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CHAPTER 60

HOUSE BILL 2015

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 19-141, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 19-141, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 19-141. Initiative and referendum in counties, cities and towns

5 A. ~~The provisions of This chapter shall apply~~ APPLIES to the
6 legislation of cities, towns and counties, except as specifically provided to
7 the contrary in this article. The duties required of the secretary of state
8 as to state legislation shall be performed in connection with such
9 legislation by the city or town clerk, county officer in charge of elections
10 or person performing the duties as such. The duties required of the governor
11 shall be performed by the mayor or the chairman of the board of supervisors,
12 the duties required of the attorney general shall be performed by the city,
13 town or county attorney, and the printing and binding of measures and
14 arguments shall be paid for by the city, town or county in like manner as
15 payment is provided for by the state with respect to state legislation. The
16 provisions of section 19-124 with respect to the legislative council analysis
17 do not apply in connection with initiatives and referenda in cities, towns
18 and counties. The printing shall be done in the same manner as other
19 municipal or county printing is done.

20 B. Distribution of pamphlets shall be made to every household
21 containing a registered voter in the city, TOWN or county, ~~so far as~~
22 ~~possible,~~ by the city or town clerk or by the county officer in charge of
23 elections by mail before the earliest date for receipt by registered voters
24 of any requested early ballot for the election at which the measures are to
25 be voted on. If the pamphlet is not mailed before the earliest date for
26 receipt of a requested early ballot, the officer in charge of elections shall
27 provide a notice with the early ballots stating when the pamphlets will be
28 mailed and where and when the pamphlets may be accessed or viewed. ANY
29 CONTRACT FOR PAMPHLET PUBLICATION OR MAILING, OR BOTH, SHALL PROVIDE FOR THE
30 CONTRACTOR TO PAY A PENALTY FOR EACH DAY OF MAILING THAT OCCURS ON OR AFTER
31 THE EARLIEST DATE FOR RECEIPT OF REQUESTED EARLY BALLOTS. THE PENALTY SHALL
32 BE ONE CENT FOR EACH HOUSEHOLD WITH A REGISTERED VOTER FOR EACH DAY OF LATE
33 MAILING, AND THE MONIES SHALL BE PAID TO THE OFFICE OF THE OFFICER IN CHARGE
34 OF ELECTIONS. Pamphlets shall not be mailed or carried less than ten days
35 before the election at which the measures are to be voted upon.

36 C. Arguments supporting or opposing municipal or county initiative and
37 referendum measures shall be filed with the city or town clerk or the county
38 officer in charge of elections not less than ninety days before the election
39 at which they are to be voted upon.

40 D. The procedure with respect to municipal and county legislation
41 shall be as nearly as practicable the same as the procedure relating to
42 initiative and referendum provided for the state at large, except the
43 procedure for verifying signatures on initiative or referendum petitions may
44 be established by a city or town by charter or ordinance.

1 E. References in this section to duties to be performed by city or
2 town officers apply only with respect to municipal legislation, and
3 references to duties to be performed by county officers apply only with
4 respect to county legislation.

5 F. The duties required of the county recorder with respect to state
6 legislation shall also be performed by the county recorder with respect to
7 municipal or county legislation.

8 Sec. 2. Effective date

9 Section 19-141, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended by this act, is
10 effective from and after December 31, 2016.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR MARCH 24, 2016.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE MARCH 24, 2016.

Passed the House February 9, 2016

Passed the Senate March 17, 2016

by the following vote: 58 Ayes,

by the following vote: 30 Ayes,

0 Nays, 2 Not Voting

0 Nays, 0 Not Voting

[Signature]
Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

[Signature]
Secretary of the Senate

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

This Bill received by the Governor this
22nd day of March, 20 16

at 10:06 o'clock A. M.

[Signature]
Secretary to the Governor

Approved this 24th day of

March

at 10:51 o'clock A. M.

[Signature]
Governor of Arizona

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Bill received by the Secretary of State
this 24 day of March, 20 16

at 2:05 o'clock P. M.

[Signature]
Secretary of State

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