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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 16-166, 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. Subject to the requirements of article IV, part 1,
3 section 1, Constitution of Arizona, section 16-166, Arizona Revised
4 Statutes, is amended to read:

5 16-166. Verification of registration

6 A. Except for the mailing of sample ballots, a county recorder who
7 mails an item to any elector shall send the mailing by nonforwardable
8 first class mail marked with the statement required by the postmaster to
9 receive an address correction notification. If the item is returned
10 undelivered, the county recorder shall send a follow-up notice to that
11 elector within three weeks of receipt of the returned notice. The county
12 recorder shall send the follow-up notice to the address that appears in
13 the general county register or to the forwarding address provided by the
14 United States postal service. The follow-up notice shall include an
15 appropriate internet address for revising voter registration information
16 or a registration form and the information prescribed by section 16-131,
17 subsection C and shall state that if the elector does not complete and
18 return a new registration form with current information to the county
19 recorder or make changes to the elector's voter registration information
20 that is maintained online within thirty-five days, the elector's
21 registration status shall be changed from active to inactive.

22 B. If the elector provides the county recorder with a new
23 registration form or otherwise revises the elector's information, the
24 county recorder shall change the general register to reflect the changes
25 indicated on the new registration. If the elector indicates a new
26 residence address outside that county, the county recorder shall forward
27 the voter registration form or revised information to the county recorder
28 of the county in which the elector's address is located. If the elector
29 provides a new residence address that is located outside this state, the
30 county recorder shall cancel the elector's registration.

31 C. The county recorder shall maintain on the inactive voter list
32 the names of electors who have been removed from the general register
33 pursuant to subsection A or E of this section for a period of four years
34 or through the date of the second general election for federal office
35 following the date of the notice from the county recorder that is sent
36 pursuant to subsection E of this section.

37 D. On notice that a government agency has changed the name of any
38 street, route number, post office box number or other address designation,
39 the county recorder shall revise the registration records and shall send a
40 new verification of registration notice to the electors whose records were
41 changed.

42 E. The county recorder on or before May 1 of each year preceding a
43 state primary and general election or more frequently as the recorder
44 deems necessary may use the change of address information supplied by the
45 postal service through its licensees and the information provided by an

1 electronic voter registration information center to identify registrants
2 whose addresses may have changed. If it appears from information provided
3 by the postal service or an electronic voter registration information
4 center that a registrant has moved to a different residence address, the
5 county recorder shall send the registrant a notice of the change by
6 forwardable mail and a postage prepaid preaddressed return form or an
7 appropriate internet address for revising voter registration information
8 by which the registrant may verify or correct the registration
9 information. If the registrant fails to revise the information or return
10 the form postmarked not later than thirty-five days after the mailing of
11 the notice, the elector's registration status shall be changed from active
12 to inactive. If the notice sent by the recorder is not returned, the
13 registrant may be required to provide affirmation or confirmation of the
14 registrant's address in order to vote. If the registrant does not vote in
15 an election during the period after the date of the notice from the
16 recorder through the date of the second general election for federal
17 office following the date of that notice, the registrant's name shall be
18 removed from the list of inactive voters. If the registrant has changed
19 residence to a new county, the county recorder shall provide information
20 on how the registrant can continue to be eligible to vote.

21 F. The county recorder shall reject any application for
22 registration that is not accompanied by satisfactory evidence of United
23 States citizenship. Satisfactory evidence of citizenship shall include
24 any of the following:

25 1. The number of the applicant's driver license or nonoperating
26 identification license issued after October 1, 1996 by the department of
27 transportation or the equivalent governmental agency of another state
28 within the United States if the agency indicates on the applicant's driver
29 license or nonoperating identification license that the person has
30 provided satisfactory proof of United States citizenship.

31 2. A legible photocopy of the applicant's birth certificate that
32 verifies citizenship to the satisfaction of the county recorder.

33 3. A legible photocopy of pertinent pages of the applicant's United
34 States passport identifying the applicant and the applicant's passport
35 number or presentation to the county recorder of the applicant's United
36 States passport.

37 4. A presentation to the county recorder of the applicant's United
38 States naturalization documents or the number of the certificate of
39 naturalization. If only the number of the certificate of naturalization
40 is provided, the applicant shall not be included in the registration rolls
41 until the number of the certificate of naturalization is verified with the
42 United States ~~immigration and naturalization service~~ CITIZENSHIP AND
43 NATURALIZATION SERVICES by the county recorder.

44 5. Other documents or methods of proof that are established
45 pursuant to the immigration reform and control act of 1986.

1 6. The applicant's bureau of Indian affairs card number, tribal
2 treaty card number or tribal enrollment number.

3 7. A VALID IDENTIFICATION CARD ISSUED BY AN ACCREDITED
4 POSTSECONDARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION IN THIS STATE.

5 G. Notwithstanding subsection F of this section, any person who is
6 registered in this state on the effective date of this amendment to this
7 section is deemed to have provided satisfactory evidence of citizenship
8 and shall not be required to resubmit evidence of citizenship unless the
9 person is changing voter registration from one county to another.

10 H. For the purposes of this section, proof of voter registration
11 from another state or county is not satisfactory evidence of citizenship.

12 I. A person who modifies voter registration records with a new
13 residence ballot shall not be required to submit evidence of citizenship.
14 After citizenship has been demonstrated to the county recorder, the person
15 is not required to resubmit satisfactory evidence of citizenship in that
16 county.

17 J. After a person has submitted satisfactory evidence of
18 citizenship, the county recorder shall indicate this information in the
19 person's permanent voter file. After two years the county recorder may
20 destroy all documents that were submitted as evidence of citizenship.

21 Sec. 2. Requirements for enactment; three-fourths vote

22 Pursuant to article IV, part 1, section 1, Constitution of Arizona,
23 section 16-166, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended by this act, is
24 effective only on the affirmative vote of at least three-fourths of the
25 members of each house of the legislature.