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Introduced by
Senator Bennett

AN ACT

**AMENDING SECTION 16-104, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO
QUALIFICATION AND REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS.**

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Section 16-103, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 16-103. Qualified person temporarily absent from state;
5 persons in the service of the United States

6 A. A qualified person temporarily absent from the state may
7 register by filling out an affidavit of registration ~~which~~ THAT shall be
8 furnished ~~upon~~ ON request of the registrant by the county recorder of the
9 county in which the registrant has residence pursuant to section
10 16-593. The registrant shall execute the affidavit of registration and
11 administer the oath himself and shall return the affidavit to the county
12 recorder.

13 B. The county recorder may accept a federal postcard application in
14 lieu of an affidavit of registration from any qualified person covered
15 under the uniformed and overseas citizens absentee voting act of 1986
16 (P.L. 99-410; ~~42~~ 52 United States Code ~~section 1973~~ SECTIONS 20301 THROUGH
17 20311).

18 C. Any other provisions of law to the contrary notwithstanding,
19 registration for any person covered under subsection B of this section may
20 be accomplished at any time prior to 7:00 p.m. of an election day. This
21 subsection applies only to persons temporarily absent from this state.

22 D. A person who was an overseas voter as defined in the uniformed
23 and overseas citizens absentee voting act of 1986 (P.L. 99-410; ~~42~~ 52
24 United States Code section ~~1973~~ 20310), as amended by the Ronald W. Reagan
25 national defense authorization act for fiscal year 2005 (P.L. 108-375),
26 immediately before being domiciled in this state, and who has been
27 discharged or separated from that service or employment in the ninety days
28 before election day may register and is eligible to vote in that election
29 if the registration is received by 5:00 p.m. on the Friday before election
30 day.

31 E. Any United States citizen who has never resided in the United
32 States and whose parent is a United States citizen who is registered to
33 vote in this state is eligible to register to vote and may vote in this
34 state using a federal write-in early ballot as prescribed by section
35 16-543.02.