

REFERENCE TITLE: **electronic ballot images; public record**

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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 16-625, 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 16-625, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 16-625. Electronic data and digital images; ballots;
5 security; public record

6 The officer in charge of elections shall **DO THE FOLLOWING:**

7 1. Ensure that electronic data from and electronic or digital
8 images of ballots are protected from physical and electronic ~~access~~
9 **ALTERATION AND DESTRUCTION**, including unauthorized copying or transfer,
10 and that all security measures are at least as protective as those
11 prescribed for paper ballots.

12 2. **AFTER THE POLLS ARE CLOSED, MAKE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC AN**
13 **ONLINE COPY OF ANY DIGITAL IMAGES OF BALLOTS IN A MANNER THAT ALLOWS THE**
14 **IMAGES TO BE SEARCHABLE BY PRECINCT BUT THAT PRECLUDES ANY ALTERATION OF**
15 **THE IMAGES. THE DIGITAL IMAGES OF THE BALLOTS ARE PUBLIC RECORDS.**