



ARIZONA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Fifty-fifth Legislature
First Regular Session

[HB 2923](#): party representative; resident; violation ([Substituted for SB 1835](#))

Sponsor: Representative Weninger, LD 17

House Engrossed

HB 2923 originally passed the House as [HB 2554](#) and was one of 22 bills recently vetoed by the Governor.

Committee on Government & Elections

House: GE DPA/SE 7-6-0-0 | 3rd Read 31-28-1-0

Senate: GOV DP 4-3-1-0 | 3rd Read 16-14-0-0

Overview

Stipulates that a challenger or party representative must be a resident of Arizona and registered to vote in this state and provides a penalty for impersonating such a person.

History

Current statute authorizes the county chairman of each party for each precinct to designate a party representative or agent for a polling place who may act as challengers for the party which appointed him. At each voting place, one challenger for each political party is authorized to act and be present, but no challenger is allowed to enter a voting booth except to mark his ballot. There is only allowed to be the number of party representatives that was mutually agreed upon by each political party represented on the ballot in the polling place at one time. If this agreement is not reached, the number of representatives is limited to one in the polling place at one time for each political party ([A.R.S. § 16-590](#)).

A person is guilty of a class 5 felony if the person knowingly interferes with an officer of an election in the discharge of the officer's duty or who induces an officer to violate or refuse to comply with the officer's duty or any law regulating the election ([A.R.S. § 16-1004](#)).

Provisions

1. Requires a party representative or challenger to be a resident of and registered to vote in this state. (Sec. 1)
2. Assesses a class 6 felony for a person who knowingly impersonates any election board member, election official, challenger, party representative or other poll worker designated pursuant to statute. (Sec. 2)

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