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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 16-1018, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO ELECTIONS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:
2 Section 1. Section 16-1018, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 16-1018. Additional unlawful acts by persons with respect to
5 voting; classification

6 A person who commits any of the following acts is guilty of a class
7 2 misdemeanor:

8 1. Knowingly electioneers on election day within a polling place or
9 in a public manner within seventy-five feet of the main outside entrance
10 of a polling place or on-site early voting location established by a
11 county recorder pursuant to section 16-542, subsection A.

12 2. Intentionally disables or removes from the polling place,
13 on-site early voting location or custody of an election official a voting
14 machine or a voting record.

15 3. Knowingly removes an official ballot from a polling place before
16 closing the polls.

17 4. Shows another voter's ballot to any person after it is prepared
18 for voting in such a manner as to reveal the contents, except to an
19 authorized person lawfully assisting the voter. A voter who makes
20 available an image of the voter's own ballot by posting on the internet or
21 in some other electronic medium is deemed to have consented to
22 retransmittal of that image and that retransmittal does not constitute a
23 violation of this section.

24 5. Knowingly solicits a voter to show the voter's ballot, or
25 receives from a voter a ballot prepared for voting, unless the person is
26 an election official or unless otherwise authorized by law.

27 6. Knowingly receives an official ballot from a person other than
28 an election official having charge of the ballots.

29 7. Knowingly delivers an official ballot to a voter, unless the
30 voter is an election official.

31 8. Except for a completed ballot transmitted by an elector by fax
32 or other electronic format pursuant to section 16-543, knowingly places a
33 mark on the voter's ballot by which it can be identified as the one voted
34 by the voter.

35 9. After having received a ballot as a voter, knowingly fails to
36 return the ballot to the election official before leaving the polling
37 place or on-site early voting location.

38 10. KNOWINGLY INTERFERES WITH A VOTER OR KNOWINGLY ENGAGES IN
39 CONDUCT THAT IS DIRECTED AT ONE OR MORE PERSONS WHO ARE DELIVERING OR
40 ATTEMPTING TO DELIVER A VOTED BALLOT TO A LAWFUL RECIPIENT OR RECEPTACLE
41 AND THAT CONSTITUTES HARASSMENT AS DEFINED IN SECTION 13-2921.