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**CHAPTER 115**  
**SENATE BILL 1238**

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 16-545, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO EARLY VOTING.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Section 16-545, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 16-545. Early ballot

5 A. The early ballot shall be one prepared for use in the precinct  
6 in which the applicant resides and, if a partisan primary election, of the  
7 political party with which the applicant is affiliated as shown by the  
8 affidavit of registration. The ballot shall be identical with the regular  
9 official ballots, except that it shall have printed or stamped on it  
10 "early".

11 B. The officer charged by law with the duty of preparing ballots at  
12 any election shall:

13 1. Prepare the official early ballot and deliver a sufficient  
14 number to the recorder or other officer in charge of elections not later  
15 than the thirty-third day before the election. Except as provided in  
16 section 16-542, subsection D, regular early ballots shall not be  
17 distributed to the general public before the beginning of early voting.

18 2. Ensure that the ballot return envelopes are of a type THAT DOES  
19 NOT REVEAL THE VOTER'S SELECTIONS AND that ~~are~~ IS tamper evident when  
20 properly sealed.

**APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR MARCH 29, 2017.**

**FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE MARCH 29, 2017.**

Passed the House March 23, 2017,

Passed the Senate February 23, 2017,

by the following vote: 54 Ayes,

by the following vote: 30 Ayes,

1 Nays, 5 Not Voting

0 Nays, 0 Not Voting

[Signature]  
Speaker of the House  
[Signature]  
Chief Clerk of the House

[Signature]  
President of the Senate  
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Secretary of the Senate

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA  
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

This Bill was received by the Governor this

27 day of March, 2017,

at 1:51 o'clock P. M.

[Signature]  
Secretary to the Governor

Approved this 29<sup>th</sup> day of

March, 2017,

at 2:02 o'clock P. M.

[Signature]  
Governor of Arizona

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA  
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Bill was received by the Secretary of State

this 29 day of March, 2017,

at 4:59 o'clock P. M.

[Signature]  
Secretary of State

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