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AN ACT

REPEALING SECTION 16-138, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING TITLE 16,
CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 3, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING NEW SECTION
16-138; 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. Repeal
3 Section 16-138, Arizona Revised Statutes, is repealed.
4 Sec. 2. Title 16, chapter 1, article 3, Arizona Revised Statutes,
5 is amended by adding new section 16-138, to read:
6 16-138. Voter registration database; auditor general; federal
7 only voters; analysis; annual reports;
8 investigation
9 A. THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL PROVIDE ACCESS TO THE STATEWIDE
10 VOTER REGISTRATION DATABASE TO THE AUDITOR GENERAL FOR THE PURPOSES OF
11 DETERMINING WHETHER THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S VOTER REGISTRATION LIST
12 MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES COMPLY WITH FEDERAL LAW WITH RESPECT TO VOTERS WHO
13 ARE REGISTERED AS VOTERS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE ONLY FOR FEDERAL OFFICES. THE
14 LEGISLATURE SHALL APPROPRIATE SUFFICIENT MONIES TO THE AUDITOR GENERAL TO
15 CONDUCT THIS ANALYSIS AT LEAST ANNUALLY.
16 B. AFTER COMPLETING ITS ANALYSIS, THE AUDITOR GENERAL SHALL REPORT
17 ITS FINDINGS TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF
18 REPRESENTATIVES, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE. IF THE
19 ANALYSIS DETERMINES THAT THERE ARE PERSONS REGISTERED TO VOTE WHO ARE NOT
20 ELIGIBLE TO REGISTER TO VOTE, THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL NOTIFY THE
21 APPROPRIATE COUNTY RECORDER AND THE COUNTY RECORDER SHALL REMOVE THOSE
22 PERSONS FROM THE VOTER REGISTRATION ROLLS.
23 C. EACH COUNTY RECORDER SHALL SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE
24 SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE
25 THAT CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING REGARDING VOTERS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE ONLY
26 FOR FEDERAL OFFICES:
27 1. A DESCRIPTION OF THE COUNTY RECORDER'S PROCEDURES REGARDING
28 REGISTERING THOSE VOTERS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE ONLY FOR FEDERAL
29 OFFICES.
30 2. THE NUMBER OF VOTERS IN THAT COUNTY WHO ARE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE
31 ONLY FOR FEDERAL OFFICES.
32 3. THE NUMBER OF THOSE VOTERS WHOSE CITIZENSHIP HAS BEEN OTHERWISE
33 SUBSEQUENTLY VERIFIED AND WHOSE STATUS HAS CHANGED TO VOTERS WHO ARE
34 ELIGIBLE TO VOTE A FULL BALLOT.
35 4. A COMPREHENSIVE DESCRIPTION OF THE OBSTACLES TO OBTAINING VOTER
36 REGISTRANTS' DOCUMENTARY PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP THAT COMPLIES WITH THIS
37 STATE'S VOTER REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS AND TO CHANGING THEIR STATUS TO
38 VOTERS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE A FULL BALLOT.
39 5. THE NUMBER OF THOSE VOTERS WHO HAVE BEEN SUBSEQUENTLY DETERMINED
40 TO BE INELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN THIS STATE AND WHO HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM THE
41 VOTER REGISTRATION ROLLS.

1 D. THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL PERFORM A SEPARATE AUDIT OF THE
2 STATEWIDE VOTER REGISTRATION DATABASE TO ENSURE VOTER REGISTRATION DATA IS
3 ACCURATE. THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL CONDUCT THE AUDIT BEFORE DECEMBER
4 31 EACH YEAR AND SHALL REPORT ON THE NUMBER OF VOTER REGISTRATION
5 REMOVALS, THE LOCATIONS OF THE REMOVED REGISTRATIONS AND THE REASONS FOR
6 THE REMOVALS. THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL SUBMIT THE ANNUAL REPORT TO
7 THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE
8 AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL BY MARCH 1 EACH YEAR.

9 E. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND THE COUNTY ATTORNEY SHALL INVESTIGATE
10 AND PROSECUTE, AS APPROPRIATE, ANY PERSON WHO IS INELIGIBLE TO REGISTER TO
11 VOTE AND WHO KNOWINGLY REGISTERS TO VOTE.