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## ARIZONA STATE SENATE

Fifty-Sixth Legislature, Second Regular Session

# <u>VETOED</u> <u>AMENDED</u> FACT SHEET FOR H.B. 2404

voter registration cards; mailing limitation

#### **Purpose**

Prohibits the county recorder from providing an initial or updated voter registration card to a person whose mailing address is outside of Arizona, with exceptions.

#### **Background**

A voter registration form requires an elector to provide the complete address of the elector's actual place of residence. If the elector's mailing address is different from the residence address, then the elector must provide the complete address that the elector uses for receiving mail. The county recorder must issue a voter registration card to any new registrants and may, at the discretion of the county recorder, issue a new card to existing registrants who update their name, address or political party preference. When the county recorder mails a voter registration card to any elector, it must be by nonforwardable first-class mail marked with a statement to receive an address correction. The county recorder must change an elector's registration status to inactive if an address correction is returned undeliverable, and the elector does not provide or make changes to the elector's voter registration. If the elector provides the county recorder with a new registration form or otherwise revises the elector's information, then the county recorder must change the general register to reflect the changes indicated on the new registration. If the elector provides a new residence address that is located outside this state, the county recorder must cancel the elector's registration (A.R.S. §§ 16-152 and 16-166; EPM Ch. 1 (IV)(H)).

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the state General Fund associated with this legislation.

#### **Provisions**

- 1. Prohibits the county recorder from providing an initial or updated voter registration card to anyone whose mailing address is outside Arizona, except for:
  - a) persons who are absent uniformed services voters or overseas voters as defined in the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Voting Act (UOCAVA); and
  - b) persons who are residents of Arizona and are not served by a U.S. Post Office in Arizona.
- 2. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

### Amendments Adopted by Committee of the Whole

 Expands the exemption to the prohibition on mailing updated voter registration cards to include UOCAVA voters. FACT SHEET – Amended/Vetoed H.B. 2404 Page 2

## Governor's Veto Message

The Governor indicates in her <u>veto message</u> that statute and the Elections Procedure Manual already outline the process when a voter provides a new residential address that is located outside the state.

## <u>House Action</u> <u>Senate Action</u>

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Vetoed by the Governor on 4/10/24

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