

Senate Engrossed

early ballot on-site tabulation; requirement

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SENATE BILL 1597

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, COUNTIES**
7 **WITH A POPULATION OF MORE THAN FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND PERSONS SHALL PROVIDE**
8 **FOR AT LEAST ONE POLLING LOCATION IN EACH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT TO ALLOW** a
9 qualified elector who appears at that elector's designated polling
10 location or at a voting center on election day with the elector's voted
11 early ballot to have the elector's voted early ballot tabulated as
12 prescribed in section 16-579.02.

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

16 1. Designate an area within a precinct or voting center for
17 processing electors with their voted early ballots that is physically
18 separate from the area for voters who are voting pursuant to section
19 16-579.

20 2. Provide adequate poll workers, election officials and equipment
21 necessary to conduct voting pursuant to this section and section
22 16-579.02.

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

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