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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 16-140, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO VOTER
REGISTRATION.

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1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:
2 Section 1. Section 16-140, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:
4 16-140. Voter registration assistance agencies; definitions
5 A. All public assistance agencies and disabilities agencies in this
6 state shall provide the opportunity to register to vote for those persons who
7 apply for benefits or appear at the agency to renew, recertify or change
8 address information. The voter registration form shall be accompanied by a
9 statement form that includes substantially the following:
10 1. The statement "If you are not registered to vote where you live
11 now, would you like to apply to register to vote here today?
12 { } Yes { } No
13 If you do not check either box, you will be considered to have decided not to
14 register to vote at this time."
15 2. If the agency provides public assistance, the statement "Applying
16 to register or declining to register to vote will not affect the amount of
17 assistance that you will be provided by this agency."
18 3. The statement "If you would like help in filling out the voter
19 registration application form, we will help you. The decision to seek or
20 accept help is yours. You may fill out the application form in private."
21 4. The statement "If you believe that someone has interfered with your
22 right to register or to decline to register to vote, or your right to choose
23 your own political party or other political preference, you may file a
24 complaint with the secretary of state." This statement shall be followed by
25 the name, address and telephone number of the secretary of state.
26 B. Each public assistance agency or disabilities agency shall provide
27 to each person who applies for that agency's services the same degree of
28 assistance for voter registration that it provides for the completion of the
29 agency's own forms, unless that person refuses assistance. Each public
30 assistance or disabilities agency shall accept completed registration forms
31 from persons who receive a registration form from that office.
32 C. If a person indicates "no" or fails to indicate either "yes" or
33 "no" on the form prescribed by subsection A, the form shall be deemed to
34 indicate a declination to register to vote. All declination forms shall be
35 preserved as a confidential record and shall be forwarded periodically to the
36 Arizona state library, archives and public records for retention for two
37 years. Declination forms are exempt from title 39, chapter 1 and may be
38 disclosed only for voter registration purposes.
39 D. Voter registration information that is generated pursuant to this
40 section and that is public information as otherwise provided by law shall not
41 provide any public indication of the source of these
42 registrations. Registration forms may bear a unique, coded marking that does
43 not publicly or readily disclose the voter registration agency or additional
44 voter registration volunteer that was the source of the registration. The
45 coded markings for a form may be translated or otherwise read only by

1 election officials and only for purposes permitted by the national voter
2 registration act of 1993 (P.L. 103-31; 107 Stat. 77; 42 United States Code
3 section ~~394~~ 1973gg).

4 E. A county recorder may designate additional voter registration
5 volunteers. These additional voter registration volunteers may provide state
6 mail in registration forms to persons who wish to register to vote.

7 F. For THE purposes of this section, unless the context otherwise
8 requires:

9 1. "Additional voter registration volunteer" means a person, group or
10 entity that is not a public assistance or disabilities agency and that is
11 designated by a county recorder as another voter registration provider
12 pursuant to section 7(a)(3)(A) of the national voter registration act of 1993
13 (P.L. 103-31; 107 Stat. 77; 42 United States Code section ~~394~~ 1973gg) and may
14 include governmental, nonprofit or other private organizations.

15 2. "Disabilities agency" means all offices of an agency in this state
16 that provide state funded programs primarily engaged in providing services to
17 persons with disabilities.

18 3. "Public assistance agency" means all offices of an agency in this
19 state that provide public assistance.