

REFERENCE TITLE: **early ballot on-site tabulation; requirement**

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SB 1597

Introduced by
Senator Mesnard

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 16-579.01, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO POLLING PLACE PROCEDURES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Section 16-579.01, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended
3 to read:

4 16-579.01. Early ballots; on-site tabulation

5 A. Every county recorder or other officer in charge of elections
6 may provide for **AND, NOT LATER THAN THE 2024 GENERAL ELECTION, SHALL**
7 **PROVIDE FOR** a qualified elector who appears at that elector's designated
8 polling location or at a voting center on election day with the elector's
9 voted early ballot to have the elector's voted early ballot tabulated as
10 prescribed in section 16-579.02.

11 B. The county recorder or other officer in charge of elections
12 shall do all of the following if the on-site tabulation of early ballots
13 is allowed:

14 1. Designate an area within a precinct or voting center for
15 processing electors with their voted early ballots that is physically
16 separate from the area for voters who are voting pursuant to section
17 16-579.

18 2. Provide adequate poll workers, election officials and equipment
19 necessary to conduct voting pursuant to this section and section
20 16-579.02.

21 3. Categorize and tally separately in the official canvass and
22 other reports electors whose voted early ballots are tabulated at the
23 precinct or voting center. The tally shall be reported by precinct in the
24 official canvass and other voting reports.

25 4. Reconcile for that polling place or voting center the number of
26 electors who appear on the signature roster or ~~e-pollbook~~ **ELECTRONIC**
27 **POLLBOOK** with the number of completed early ballot affidavits and the
28 voted early ballots tabulated on-site.