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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 16-461, 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 16-461, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 16-461. Sample primary election ballots: submission to party
5 chairmen for examination: preparation, printing and
6 distribution of ballot

7 A. At least forty-five days before a primary election, the officer in
8 charge of that election shall:

9 1. Prepare a proof of a sample ballot.

10 2. Submit the sample ballot proof of each party to the county chairman
11 or in city or town primaries to the city or town chairman.

12 3. Mail a sample ballot proof to each candidate for whom a nomination
13 paper and petitions have been filed.

14 B. Within five days after receipt of the sample ballot, the county
15 chairman of each political party shall suggest to the election officer any
16 change the ~~officer~~ CHAIRMAN considers should be made in the ~~officer's~~
17 CHAIRMAN'S party ballot, and if upon examination the election officer finds
18 an error or omission in the ballot the officer shall correct it. The
19 election officer shall cause the sample ballots to be printed and distributed
20 as required by law, shall maintain a copy of each sample ballot and shall
21 post a notice indicating that sample ballots are available on request. The
22 official sample ballot shall be printed on colored paper OR WHITE PAPER WITH
23 A DIFFERENT COLORED STRIPE FOR EACH PARTY THAT IS REPRESENTED ON THAT BALLOT.
24 For voters who are not registered with a party that is entitled to continued
25 representation on the ballot pursuant to section 16-804, the election officer
26 may print and distribute the required sample ballots in an alternative
27 format, including a reduced size format.

28 C. Not later than forty days before a primary election, the county
29 chairman of a political party may request one sample primary election ballot
30 of the chairman's party for each election precinct.

31 D. The board of supervisors shall have printed mailer-type sample
32 ballots for a primary election and shall mail at least eleven days ~~prior to~~
33 BEFORE the election one sample ballot of a political party to each household
34 containing a registered voter of that political party. A certified claim
35 shall be presented to the secretary of state by the board of supervisors for
36 the actual cost of printing, labeling and postage of each sample ballot
37 actually mailed, and the secretary of state shall direct payment of the
38 authenticated claim from funds of the secretary of state's office.

39 E. For city and town elections, the governing body of a city or town
40 may have printed mailer-type sample ballots for a primary election. If the
41 city or town has printed such sample ballots, the city or town shall provide
42 for the distribution of such ballots and shall bear the expense of printing
43 and distribution of such sample ballots.

1 F. The return address on the mailer-type sample ballots shall not
2 contain the name of an appointed or elected public officer nor may the name
3 of an appointed or elected public officer be used to indicate who produced
4 the sample ballot.

5 G. The great seal of the state of Arizona shall be imprinted along
6 with the words "official voting materials" on the mailing face of each sample
7 ballot. In county, city or town elections the seal of such jurisdiction
8 shall be substituted for the state seal.

9 Sec. 2. Emergency

10 This act is an emergency measure that is necessary to preserve the
11 public peace, health or safety and is operative immediately as provided by
12 law.