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HB 2612: technical correction; waste; enforcement; venue S/E: ballot collection conviction; public office Sponsor: Representative Dunn, LD 25 Committee on Government

Summary of the Strike-Everything Amendment to HB 2612

Overview

Prohibits a person from holding any elected public office in Arizona if the person is convicted of specified ballot abuse offenses, including the crime of knowingly collecting early ballots.

History

<u>Laws 2016, Chapter 5</u> establishes the crime of knowingly collecting voted or unvoted early ballots and classifies this offense as a class 6 felony. For first time felony offenders, the presumptive sentence for this crime is one year of incarceration. Certain individuals are exempt from this law, including election officials and United States Postal Service workers engaging in their official duties and family members, household members and caregivers of a voter (A.R.S. §§ <u>16-1005</u>, <u>13-702</u>).

Provisions

- 1. Specifies a person convicted of ballot abuse, including knowingly collecting early ballots, is ineligible to hold an elected public office in Arizona. (Sec. 1, 2)
- 2. Requires any person holding an elected public office, who has been convicted of a ballot abuse offense, to resign from office. (Sec. 1, 2)
- 3. Makes technical changes. (Sec. 1)

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