

Election Integrity:

2021 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

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To strengthen the integrity of Arizona's elections, reforms are needed to restore voter confidence, maintain clean and current voter rolls, protect mail in ballots, ensure more legislative oversight, and prohibit the undue influence of the outcome of the election.

MAINTAINING CLEAN & CURRENT VOTER ROLLS

Ensuring our state voter registration database and permanent early voter list contains only current, legal residents, who are qualified voters.

- ✓ **HB2054 Kaiser (voter registration database; death records)** Ensures deceased voters are regularly removed from the statewide voter registration database by requiring the Secretary of State to compare the registration database to the monthly record of death from DHS.
- ✓ **SB1069 Ugenti-Rita (permanent early voting list; eligibility)** Removes a voter from PEVL if he or she has not voted in both the primary and general elections in two consecutive elections.
- ✓ **SB1106 Mesnard (voting residency; intent to remain)** Ensures that people who do not meet the intent to remain requirement do not register to vote by making that action a class 6 felony.

PROTECTING MAIL-IN BALLOTS

Ensuring ballots are verified through signature by the correct time as set forth by statute and preventing those who are not verified from being counted.

- ✓ **SB1003 Ugenti-Rita (early voting; signature required; notice)** Prevents unsigned mail in ballots from being counted unless a signature is acquired by 7:00PM election day.

ENSURING LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT

By standardizing election procedures across all counties and empowering the legislature to oversee election practices, results and compliance with statute.

- ✓ **SB1068 Ugenti-Rita (elections manual; legislative council; GRRC)** Requires that the elections instructions and procedures manual produced by the Secretary of State is approved by the Legislative Council and GRRC, instead of the Governor and Attorney General.
- ✓ **HB2616 Biasucci (election data; legislative review authority)** Requires the County Recorder and the County Board of Supervisors provide access to election data prior to the canvassing of the election to the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of the legislature.

PROHIBITING OUTSIDE INFLUENCE

By eliminating the ability of election officers to use internal or external resources to sway the outcome of an election.

- ✓ **HB2569 Hoffman (elections; private funding; prohibition)** Prohibits any public body that conducts an election from receiving private monies for preparing for or administering an election.
- ✓ **SB1358 Ugenti-Rita (recorders; voter registrations; public buildings)** Prohibits election offices from targeting their voter registration programs to influence the outcome of the election results.