

REFERENCE TITLE: ballot drop boxes; surveillance; appropriation

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SB 1571

Introduced by
Senator Townsend

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 16, CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 8, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 16-546; APPROPRIATING MONIES; RELATING TO EARLY VOTING.

(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 8, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 16-546, to read:

4 16-546. Early ballot drop boxes; receipt; images; mailing
5 prohibited

6 NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER LAW:

7 1. FOR ANY BALLOT DROP BOX USED IN THIS STATE TO RECEIVE VOTED
8 EARLY BALLOTS, THE BALLOT DROP BOX MUST DO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

9 (a) ACCEPT ONLY ONE BALLOT AT A TIME.

10 (b) ACCEPT NOT MORE THAN SEVEN BALLOTS IN A SINGLE BATCH FROM ONE
11 PERSON.

12 (c) LOG THE RECEIPT OF EACH BALLOT.

13 (d) GENERATE A PAPER RECEIPT THAT SPECIFIES THE NUMBER OF BALLOTS
14 ACCEPTED BY THE BALLOT DROP BOX FROM A PERSON.

15 (e) INCLUDE A FUNCTIONING CAMERA OR VIDEO RECORDER THAT PHOTOGRAPHS
16 OR VIDEO RECORDS EACH PERSON WHO DEPOSITS ONE OR MORE EARLY BALLOTS AND
17 THAT LINKS THE PHOTOGRAPHS OR VIDEO RECORDS TO THE BALLOTS DEPOSITED BY
18 THE PERSON. THE IMAGES OF THE PERSON DEPOSITING THE EARLY BALLOTS AND A
19 COPY OF THE RECEIPT ISSUED SHALL BE RETAINED AS AN OFFICIAL ELECTION
20 RECORD.

21 (f) IF THE CAMERA OR VIDEO RECORDER STOPS OPERATING, BE PREVENTED
22 FROM ACCEPTING BALLOTS UNTIL THE CAMERA OR VIDEO RECORDER OPERATES
23 NORMALLY AGAIN.

24 2. VOTED EARLY BALLOTS MAY NOT BE MAILED TO THE COUNTY RECORDER OR
25 OTHER OFFICER IN CHARGE OF ELECTIONS AND MAY ONLY BE RETURNED BY HAND
26 DELIVERY.

27 Sec. 2. Supplemental appropriation; secretary of state;
28 ballot drop boxes; photo and video surveillance;
29 exemption

30 A. In addition to any other appropriations made in fiscal year
31 2021-2022, the sum of \$_____ is appropriated from the state general
32 fund in fiscal year 2021-2022 to the secretary of state to procure,
33 install, operate and maintain twenty-four-hour per day photo and video
34 surveillance for each ballot drop box in this state.

35 B. The appropriation made in subsection A of this section is exempt
36 from the provisions of section 35-190, Arizona Revised Statutes, relating
37 to lapsing of appropriations.