ARIZONA STATE SENATE
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FACT SHEET FOR H.B. 2554

~~technical correction; safe deposit; tenancy~~
(NOW: party representative; resident; violation)

Purpose

Requires political party challengers and representatives at polling places to be registered to vote in Arizona. Classifies, as a class 6 felony, knowingly impersonating any election official, political party challenger or political party representative.

Background

Any qualified elector of a county may orally challenge a person offering to vote as not qualified or on the ground that the person has voted before at the same election (A.R.S. § 16-591). If after examination of the challenge, a majority of the election board is satisfied that the challenge is not valid, the challenged person must be allowed to vote (A.R.S. § 16-592). The county chairman of each political party may designate a party agent or representative to act as challengers for the party. One challenger for each political party may be present and act at each polling place. No more than the number of political party representatives for each party that were mutually agreed upon by each political party represented on the ballot may be in a polling place at one time. If no agreement can be reached, the number of political party representatives must be limited to one representative for each political party in the polling place at one time (A.R.S. § 16-590).

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the state General Fund associated with this legislation.

Provisions

1. Requires a political party challenger or representative at a polling place to be a resident and registered to vote in Arizona.

2. Classifies, as a class 6 felony, knowingly impersonating any election official, including an election board member, poll worker, political party challenger or political party representative.

3. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

House Action

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