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Overview

Directs, if practicable, the county recorder to count the number of early ballots returned to voting locations on election day and post the total along with the unofficial results on their website on election night.

History

The county recorder is to maintain open until 7:00 p.m. on election day to receive early ballots ([A.R.S. § 16-551](#)). On receipt of an envelope containing an early ballot, the county recorder must verify the signature and cure the ballot, if applicable. Once signature verification is completed, the county recorder is to keep the ballot in safe keeping until delivered to the early election board ([A.R.S. § 16-550](#)).

The county board of supervisors is directed to appoint one or more early election boards consisting of one inspector, one marshal, two judges and as many clerks of election, that are qualified, for each election precinct, voting center or other voting location that will canvass and tally early election ballots (A.R.S. §§ [16-531](#), [16-551](#)). If an electronic voting system is used for early voting, the early election board is to consist of at least one inspector and two judges, that are qualified, to perform the processing requirements outlined by the Secretary of State (SOS) ([A.R.S. § 16-551](#)).

The early election board is to process all early ballots and the ballots affidavits received by the county recorder as provided in the rules of the SOS. No partial or complete tallies of the early election board are to be released before all precincts have reported or one hour after the closing of the polls on election day. Any person unlawfully releasing vote tallies or possessing a tally sheet or summary without authorization from the recorder is guilty of a class 6 felony ([A.R.S. § 16-551](#)).

Provisions

1. Requires, if practicable, the county recorder to:
 - a) Count the number of early ballots that are returned at voting locations on election day; and
 - b) Post the total along with the unofficial results on their website on election night. (Sec. 1)
2. Directs the county recorder, beginning the day after election day, to enter into the county's ballot tracking system, if established, early ballots that were returned at the voting locations on election day. (Sec.1)
3. Makes technical and conforming changes. (Sec. 1)

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