secretary of state.

18           Sec. 13. Section 16-642, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
19 read:

20           16-642. Canvass of election; postponements

21           A. The governing body holding an election shall meet and canvass  
22 the election ~~not less than six days nor more than twenty days following~~  
23 ~~the election~~ AS FOLLOWS:

24           1. THE GOVERNING BOARD OF A COUNTY SHALL MEET AND CANVASS AS  
25 FOLLOWS:

26           (a) FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION, NOT LATER THAN THE SECOND MONDAY  
27 AFTER THE ELECTION.

28           (b) FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION, NOT LATER THAN THE THIRD THURSDAY  
29 AFTER THE ELECTION.

30           2. THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL CANVASS AS FOLLOWS:

31           (a) FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION, NOT LATER THAN THE THIRD THURSDAY  
32 AFTER THE ELECTION.

33           (b) FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION, NOT LATER THAN THE THIRD MONDAY AFTER  
34 THE ELECTION.

35           3. THE GOVERNING BODY OF A CITY, TOWN OR SPECIAL DISTRICT SHALL  
36 MEET AND CANVASS THE ELECTION NOT LESS THAN SIX DAYS AND NOT MORE THAN  
37 TWENTY DAYS FOLLOWING THE ELECTION.

38           B. The governing body of a special district as defined in title 48  
39 shall present to the board of supervisors a certified copy of the official  
40 canvass of the election at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the  
41 board of supervisors. For purposes of contesting a special district  
42 election as described in section 16-673, the canvass is not complete until  
43 the presentation to the board of supervisors is made.



1 C. If, at the time of the meeting of the governing body, the  
2 returns from any polling place in the election district where the polls  
3 were opened and an election held are found to be missing, the canvass  
4 shall be postponed from day to day until all the returns are received or  
5 until six postponements have been had. THE SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO  
6 THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' CANVASS OF THE PRIMARY AND GENERAL  
7 ELECTION.

8 Sec. 14. Section 16-645, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
9 read:

10 16-645. Canvass and return of precinct vote; declaring  
11 nominee of party; certificate of nomination;  
12 write-in candidates

13 A. When the board of supervisors, or the governing body of a city  
14 or town, has completed its canvass of precinct returns, the person having  
15 the largest number of votes, or if more than one candidate is necessary,  
16 those candidates to the required number who have received the largest  
17 number of votes for the nomination for an office in the political party of  
18 which the person was set forth on the ballot as a candidate for the  
19 nomination, shall be declared the nominee of the party for that office and  
20 shall be given a certificate of nomination for that office by the board or  
21 governing body, which shall entitle the person to have the person's name  
22 placed on the official ballot at the ensuing election as the nominee of  
23 the party for the office. When canvassing write-in votes the apparent  
24 intent of the voter shall be taken into consideration to the extent  
25 possible and the standard prescribed for federal write-in candidates in  
26 section 16-543.02, subsection C applies.

27 B. The board of supervisors shall deliver the OFFICIAL canvass BY  
28 ELECTRONIC MEANS to the secretary of state within ~~fourteen~~ THIRTEEN  
29 CALENDAR days after the primary election, and the secretary of state shall  
30 on or before the third ~~Monday~~ THURSDAY following the primary election  
31 canvass the return and issue a letter declaring nomination as provided in  
32 this section to the nominees who filed nominating petitions and papers  
33 with the secretary of state pursuant to section 16-311, subsection D. For  
34 any partisan primary election, the governing body or officer in charge of  
35 elections shall prepare and transmit to the secretary of state along with  
36 the official canvass the total by party of partisan ballots selected in  
37 that primary election by voters who registered as no party preference, as  
38 independents or as members of a political party that is not qualified for  
39 representation on the ballot.

40 C. A certificate of election shall not be issued to a write-in  
41 candidate for precinct committeeman or a write-in candidate for a  
42 nonpartisan office unless the candidate receives a number of votes  
43 equivalent to at least the same number of signatures required by section  
44 16-322 for nominating petitions for the same office.

1 D. Except as provided in subsection C of this section, a letter  
2 declaring nomination shall not be issued to a write-in candidate of a  
3 party that has not qualified for continued representation on the official  
4 ballot pursuant to section 16-804 unless the candidate receives a  
5 plurality of the votes of the party for the office for which the candidate  
6 is a candidate.

7 E. Except as provided by subsection C of this section, a letter  
8 declaring nomination shall not be issued to a write-in candidate of a  
9 party qualified for continued representation on the official ballot unless  
10 the candidate receives a number of votes equivalent to at least the same  
11 number of signatures required by section 16-322 for nominating petitions  
12 for the same office.

13 F. A certificate of election shall not be issued to presidential  
14 electors who are pledged to a write-in candidate for president unless that  
15 candidate received the highest number of votes cast for the office of  
16 president.

17 Sec. 15. Section 16-646, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
18 read:

19 16-646. Statement, contents and mailing of official canvass

20 A. When the result of the canvass is determined, a statement, known  
21 and designated as the official canvass, shall be entered on the official  
22 record of the election district that shall show:

23 1. The number of ballots cast in each precinct and in the county.

24 2. The number of ballots rejected in each precinct and in the  
25 county.

26 3. The titles of the offices voted for and the names of the  
27 persons, together with the party designation, if any, of each person voted  
28 for to fill the offices.

29 4. The number of votes by precincts and county received by each  
30 candidate.

31 5. For each candidate race in each political subdivision prescribed  
32 by section 16-204.01, the number of ballots cast and the number of active  
33 registered voters in each political subdivision and portion of a political  
34 subdivision for which a candidate may be elected.

35 6. The numbers and a brief title of each proposed constitutional  
36 amendment and each initiated or referred measure voted on.

37 7. The number of votes by precincts and county for and against such  
38 proposed amendment or measure.

39 B. The certified permanent copy of the official canvass for all  
40 offices and ballot measures, except offices and ballot measures in a city  
41 or town election and nonpartisan election returns, shall be mailed  
42 immediately to the secretary of state who shall maintain and preserve it  
43 as a permanent public record.

1 C. The board of supervisors shall FIRST MAIL WITH A POSTMARK OR  
2 OTHER SIMILAR DATE AND TIME INDICATOR, THEN deliver ELECTRONICALLY a copy  
3 of the official canvass for all offices and ballot measures in the primary  
4 and general elections to the secretary of state in a uniform electronic  
5 computer media format that shall be agreed on between the secretary of  
6 state and all county election officials. The uniform format shall be  
7 designed to facilitate the computer analysis of election results for  
8 offices and ballot measures that are statewide or are common to more than  
9 one county. THE ELECTRONIC COPY OF THE OFFICIAL CANVASS FROM THE BOARD OF  
10 SUPERVISORS IS SUFFICIENT FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO CONDUCT AND ISSUE  
11 THE STATEWIDE CANVASS IF THE ELECTRONIC COPY INCLUDES A SCAN OR OTHER  
12 SIMILAR EVIDENCE THAT THE PAPER OFFICIAL CANVASS WAS MAILED BEFORE THE  
13 ELECTRONIC VERSION WAS SENT.

14 D. The certified permanent copy of the official canvass for all  
15 offices and ballot measures in a city or town election shall be filed with  
16 the appropriate city or town clerk, or in a special district election with  
17 the clerk of the board of supervisors, who shall maintain and preserve it  
18 as a permanent public record.

19 Sec. 16. Section 16-648, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
20 read:

21 16-648. Canvass for state offices, amendments and measures

22 A. On the fourth THIRD MONDAY following a general election, the  
23 secretary of state, in the presence of the governor and the attorney  
24 general, shall canvass all offices for which the nominees filed nominating  
25 petitions and papers with the secretary of state pursuant to section  
26 16-311, subsection E.

27 B. The secretary of state, in the presence of the governor and the  
28 chief justice of the supreme court, shall canvass all proposed  
29 constitutional amendments and initiated or referred measures, as shown by  
30 the ELECTRONIC OR certified copies of THE official canvass received from  
31 the several counties, and forthwith certify the result to the governor.

32 ~~C. If the official canvass of any county has not been received on~~  
33 ~~the fourth Monday following the general election, the canvass shall be~~  
34 ~~postponed from day to day, not to exceed thirty days from the date of the~~  
35 ~~election, until canvasses from all counties are received.~~

36 Sec. 17. Section 16-662, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
37 read:

38 16-662. Certification to superior court of facts requiring  
39 recount

40 When the canvass shows that a recount is required, the secretary of  
41 state, WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS AFTER THE LAST COUNTY CANVASS OR THE LAST  
42 DAY FOR COUNTY CANVASSES PRESCRIBED BY SECTION 16-642, WHICHEVER IS  
43 EARLIER, shall, in the case of an office to be filled by electors of the  
44 entire state, a congressional district, a legislative district or a  
45 subdivision of the state greater than a county, initiated or referred

1 measures or proposals to amend the constitution, certify the facts  
2 requiring the recount to the superior court in Maricopa county. In the  
3 case of an office to be filled by the electors of a county or subdivision  
4 of a county or precinct, the board of supervisors of such county or in the  
5 case of an office to be filled by the electors of a city or town, the city  
6 or town council of that city or town shall certify the facts requiring a  
7 recount to the superior court in the county in which the canvass was  
8 conducted.

9 Sec. 18. Section 16-663, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
10 read:

11 16-663. Recount of votes; method

12 A. The superior court to which the facts requiring a recount are  
13 certified shall ~~forthwith~~ PROMPTLY make and enter an order requiring a  
14 recount of the votes cast for such office, measure or proposal. The  
15 recount shall be conducted in accordance with the laws pertaining to  
16 contests of elections.

17 B. ~~When the court orders~~ A COURT-ORDERED recount of votes ~~which~~  
18 THAT were cast and tabulated on electronic voting equipment, ~~such recount~~  
19 shall be pursuant to section 16-664. ~~On completion of~~ WHILE the recount  
20 IS BEING CONDUCTED, and for legislative, statewide and federal candidate  
21 races only, the county ~~chairmen~~ CHAIRPERSONS of the political parties  
22 entitled to continued representation on the ballot or the ~~chairman's~~  
23 CHAIRPERSON'S designee shall select at random without the use of a  
24 computer five ~~per cent~~ PERCENT of the precincts for the recounted race for  
25 a hand count, and if the results of that hand count when compared to the  
26 electronic tabulation of that same race are less than the designated  
27 margins calculated pursuant to section 16-602, the recount is complete and  
28 the electronic tabulation is the official result. If the hand count  
29 results in a difference that is equal to or greater than the designated  
30 margin for that race, the ~~procedure~~ PROCEDURES established in section  
31 16-602, subsections C, D, E and F ~~applies~~ APPLY. THE HAND COUNT CONDUCTED  
32 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION MAY BEGIN BEFORE THE MACHINE TABULATION OF  
33 BALLOTS FOR THE COURT-ORDERED RECOUNT IS COMPLETE.

34 Sec. 19. Section 16-664, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
35 read:

36 16-664. Recount of votes by automatic tabulating system

37 A. In the event of a court-ordered recount of votes that were cast  
38 and tabulated on electronic voting equipment for a state primary, state  
39 general or state special election, the secretary of state shall order the  
40 ballots recounted on an automatic tabulating system to be furnished and  
41 programmed under the supervision of the secretary of state. In the event  
42 of a court-ordered recount for elections other than for the office of  
43 supervisor, the secretary of state may designate the county board of  
44 supervisors to perform the duties assigned to the secretary of state.

1 B. If the office of secretary of state is contested, the governor  
2 shall order the ballots recounted on an automatic tabulating system to be  
3 furnished and programmed under the supervision of the governor.

4 C. The programs to be used in the recount of votes pursuant to this  
5 section shall differ from the programs prescribed by section 16-445 and  
6 used in the initial tabulation of the votes.

7 D. THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL CONDUCT LOGIC AND ACCURACY TESTING  
8 ON THE AUTOMATED TABULATING SYSTEM TO BE USED IN THE RECOUNT OF VOTES NOT  
9 MORE THAN TWO CALENDAR DAYS AFTER THE COURT ORDERS A RECOUNT. EACH TEAM  
10 THAT IS CONDUCTING A LOGIC AND ACCURACY TEST SHALL BE SUPERVISED BY A  
11 CERTIFIED ELECTION OFFICER. A PERSON IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO SERVE AS CONTRACT  
12 STAFF FOR LOGIC AND ACCURACY TESTING ON THE AUTOMATED TABULATING SYSTEM TO  
13 BE USED IN A RECOUNT OF VOTES IF THAT PERSON HAS BEEN AFFILIATED WITH OR  
14 RECEIVED ANY INCOME IN THE PRECEDING THREE YEARS FROM A VOTING SYSTEM  
15 VENDOR FOR A VOTING SYSTEM THAT IS USED IN THAT COUNTY.

16 Sec. 20. Primary election date 2024

17 Notwithstanding section 16-204, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended  
18 by this act, and any other law, the 2024 primary election shall be held on  
19 July 30, 2024.

20 Sec. 21. 2024 primary election; nomination petition forms;  
21 local initiative petition forms; previous primary  
22 election date

23 A. A person who desires to become a candidate at the 2024 primary  
24 election, who collects signatures on a nomination petition form before the  
25 effective date of this act and who has used a petition form that includes  
26 the former primary election date of August 6, 2024 may lawfully submit  
27 those signatures for the 2024 primary election to be held on July 30,  
28 2024. Signatures that are collected with the August 6, 2024 primary  
29 election date, that are submitted as prescribed in this subsection and  
30 that otherwise comply with the requirements provided by law are deemed to  
31 be as valid as signatures collected on a nomination petition form that  
32 complies with the newly designated primary election date of July 30, 2024  
33 and shall not be ruled invalid due solely to the changed date of the  
34 primary election.

35 B. Any city, town or county initiative petition that is circulated  
36 before the effective date of this act and that is on a petition form that  
37 includes the former 2024 primary election date of August 6, 2024 may  
38 lawfully submit those petitions and signatures for the primary election to  
39 be held on July 30, 2024. Signatures that are collected with the August  
40 6, 2024 primary election date, that are submitted as prescribed in this  
41 subsection and that otherwise comply with the requirements provided by law  
42 are deemed to be as valid as signatures collected on an initiative  
43 petition form that complies with the newly designated primary election  
44 date of July 30, 2024 and shall not be ruled invalid due solely to the  
45 changed date of the primary election.

1           Sec. 22. 2024, 2025 and 2026 elections; signature cure period

2           Notwithstanding section 16-550, subsection A, Arizona Revised  
3 Statutes, as amended by this act, and any other law, the following apply:

4           1. For a primary, general or special election in 2024, 2025 and  
5 2026 that includes a federal office, the county recorder or other officer  
6 in charge of elections shall allow signatures to be corrected not later  
7 than the fifth calendar day after the election.

8           2. For all other elections in 2024, 2025 and 2026, the county  
9 recorder or other officer in charge of elections shall allow signatures to  
10 be corrected not later than the third business day after the election.

11           Sec. 23. Emergency

12           This act is an emergency measure that is necessary to preserve the  
13 public peace, health or safety and is operative immediately as provided by  
14 law.