



**Bill Number: S.B. 1429**

**Bennett Floor Amendment**

**Reference to: printed bill**

**Amendment drafted by: Leg Council**

## **FLOOR AMENDMENT EXPLANATION**

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- 1. Requires any election item that was duly called by a city, town or county for the August 6, 2024 primary election to be placed on the ballot for the newly designated primary election date of July 30, 2024.**
- 2. Prohibits a filing officer from rejecting signatures or petitions based solely on the date of the primary election that is on a petition form.**
- 3. Specifies that a person does not have to file a new or amended statement of interest based solely on the change to the 2024 primary election date.**
- 4. Specifies that signatures collected through an electronic petition with the August 6, 2024, primary date and that otherwise comply with the requirements provided by law are valid signatures.**
- 5. Requires the voter of a conditional provisional ballot to provide proof of identification to the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections by:  
a) the fifth business day after a primary, general or special election that includes a federal office; or  
b) the third business day after any other election.**
- 6. Delays, until January 1, 2025, the ability of candidates to collect up to 125 percent of the total number of required nomination petitions signature by using the online signature collection system.**
- 7. Specifies that the city or town clerks' offices that must be open during the prescribed timeframes are upon an agreement with a county to be used as a location at which a voter may submit proof of identification.**
- 8. Specifies that the regular business hours for city, town and county offices must be at least 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**
- 9. Adds an emergency clause.**
- 10. Adds an applicability clause.**
- 11. Makes conforming changes.**

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BENNETT FLOOR AMENDMENT  
SENATE AMENDMENTS TO S.B. 1429  
(Reference to printed bill)

1 Page 1, line 17, after the period insert "THROUGH 2024, A CANDIDATE MAY CHOOSE TO  
2 COLLECT UP TO AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE FULL NUMBER OF REQUIRED NOMINATION  
3 PETITION SIGNATURES OR UP TO AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE FULL NUMBER OF REQUIRED  
4 CONTRIBUTION QUALIFICATION FORMS, OR BOTH, BY USE OF THE ONLINE SIGNATURE  
5 COLLECTION SYSTEM PRESCRIBED BY THIS SECTION. BEGINNING IN 2025,"

6 Line 38, after the period insert "THROUGH 2024, A CANDIDATE MAY CHOOSE TO  
7 COLLECT UP TO THE MINIMUM NUMBER OF REQUIRED NOMINATION PETITION SIGNATURES  
8 BY USE OF THE ONLINE SIGNATURE COLLECTION SYSTEM PRESCRIBED BY THIS  
9 SECTION. BEGINNING IN 2025,"

10 Page 2, line 11, after the period insert "THROUGH 2024, A CANDIDATE MAY CHOOSE TO  
11 COLLECT UP TO THE FULL NUMBER OF REQUIRED NOMINATION PETITION SIGNATURES BY  
12 USE OF THE ONLINE SIGNATURE COLLECTION SYSTEM PRESCRIBED BY THIS SECTION.  
13 BEGINNING IN 2025,"

14 Between lines 16 and 17, insert:

15 "Sec. 4. Section 16-550, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
16 read:

17 16-550. Receipt of voter's ballot; cure period; tracking  
18 system

19 A. Except for early ballots tabulated as prescribed in section  
20 16-579.02 or, beginning in 2026, received at a voting location after a  
21 voter's identification is confirmed as prescribed by section 16-579,  
22 subsection A, paragraph 4, on receipt of the envelope containing the early  
23 ballot and the mail ballot affidavit, the county recorder or other officer  
24 in charge of elections shall compare the signature on the envelope with the  
25 signature of the elector on the elector's registration record as prescribed

1 by section 16-550.01. If the signature is inconsistent with the elector's  
2 signature on the elector's registration record, the county recorder or  
3 other officer in charge of elections shall make reasonable efforts to  
4 contact the voter, advise the voter of the inconsistent signature and allow  
5 the voter to correct or the county to confirm the inconsistent signature.  
6 The county recorder or other officer in charge of elections shall allow  
7 signatures to be corrected not later than the fifth business day after a  
8 primary, general or special election that includes a federal office or the  
9 third business day after any other election. If the election is a primary,  
10 general or special election that includes a federal office, in addition to  
11 the office's regular business hours, the county recorder's and ANY city or  
12 town clerks' offices THAT HAVE AN AGREEMENT WITH A COUNTY TO BE USED AS  
13 LOCATIONS AT WHICH A VOTER MAY SUBMIT PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION shall be open  
14 during regular business hours to allow for curing signatures during the  
15 Friday and weekend before and the Friday and weekend after the election.  
16 REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS INCLUDE AT A MINIMUM 8:00 A.M. UNTIL 5:00 P.M. If  
17 the signature is missing, the county recorder or other officer in charge of  
18 elections shall make reasonable efforts to contact the elector, advise the  
19 elector of the missing signature and allow the elector to add the elector's  
20 signature not later than 7:00 p.m. on election day. If satisfied that the  
21 signatures correspond, the recorder or other officer in charge of elections  
22 shall hold the envelope containing the early ballot and the completed mail  
23 affidavit unopened in accordance with the rules of the secretary of state.  
24 Signatures that cannot be verified pursuant to section 16-550.01 or cured  
25 pursuant to this section shall be rejected. IF THE BALLOT IS A CONDITIONAL  
26 PROVISIONAL BALLOT, THE VOTER SHALL PROVIDE PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION TO THE  
27 COUNTY RECORDER OR OTHER OFFICER IN CHARGE OF ELECTIONS NOT LATER THAN THE  
28 FIFTH BUSINESS DAY AFTER A PRIMARY, GENERAL OR SPECIAL ELECTION THAT  
29 INCLUDES A FEDERAL OFFICE OR THE THIRD BUSINESS DAY AFTER ANY OTHER  
30 ELECTION. Beginning with the first missing or mismatched signature that is  
31 identified after the period of early voting begins through the Monday

1 immediately preceding the election, the county recorder or other officer in  
2 charge of elections shall submit daily to the political parties that are  
3 qualified for continued representation on the state ballot an updated list  
4 of all voters whose signatures are missing or inconsistent with the voter's  
5 signature on the voter's registration record. Beginning on the Wednesday  
6 immediately following the election through the end of the signature cure  
7 period after a primary, general or special election that includes a federal  
8 office, or the third business day after the election for any other  
9 election, the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections shall  
10 submit daily to the political parties that are qualified for continued  
11 representation on the state ballot an updated list of all voters whose  
12 signatures are inconsistent with the voter's signature on the voter's  
13 registration record and all voters who voted with a conditional provisional  
14 ballot. This list of voters whose signatures require curing shall include  
15 for those voters all voter information that is provided to the political  
16 parties that are qualified for continued representation on the state ballot  
17 as prescribed by section 16-168.

18 B. The recorder or other officer in charge of elections shall  
19 thereafter safely keep the mail ballot affidavits and early ballots in the  
20 recorder's or other officer's office and may deliver them for tallying  
21 pursuant to section 16-551.

22 C. Processing and tabulation of individual ballots may begin  
23 immediately after the envelope and completed mail ballot affidavit are  
24 processed pursuant to this section and delivered to the early election  
25 board and shall continue without delay until completed. Until election  
26 day, the early election board and the county recorder or other officer in  
27 charge of elections shall:

28 1. Not access an aggregated complete results file of early voting  
29 and vote by mail ballots that were processed and tabulated by the end of  
30 the early voting period.

1           2. Not produce for internal or external use an aggregated results  
2 report or associated files of complete results.

3           3. Only produce a partial results report or associated files if it  
4 is part of the internal preparation for the hand count pursuant to section  
5 16-602 or for the logic and accuracy testing required pursuant to section  
6 16-449.

7           4. Not publicly release complete or partial results, whether for  
8 internal or external use, until all precincts have reported or one hour  
9 after the closing of the polls on election day, whichever is earlier.

10          D. The county recorder or other officer in charge of elections shall  
11 post on its website within forty-eight hours after all ballot tabulation is  
12 complete all system log files and other similar files from the election  
13 management system that verify compliance with subsection C of this section.

14          E. The county recorder shall send a list of all voters who were  
15 issued early ballots to the election board of the precinct in which the  
16 voter is registered.

17          F. For a county that uses early ballots, the county recorder or  
18 other officer in charge of elections shall provide an early ballot tracking  
19 system that indicates whether the voter's early ballot has been received  
20 and whether the early ballot has been verified and sent to be tabulated or  
21 rejected. The county recorder or other officer in charge of elections  
22 shall provide voters with access to the early ballot tracking system on the  
23 county's website.

24          G. This section does not apply to:

25           1. A special taxing district that is authorized pursuant to section  
26 16-191 to conduct its own elections.

27           2. A special district mail ballot election that is conducted  
28 pursuant to article 8.1 of this chapter.

1           Sec. 5. Laws 2024, chapter 1, section 21 is amended to read:

2           Sec. 21. 2024 primary election; nomination petition forms;  
3                   local initiative petition forms; statements of  
4                   interest; previous primary election date

5           A. A person who desires to become a candidate at the 2024 primary  
6 election, who collects signatures on a nomination petition form, INCLUDING  
7 AN ELECTRONIC PETITION WITH SIGNATURES AS PRESCRIBED BY SECTION 16-316,  
8 16-317 OR 16-318, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, before, ~~the effective date of~~  
9 ~~this act~~ ON OR AFTER FEBRUARY 9, 2024 OR BEFORE, ON OR AFTER THE EFFECTIVE  
10 DATE OF THIS AMENDMENT TO THIS SECTION and who has used a petition form  
11 that includes the former primary election date of August 6, 2024 may  
12 lawfully submit those signatures for the 2024 primary election to be held  
13 on July 30, 2024. Signatures that are collected with the August 6, 2024  
14 primary election date, that are submitted as prescribed in this subsection  
15 and that otherwise comply with the requirements provided by law are deemed  
16 to be as valid as signatures collected on a nomination petition form,  
17 INCLUDING AN ELECTRONIC PETITION WITH SIGNATURES AS PRESCRIBED BY SECTION  
18 16-316, 16-317 OR 16-318, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, that complies with the  
19 newly designated primary election date of July 30, 2024 and shall not be  
20 ruled invalid due solely to the changed date of the primary election. THE  
21 FILING OFFICER SHALL NOT REJECT THOSE PETITIONS OR SIGNATURES BASED SOLELY  
22 ON THE DATE OF THE PRIMARY ELECTION. THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES TO AND  
23 INCLUDES PETITIONS AND SIGNATURES THAT ARE SUBMITTED THROUGH THE SECURE  
24 ONLINE SIGNATURE COLLECTION SYSTEM PROVIDED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

25           B. Any city, town or county initiative petition that is circulated  
26 before, ~~the effective date of this act~~ ON OR AFTER FEBRUARY 9, 2024 OR  
27 BEFORE, ON OR AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS AMENDMENT TO THIS SECTION  
28 and that is on a petition form that includes the former 2024 primary  
29 election date of August 6, 2024 may lawfully submit those petitions and  
30 signatures for the primary election to be held on July 30, 2024.  
31 Signatures that are collected with the August 6, 2024 primary election

1 date, that are submitted as prescribed in this subsection and that  
2 otherwise comply with the requirements provided by law are deemed to be as  
3 valid as signatures collected on an initiative petition form that complies  
4 with the newly designated primary election date of July 30, 2024 and shall  
5 not be ruled invalid due solely to the changed date of the primary  
6 election. THE FILING OFFICER SHALL NOT REJECT THOSE SIGNATURES OR  
7 PETITIONS BASED SOLELY ON THE DATE OF THE PRIMARY ELECTION.

8 C. THIS SECTION DOES NOT REQUIRE A PERSON TO FILE A NEW OR AMENDED  
9 STATEMENT OF INTEREST BASED SOLELY ON THE CHANGE IN THE 2024 PRIMARY  
10 ELECTION DATE.

11 Sec. 6. Laws 2024, chapter 1, section 22 is amended to read:

12 Sec. 22. 2024, 2025 and 2026 elections; signature cure period

13 Notwithstanding section 16-550, subsection A, Arizona Revised  
14 Statutes, as amended by ~~this act~~ LAWS 2024, CHAPTER 1, SECTION 6, and any  
15 other law, the following apply:

16 1. For a primary, general or special election in 2024, 2025 and 2026  
17 that includes a federal office, the county recorder or other officer in  
18 charge of elections shall allow signatures to be corrected AND, FOR  
19 CONDITIONAL PROVISIONAL BALLOTS, SHALL ALLOW VOTER PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION  
20 TO BE PROVIDED not later than the fifth calendar day after the election.

21 2. For all other elections in 2024, 2025 and 2026, the county  
22 recorder or other officer in charge of elections shall allow signatures to  
23 be corrected AND, FOR CONDITIONAL PROVISIONAL BALLOTS, SHALL ALLOW PROOF OF  
24 VOTER IDENTIFICATION TO BE PROVIDED not later than the third business day  
25 after the election.

26 Sec. 7. 2024 primary election date; city, town and county  
27 matters

28 Any election item that was duly called by a city, town or county  
29 pursuant to section 16-226, Arizona Revised Statutes, for the August 6,  
30 2024 primary election date shall be placed on the ballot for the newly  
31 designated primary election date of July 30, 2024.

- 1           Sec. 8. Applicability
- 2           Laws 2024, chapter 1, sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15,
- 3           17, 18 and 19 are applicable to elections held from and after May 30,
- 4           2024."
- 5 Renumber to conform
- 6 Page 2, after line 21, insert:
- 7           "Sec. 10. Emergency
- 8           This act is an emergency measure that is necessary to preserve the
- 9           public peace, health or safety and is operative immediately as provided by
- 10          law."
- 11 Amend title to conform

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