

REFERENCE TITLE: **secure ballot containers; pilot program**

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HB 2701

Introduced by
Representative Nguyen

AN ACT

**PROVIDING FOR A SECURE BALLOT DEPOSIT CONTAINER PILOT PROGRAM;
APPROPRIATING MONIES.**

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Secure ballot deposit container pilot program

3 Notwithstanding any other law, a county with a population of more
4 than two hundred thirty thousand persons and less than four hundred
5 thousand persons may establish and implement a pilot program for the use
6 of secure ballot deposit containers to receive voted early ballots. Each
7 secure ballot deposit container shall unlock for purposes of depositing
8 ballots by use of a card or other similar means that is issued to the
9 voter by the county recorder for that purpose and shall provide for secure
10 retention of the voted ballots until accessed by a person who is
11 authorized by the county recorder to collect the ballots for verification
12 and tabulation as otherwise provided by law.

13 Sec. 2. Appropriation; secretary of state; exemption

14 A. The sum of \$1,500,000 is appropriated from the state general
15 fund in fiscal year 2023-2024 to the secretary of state for disbursement
16 to a county recorder for the purposes of this act.

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