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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 16-621, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; 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. Section 16-621, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 16-621. Proceedings at the counting center

5 A. All proceedings at the counting center shall be under the direction
6 of the board of supervisors or other officer in charge of elections and shall
7 be conducted in accordance with the approved instructions and procedures
8 manual provided for in section 16-452 under the observation of
9 representatives of each political party and the public, but no persons except
10 those authorized for the purpose shall touch any ballot or ballot card or
11 return. All persons who are engaged in processing and counting of the
12 ballots shall be deputized in writing and take an oath that they will
13 faithfully perform their assigned duties. There shall be no preferential
14 counting of ballots for the purpose of projecting the outcome of the
15 election. If any ballot is damaged or defective so that it cannot properly
16 be counted by the automatic tabulating equipment, a true duplicate copy shall
17 be made of the damaged ballot in the presence of witnesses and substituted
18 for the damaged ballot. All duplicate ballots shall be clearly labeled
19 "duplicate" and shall bear a serial number which shall be recorded on the
20 damaged or defective ballot.

21 B. If for any reason it becomes impracticable to count all or a part
22 of the ballots with tabulating equipment, the officer in charge of elections
23 may direct that they be counted manually, following as far as practicable the
24 provisions governing the counting of paper ballots.

25 C. THE OFFICER IN CHARGE OF ELECTIONS SHALL PROVIDE FOR A LIVE VIDEO
26 RECORDING OF THE CUSTODY OF ALL BALLOTS THAT ARE LOCATED IN THE COUNTING
27 CENTER FROM THE TIME THAT THOSE BALLOTS ARE RECEIVED FOR COUNTING UNTIL ALL
28 BALLOTS ARE TABULATED. THE LIVE VIDEO RECORDING SHALL BE TRANSMITTED TO THE
29 SECRETARY OF STATE'S WEBSITE AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL POST THE VIDEO
30 COVERAGE FOR VIEWING BY THE PUBLIC. THE OFFICER IN CHARGE OF ELECTIONS SHALL
31 RECORD THE VIDEO COVERAGE OF THE BALLOTS AT THE COUNTING CENTER AND SHALL
32 RETAIN THOSE RECORDINGS AS A PUBLIC RECORD.