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## **HB 2469**

Introduced by  
Representatives Carroll: Bolick, Burges, Chaplik, Cook, Diaz, Dunn,  
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Gowan, Leach, Livingston

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 16-550, 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 16-550, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 16-550. Receipt of voter's ballot; cure period

5 A. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION C OF THIS SECTION, on receipt  
6 of the envelope containing the early ballot and the ballot affidavit, the  
7 county recorder or other officer in charge of elections shall compare the  
8 signatures thereon with the signature of the elector on the elector's  
9 registration record. If the signature is inconsistent with the elector's  
10 signature on the elector's registration record, the county recorder or  
11 other officer in charge of elections shall make reasonable efforts to  
12 contact the voter, advise the voter of the inconsistent signature and  
13 allow the voter to correct or the county to confirm the inconsistent  
14 signature. The county recorder or other officer in charge of elections  
15 shall allow signatures to be corrected not later than the fifth business  
16 day after a primary, general or special election that includes a federal  
17 office or the third business day after any other election. If the  
18 signature is missing, the county recorder or other officer in charge of  
19 elections shall make reasonable efforts to contact the elector, advise the  
20 elector of the missing signature and allow the elector to add the  
21 elector's signature not later than 7:00 p.m. on election day. If  
22 satisfied that the signatures correspond, the recorder or other officer in  
23 charge of elections shall hold the envelope containing the early ballot  
24 and the completed affidavit unopened in accordance with the rules of the  
25 secretary of state.

26 B. The recorder or other officer in charge of elections shall  
27 thereafter safely keep the affidavits and early ballots in the recorder's  
28 or other officer's office and may deliver them for tallying pursuant to  
29 section 16-551. Tallying of ballots may begin immediately after the  
30 envelope and completed affidavit are processed pursuant to this section  
31 and delivered to the early election board.

32 C. A VOTER WHO HAS THE ENVELOPE CONTAINING THE COMPLETED EARLY  
33 BALLOT AND COMPLETED AFFIDAVIT, WHO APPEARS AT THAT VOTER'S DESIGNATED  
34 POLLING LOCATION ON ELECTION DAY AND WHOSE IDENTIFICATION IS VERIFIED AND  
35 CONFIRMED AS PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 16-579 MAY REMOVE THE COMPLETED BALLOT  
36 FROM THE ENVELOPE AND DEPOSIT THE BALLOT IN THE BALLOT TABULATION  
37 EQUIPMENT IN THAT POLLING PLACE AND MAY DISCARD THE ENVELOPE AND COMPLETED  
38 AFFIDAVIT.

39 ~~C.~~ D. The county recorder shall send a list of all voters who were  
40 issued early ballots to the election board of the precinct in which the  
41 voter is registered.

42 ~~D.~~ E. This section does not apply to:

43 1. A special taxing district that is authorized pursuant to section  
44 16-191 to conduct its own elections.

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