

REFERENCE TITLE: registration; voting; jails; confinement

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Introduced by
Senator Quezada

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 16, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 3, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 16-140.01; AMENDING TITLE 16, CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 2, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 16-411.01; AMENDING SECTION 16-541, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO ELECTIONS AND ELECTORS.

(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 1, article 3, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 16-140.01, to read:

4 16-140.01. Voter registration; state, county confinement

5 EVERY PERSON WHO IS OTHERWISE ELIGIBLE TO REGISTER TO VOTE AND WHO
6 IS IN THE CUSTODY OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS OR A COUNTY JAIL
7 SHALL BE PROVIDED THE OPPORTUNITY TO REGISTER TO VOTE ON RELEASE FROM
8 CONFINEMENT. THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND A COUNTY JAIL SHALL
9 COOPERATE WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND THE COUNTY RECORDER OF THE
10 COUNTY IN WHICH THE PERSON IS RELEASED AND SHALL PROVIDE A STATE MAIL IN
11 VOTER REGISTRATION FORM TO PERSONS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE TO REGISTER. THE
12 STATE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND A COUNTY JAIL SHALL TRANSMIT COMPLETED
13 VOTER REGISTRATION FORMS TO THE APPROPRIATE COUNTY RECORDER WITHIN FIVE
14 DAYS AFTER RECEIPT.

15 Sec. 2. Title 16, chapter 4, article 2, Arizona Revised Statutes,
16 is amended by adding section 16-411.01, to read:

17 16-411.01. Voting center; county jail

18 IN A COUNTY WITH A POPULATION OF MORE THAN THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND
19 PERSONS, THE COUNTY RECORDER SHALL PROVIDE FOR A VOTING CENTER AT THE
20 COUNTY JAIL FOR PERSONS WHO ARE TEMPORARILY IN CUSTODY AND AWAITING TRIAL.
21 THE VOTING CENTER SHALL PROVIDE FOR ANY PERSON WHO IS OTHERWISE ELIGIBLE
22 TO VOTE IN THAT COUNTY TO RECEIVE THE APPROPRIATE BALLOT FOR THAT PERSON'S
23 RESIDENCE AND SHALL OPERATE AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW.

24 Sec. 3. Section 16-541, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
25 read:

26 16-541. Early voting

27 A. Any election called pursuant to the laws of this state shall
28 provide for early voting. Any qualified elector may vote by early ballot.

29 B. A qualified elector of a special district organized pursuant to
30 title 48 shall be permitted to vote early in any special district mail
31 ballot election as provided in article 8.1 of this chapter.

32 C. A COUNTY RECORDER SHALL PROVIDE A REQUEST FOR AN EARLY BALLOT TO
33 EACH QUALIFIED ELECTOR WHO IS IN THE CUSTODY OF THE COUNTY JAIL OR THE
34 STATE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS IN THAT COUNTY AND WHO IS OTHERWISE
35 ELIGIBLE TO VOTE. AFTER THE COUNTY RECORDER RECEIVES A COMPLETED REQUEST
36 FOR AN EARLY BALLOT, THE COUNTY RECORDER SHALL PROVIDE AN EARLY BALLOT TO
37 THE QUALIFIED ELECTOR.