

REFERENCE TITLE: precinct tabulation; verification; elections

State of Arizona  
Senate  
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## **SB 1608**

Introduced by  
Senator Townsend

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 16, CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 9, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY  
ADDING SECTION 16-575; 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 9, Arizona Revised  
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 16-575, to read:

4 16-575. County precinct tabulation; verification

5 NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER LAW, FOR A COUNTY WITH A POPULATION OF  
6 MORE THAN FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND PERSONS, ALL BALLOTS SHALL BE TABULATED AT  
7 THE POLLING PLACE AND VERIFIED BY TWO PERSONS WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS OF THE  
8 SAME POLITICAL PARTY. AT THE CENTRAL COUNTING CENTER, THE BALLOTS FROM  
9 THAT POLLING PLACE SHALL BE TABULATED AGAIN AND VERIFIED BY TWO DIFFERENT  
10 PERSONS WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS OF THE SAME POLITICAL PARTY. IF THE TALLIES  
11 DO NOT MATCH, THE BALLOTS SHALL BE COUNTED AGAIN BY HAND TO OBTAIN A FINAL  
12 TOTAL. THIS HAND COUNT SHALL BE VERIFIED BY TWO DIFFERENT PERSONS WHO ARE  
13 NOT MEMBERS OF THE SAME POLITICAL PARTY.