

1 **Maricopa County Voter Registration Procedures**

2 4. When the Elections Department (“Department”) receives a new and
3 complete voter registration form, the registration is first checked to determine that
4 the registration contains the five elements required by A.R.S. § 16-121.01, which
5 are the name, residence address, date of birth, signature of the registrant, and an
6 affirmative indicator to the question regarding citizenship. The Department then
7 determines if the registration is accompanied by satisfactory evidence of United
8 States citizenship as prescribed in A.R.S. § 16-166(F).

9 5. When the registrant provides his or her driver’s license number as
10 proof of citizenship, the Department sends the number to the secretary of state
11 who accesses the motor vehicle division database to determine the registrant’s
12 citizenship status. The secretary of state then informs the Department of the
13 results within one business day of receiving the number. The voter’s date of
14 registration is not delayed for the time needed to prove citizenship. For example,
15 a registrant who submits a complete voter registration form to the Department on
16 the last day to register to vote in a particular election, 29 days before the election,
17 will be eligible to vote in that election even if the citizenship verification process
18 takes 1 or 2 days.

19 6. If the registrant submits a copy of his or her birth certificate, U.S.
20 Passport, or any other personal documentation with the voter registration, the
21 Department destroys the personal documents after verifying the registrants
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1 citizenship two years following receipt as prescribed in A.R.S. § 16-166(J).

2 7. When a voter registration form is rejected because the registrant
3 does not provide proof of citizenship, he or she is immediately notified by letter
4 that the registration has been rejected. This notification letter lists the acceptable
5 identification that must be provided with the registration to prove citizenship and
6 the Department encloses a new voter registration form along with a business
7 reply envelope. The Department does not keep track of those registrants who
8 were first rejected for failure to prove citizenship, but later successfully completed
9 a voter registration form with the required proof of citizenship.

10 8. The Department has never distributed the federal voter registration
11 form. Rather, the Department distributes the state mail-in registration form in
12 accordance with A.R.S. § 16-131(B). But the Department will accept a complete
13 federal voter registration form as well as fourteen (14) other types of voter
14 registration forms that are currently in circulation. For instance, the various voter
15 registration forms that are accepted include the current state mail-in registration
16 form (available since July 2005); previous versions of the state mail-in
17 registration form; Federal Post Card Application (A.R.S. § 16-103(B)); and
18 Federal Write-In Early Ballot (A.R.S. §16-103(E)). The procedure used by the
19 Department to process voter registration forms is applied uniformly for all fifteen
20 (15) types of voter registration forms.

Voter Registration Figures Since Proposition 200

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2 9. Maricopa County's voters constitute 58% of all the registered voters
3 in the State of Arizona as of March 1, 2006. From January 1, 2005 through May
4 19, 2006, the Department received a total of 46,529 new voter registrations.
5 During that same period, the Department has rejected only one federal voter
6 registration form that lacked the proof of citizenship.

7 10. The majority of new voter registrants prove their citizenship simply
8 by providing their Arizona driver's license number or nonoperating identification
9 license number. For example, in 2005, the Department received 32,420 new
10 voter registration forms, and less than 10%, or 3,228, of new voter registrations
11 were submitted with proper proof of citizenship other than a driver's license
12 number or nonoperating identification license number. So far in 2006, only 9% of
13 new registrations are received with proper documentation other than a driver's
14 license number or nonoperating identification license number.

15 11. In 2005, the Maricopa County Recorder Helen Purcell referred 159
16 matters to the Maricopa County Attorney Andrew Thomas where there was
17 evidence that non-citizens had registered to vote. In August of 2005, the County
18 Attorney announced that ten non-citizens had been charged in felony criminal
19 complaints for falsely filing voter registration forms claiming they were in fact
20 United States citizens. Four of the Defendants had actually voted in an election.
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