

Senate Engrossed

precinct committeemen; 2022 election cycle.

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SENATE BILL 1720

AN ACT

REPEALING LAWS 2022, CHAPTER 3, SECTION 4; RELATING TO 2022 PRECINCT
COMMITTEEMAN ELECTIONS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Repeal

3 Laws 2022, chapter 3, section 4 is repealed.

4 Sec. 2. 2022 precinct committeeman elections; candidate
5 filings

6 A. Notwithstanding any other law, for candidates for election in
7 2022 to the office of precinct committeeman immediately following
8 redistricting that is conducted as otherwise provided by law, the
9 following apply:

10 1. If the candidate's nomination paper and nomination petition are
11 in compliance with otherwise applicable law, the filing officer shall
12 accept as a valid filing the nomination paper and nomination petition of a
13 person that designate an election precinct for that person's candidacy
14 without regard to any designation of legislative district number and that
15 use either or both of the following:

16 (a) The candidate's election precinct as used in the election for
17 that office immediately preceding the redistricting.

18 (b) The candidate's election precinct as designated by the county
19 board of supervisors as a result of or after a redistricting plan that is
20 adopted for the upcoming election.

21 2. If the candidate's nomination paper and nomination petition are
22 in compliance with otherwise applicable law, the filing officer shall
23 accept and petition signers are valid if the petition signers are
24 qualified signers who are residents of either or both of the following
25 election precincts that the candidate proposes to represent without regard
26 to any designation of legislative district number:

27 (a) The candidate's election precinct as used in the election for
28 that office immediately preceding the redistricting.

29 (b) The candidate's election precinct as designated by the county
30 board of supervisors as a result of or after a redistricting plan that is
31 adopted for the upcoming election.

32 3. The number of signatures required for the candidate's nomination
33 petition shall be the lesser of the following:

34 (a) The number of qualified signers as prescribed in section 16-
35 322, Arizona Revised Statutes, that is based on the candidate's election
36 precinct as used in the election for that office immediately preceding the
37 redistricting.

38 (b) The number of qualified signers as prescribed in section 16-
39 322, Arizona Revised Statutes, that is based on the candidate's election
40 precinct as designated by the county board of supervisors as a result of
41 or after a redistricting plan that is adopted for the upcoming election.

42 4. The candidate shall file the nomination paper and nomination
43 petition not later than April 4, 2022.

1 B. Notwithstanding any other law, for the 2022 election for
2 precinct committeemen, the county board of supervisors shall determine the
3 number of precinct committeemen for each election precinct as prescribed
4 in section 16-821, subsection A, Arizona Revised Statutes, based on the
5 number of voters registered in the party in the precinct on the day that
6 election precinct boundaries become available in the voter information
7 database but not later than March 21, 2022.

8 C. Notwithstanding any other law, for any 2022 candidate for
9 precinct committeeman who files with that candidate's county political
10 party committee as prescribed by Laws 2022, chapter 3, section 4 while it
11 is in effect and if the candidate is in compliance with otherwise
12 applicable law, the following apply:

13 1. The candidate's filing is valid.

14 2. Not later than April 4, 2022, the chair of the county political
15 party committee shall forward to the county officer in charge of elections
16 the names and candidate information of all precinct committeeman
17 candidates who have filed with the county political party committee as
18 prescribed in this subsection.

19 Sec. 3. Retroactivity

20 Section 2 of this act applies retroactively to March 3, 2022.

21 (EMERGENCY NOT ENACTED)

22 Sec. 4. Emergency

23 This act is an emergency measure that is necessary to preserve the
24 public peace, health or safety and is operative immediately as provided by
25 law.