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Introduced by
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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 he considers should be made in his party ballot, and if upon
17 examination the election officer finds an error or omission in the ballot he
18 shall correct it. The election officer shall cause the sample ballots to be
19 printed and distributed as required by law, shall maintain a copy of each
20 sample ballot in his office and shall post a notice indicating that sample
21 ballots are available on request in his office. The official sample ballot
22 shall be printed on colored paper. FOR VOTERS WHO ARE NOT REGISTERED WITH A
23 PARTY THAT IS ENTITLED TO CONTINUED REPRESENTATION ON THE BALLOT PURSUANT TO
24 SECTION 16-804, THE ELECTION OFFICER MAY PRINT AND DISTRIBUTE THE REQUIRED
25 SAMPLE BALLOTS IN AN ALTERNATIVE FORMAT, INCLUDING A REDUCED SIZE FORMAT.

26 C. Not later than forty days before a primary election, the county
27 chairman of a political party may request one sample primary election ballot
28 of his party for each election precinct.

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

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

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

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