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State of Arizona
House of Representatives
Fifty-sixth Legislature
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HOUSE BILL 2319

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 16, CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 16-410.01; RELATING TO 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. Legislative findings; legislative intent;
5 transparency

6 THE LEGISLATURE:

7 1. FINDS THAT PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IN ELECTIONS IS BEST MAINTAINED BY
8 MAXIMIZING TRANSPARENCY AND PROVIDING A RULE OF CONSTRUCTION FOR
9 INTERPRETING THIS CHAPTER, INCLUDING ANY INSTRUCTIONS AND PROCEDURES
10 MANUAL PRESCRIBED BY SECTION 16-452.

11 2. DECLARES THAT THE PURPOSE OF THIS CHAPTER IS TO PROVIDE THE
12 PEOPLE OF THIS STATE WITH A TRANSPARENT SYSTEM FOR CONDUCTING ELECTIONS.
13 THEREFORE, COMPETING INTERPRETATIONS OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CHAPTER
14 SHALL NOT BE GIVEN EQUAL WEIGHT. RATHER, IF THERE ARE TWO COMPETING
15 INTERPRETATIONS, THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CHAPTER SHALL BE LIBERALLY
16 CONSTRUED IN FAVOR OF THE READING THAT PROVIDES GREATER TRANSPARENCY.