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The EIC Subcommittee on Election Legislation met on Jan 11, 2017 to discuss election legislation, resulting in the following list of topics for review by the full Commission:

### **Suggested Revisions of Arizona Election Law**

- 1) Eliminate the EAC certification requirement (16-442) and place some meaningful technical review requirements on the equipment approval committee (16-502, 507). Require testing by an accredited lab using standards appropriate for the equipment being tested (16-442).
- 2) Remove names of presidential electors from ballot (16-502, 507)
- 3) Audits should be required, and counties should be able to audit additional races (16-602). Allow counties to use independent ballot scanning systems (like ClearBallot) for auditing.
- 4) Retain ballot images the same period as paper ballots and allow for distribution of ballot images (16-624)
- 5) Allow, but not require, approval or ranked voting (16-647, 650)
- 6) Rewrite recount trigger statute. Current law has meaningless triggers. The trigger is generally smaller than the vote variance seen in recounts. (16-661)
- 7) Change 5 day challenge to at least 10 days (16-673)
- 8) Eliminate the ban on “ballot harvesting”. Unenforceable. (16-1005H)
- 9) Require release of database information statewide (e.g., CVRs and SOVC). (New)
- 10) Ease rules on regaining the right to vote after felonies. Make it easier for felons in more than one county to regain voting rights all in one court.
- 11) Move primary election to May or June (16-201, *10<sup>th</sup> Tuesday prior to general*)
- 12) Clarify voter intent rules for ballot duplication (16-621)
- 13) Require consistent procedures for overvoted ballots. Pima County reviews overvoted early ballots, but not overvoted precinct ballots. (New)
- 14) Clarify the need for voter anonymity, but without a ban on showing anonymous ballot images. Clarify illegality of placing any voter identifying marks on ballots. (16-1018)
- 15) Replace “precinct committeeman” with “precinct committeeperson”.
- 16) Review and revise Procedures Manual before each statewide election (16-452).
- 17) Require uniformity of election reporting to state in easily decipherable format. Include breakdown by polling place, early, and provisional. Include number of in-district ballots. (16-622).
- 18) Maintain existing petition language (19-204). Others have recommended change that would have AZSOS prescribe petition language and change compliance level from “substantially” to “strictly.”
- 19) Maintain requirement for petition signature in 5 counties (16-801). Others have recommended removing this requirement.

### **Deletions**

Proposed deletions refer to tally boards that at one time actually counted votes in public at the polling places, or to lever machines that no longer exist:

Title 16 Sections 517, 531, 601, 604, 605, 606, 607, 614, 615, 616, 618, 619, 620, 641, 643.