

REFERENCE TITLE: ballot custody; verification; observers

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Introduced by
Representatives McGarr: Heap, Jones, Kolodin, Parker B, Wilmeth

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 16, CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 10, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 16-605; RELATING TO CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Title 16, chapter 4, article 10, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 16-605, to read:

4 16-605. Ballot chain of custody log; political party
5 observers

6 NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER LAW, THE COUNTY RECORDER AND THE COUNTY
7 OFFICER IN CHARGE OF ELECTIONS SHALL MAINTAIN AN ACCURATE LOG OF THE CHAIN
8 OF CUSTODY FOR UNVOTED AND VOTED BALLOTS. THE CHAIN OF CUSTODY LOG SHALL
9 BEGIN WHEN UNVOTED BALLOTS ARE RECEIVED BY THE COUNTY RECORDER AND COUNTY
10 OFFICER IN CHARGE OF ELECTIONS FROM THE BALLOT PRINTER AND SHALL CONTINUE
11 UNTIL COMPLETION OF THE CANVASS. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TWO LARGEST
12 POLITICAL PARTIES ENTITLED TO CONTINUED REPRESENTATION ON THE BALLOT SHALL
13 OBSERVE AND VERIFY EACH TRANSFER OF CUSTODY.