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election observers; access

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SENATE BILL 1360

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 16, CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 16-410.01; RELATING TO THE 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. Title 16, chapter 4, article 1, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 16-410.01, to read:
4 16-410.01. Election observers
5 NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER LAW:
6 1. ALL ELECTION OBSERVERS MUST BE ALLOWED UNIFORM ACCESS TO ALL
7 STAGES OF THE ELECTION PROCESS, BEGINNING WITH BALLOT DESIGN THROUGH
8 TABULATION OF THE FINAL VOTE, EXCEPT THAT OBSERVERS ARE NOT ALLOWED INSIDE
9 A COUNTY VEHICLE OR OTHER VEHICLE WHILE IT IS TRANSPORTING ELECTION
10 EQUIPMENT OR SUPPLIES.
11 2. ELECTION OBSERVERS MUST BE ALLOWED TO DOCUMENT THEIR
12 OBSERVATIONS, ASK QUESTIONS OF ELECTION OFFICIALS AND RECEIVE TIMELY
13 ANSWERS. WHEN ASKING QUESTIONS, AN ELECTION OBSERVER SHALL NOT DISRUPT
14 THE PROCESS BEING OBSERVED, AND THE OBSERVER'S QUESTIONS SHALL BE DIRECTED
15 TO A PERSON IN A SUPERVISORY ROLE OR A DESIGNATED RESPONDENT.
16 3. ALL ELECTION OBSERVERS MUST BE ALLOWED TO BE IN PROXIMITY TO THE
17 PROCESS CLOSELY ENOUGH TO OBSERVE WHETHER THE PROCESS IS BEING CONDUCTED
18 CORRECTLY.
19 4. WHILE AT VOTING LOCATIONS, ELECTION OBSERVERS MAY ONLY BE
20 EJECTED FOR SIGNIFICANT CONCERNS ON THE APPROVAL OF THE INSPECTOR AND THE
21 MARSHAL OR TROUBLESHOOTER, IF AVAILABLE. THE ELECTION OBSERVER MAY NOTIFY
22 THE POLITICAL PARTY CHAIRMAN WHO MAY APPEAL THE EJECTION TO THE OFFICER IN
23 CHARGE OF ELECTIONS, WHOSE DECISION IS FINAL.
24 5. ALL ELECTION OBSERVERS SHALL RECEIVE STANDARDIZED, UNIFORM
25 TRAINING BEFORE OBSERVING ANY ASPECT OF THE ELECTION PROCESS. THE
26 POLITICAL PARTY THAT APPOINTS THE ELECTION OBSERVER SHALL PROVIDE THE
27 TRAINING, WHICH SHALL BE BASED ON THE INSTRUCTIONS AND PROCEDURES MANUAL
28 ISSUED PURSUANT TO SECTION 16-452.