

REFERENCE TITLE: **voter registration deadlines; registration method**

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Introduced by
Senator Quezada

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 16-120 AND 16-134, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO QUALIFICATION AND REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS.

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

Section 1. Section 16-120, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

16-120. Eligibility to vote

No elector shall vote in an election called pursuant to the laws of this state unless the elector has been registered to vote as a resident within the boundaries or the proposed boundaries of the election district for which the election is being conducted and the registration ~~has been~~ **IS ANY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:**

1. MAILED TO AND received by the county recorder or ~~his~~ **THE RECORDER'S** designee pursuant to section 16-134 ~~prior to~~ **BEFORE** midnight of the twenty-ninth day preceding the date of the election **OR DATED TWENTY-NINE DAYS OR MORE BEFORE AN ELECTION AND RECEIVED BY FIRST CLASS MAIL WITHIN FIVE DAYS AFTER THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE IN THAT ELECTION.**

2. COMPLETED IN PERSON AT A COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE BEFORE MIDNIGHT OF THE FOURTEENTH DAY PRECEDING THE DATE OF THE ELECTION AND RECEIVED BY THE COUNTY RECORDER BY 7:00 P.M. ON THE DAY OF THAT ELECTION.

3. ELECTRONICALLY GENERATED AND TRANSMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BEFORE MIDNIGHT OF THE FOURTEENTH DAY PRECEDING THE DATE OF THE ELECTION AS SHOWN ON THE TRANSMITTAL CONFIRMATION RECEIPT AND RECEIVED BY THE COUNTY RECORDER BY 7:00 P.M. ON THE DAY OF THAT ELECTION.

4. IF SUBMITTED BY ANY MEANS OTHER THAN AS PRESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH 1, 2 OR 3 OF THIS SECTION, DATED TWENTY-NINE DAYS OR MORE BEFORE THE ELECTION AND RECEIVED BY THE COUNTY RECORDER BY 7:00 P.M. ON THE DAY OF THAT ELECTION.

Sec. 2. Section 16-134, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

16-134. Return of registrations made outside office of county recorder; incomplete or illegible forms

A. A county recorder shall authorize persons to accept registration forms, shall designate places for receipt of registration forms and shall designate additional locations for distribution of voter registration forms. Public assistance agencies and disabilities agencies as defined in section 16-140 shall return or mail completed voter registrations to the

county recorder of the county in which the applicant resides within five days after receipt of those registrations.

B. If the information on the registration form is incomplete or illegible and the county recorder is not able to process the registration form, the county recorder shall notify the applicant within ten business days of receipt of the registration form, shall specify the missing or illegible information and, if the missing or illegible information includes any of the information prescribed by section 16-121.01, subsection A, shall state that the registration cannot be completed until the information is supplied. If the missing or illegible information is supplied before 7:00 p.m. on election day, that person is deemed to have been registered on the date the registration was first received.

C. In the case of registration by mail, a voter registration is valid for an election if it complies with either of the following:

1. The form is postmarked twenty-nine days or more before an election and is received by the county recorder by 7:00 p.m. on the day of that election.

2. The registration is dated twenty-nine days or more before an election and is received by the county recorder by first class mail within five days after the last day to register to vote in that election.

D. IN THE CASE OF REGISTRATIONS THAT ARE ELECTRONICALLY GENERATED AND TRANSMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, A VOTER REGISTRATION IS VALID FOR AN ELECTION IF IT IS TRANSMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BEFORE MIDNIGHT OF THE FOURTEENTH DAY PRECEDING THE DATE OF THE ELECTION AS SHOWN ON THE TRANSMITTAL CONFIRMATION RECEIPT AND IS RECEIVED BY THE COUNTY RECORDER BY 7:00 P.M. ON THE DAY OF THAT ELECTION. THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL TRANSMIT ALL ELECTRONICALLY GENERATED VOTER REGISTRATIONS TO THE APPROPRIATE COUNTY RECORDER WITHIN FIVE DAYS AFTER RECEIPT.

E. ALL REGISTRATIONS COMPLETED OUTSIDE THE COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE BY ANY MEANS OR AT ANY LOCATIONS OTHER THAN AS PRESCRIBED IN SUBSECTIONS C AND D OF THIS SECTION ARE VALID FOR AN ELECTION IF THEY ARE DATED TWENTY-NINE DAYS OR MORE BEFORE THE ELECTION AND ARE RECEIVED BY THE COUNTY RECORDER BY 7:00 P.M. ON THE DAY OF THAT ELECTION.

~~D.~~ F. The date of registration entered for registration forms that are received by the county recorder from persons, groups or agencies that are not authorized to accept registrations pursuant to subsection A of this section and that do not bear a legible postmark date or an otherwise reliable date shall be the date that those forms are received by the county recorder.

Sec. 3. Conforming legislation

The legislative council staff shall prepare proposed legislation conforming the Arizona Revised Statutes to the provisions of this act for consideration in the fifty-second legislature, second regular session.