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## **SB 1285**

Introduced by  
Senator Ugenti-Rita

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 16-452, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO THE  
SECRETARY OF STATE'S INSTRUCTIONS AND PROCEDURES MANUAL.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Section 16-452, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 16-452. Rules; instructions and procedures manual; approval  
5 of manual; field check and review of systems;  
6 violation; classification

7 A. After consultation with each county board of supervisors or  
8 other officer in charge of elections, the secretary of state shall  
9 prescribe rules to achieve and maintain the maximum degree of correctness,  
10 impartiality, uniformity and efficiency on the procedures for early voting  
11 and voting, and of producing, distributing, collecting, counting,  
12 tabulating and storing ballots. The secretary of state shall also adopt  
13 rules regarding fax transmittal of unvoted ballots, ballot requests, voted  
14 ballots and other election materials to and from absent uniformed and  
15 overseas citizens and shall adopt rules regarding internet receipt of  
16 requests for federal postcard applications prescribed by section 16-543.

17 B. The rules shall be prescribed in an official instructions and  
18 procedures manual to be issued not later than December 31 of each  
19 odd-numbered year immediately preceding the general election. Before its  
20 issuance, the manual shall be approved by the ~~governor and the~~ attorney  
21 general **AND THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**. The secretary of state shall submit  
22 the manual to the ~~governor and the~~ attorney general **AND THE LEGISLATIVE**  
23 **COUNCIL** not later than October 1 of the year before each general election.

24 C. A person who violates any rule adopted pursuant to this section  
25 is guilty of a class 2 misdemeanor.

26 D. The secretary of state shall provide personnel who are experts  
27 in electronic voting systems and procedures and in electronic voting  
28 system security to field check and review electronic voting systems and  
29 recommend needed statutory and procedural changes.