

## **Senate Bill 1485 Frequently Asked Questions**

On May 11, 2021, Governor Ducey signed into law Senate Bill 1485, which has received national and local media attention. Our office is committed to updating our community, and we have answered some of the most frequently asked questions from voters below.

If you have additional questions about how this new law affects you, call the Pima County Recorder's Office Monday through Friday from 8am to 5pm at 520-724-4330.

### **What does the law do?**

Beginning in January 2025, this new law will require our office to periodically notify certain voters on the Permanent Early Voting List that they are at risk of being removed. The Permanent Early Voting List is currently being renamed. For educational purposes, we will refer to it as the Early Voting List\*.

Beginning in April 2025, voters will be removed from the Early Voting List\* if they haven't voted using a mail ballot in over two years **and** have failed to respond to a warning letter. In order to be removed, a voter would have to miss at least four elections in a row (for voters registered in the City of Tucson, they would need to miss at least five elections in a row).

### **What if I drop off my mail ballot in person?**

If you drop off your mail ballot in person, you will not be at risk of being removed from the Early Voting List\*.

### **Will this law remove me from the voter rolls?**

No. This law will not remove any voters from the voter rolls. The new law does not change who is registered to vote.

### **Do I need to sign up for a mail ballot every year?**

No. Under this new law, there continues to be the Early Voting List\* allowing voters to automatically receive a ballot to their home each election. However, to stay on the Early Voting List\*, you do need to vote using your mail ballot at least once from 2022 to 2024. You can check if you are on the Early Voting List\* at [recorder.pima.gov/VoterStats/VoterInfo](https://recorder.pima.gov/VoterStats/VoterInfo).

### **Will this law prevent me from voting by mail in future elections?**

No. If you are registered to vote in Arizona, you will always be eligible to vote by mail. A voter can always contact the appropriate elections office to request a mail ballot for a specific election.

### **How many Pima County voters will be affected by this new law?**

While it is difficult to predict exactly, our office believes that fewer than 1,500 Pima County voters will be at risk of being removed from the Early Voting List\* as a result of

this law. This represents less than one-half of one percent of Pima County voters (0.02%).

**Will this law affect the 2021 Tucson City Elections?**

No. This new law will **not** affect who receives a ballot for the upcoming 2021 Tucson city elections. If you are an eligible registered voter in the City of Tucson, you will automatically receive a ballot mailed to your home. For more information about the Tucson city elections, visit: [tucsonaz.gov/clerks/elections](https://tucsonaz.gov/clerks/elections)

**Will this law affect how I vote in the 2022 midterm elections?**

No. The 2022 midterm elections will not be affected by this new law. This law will not begin to impact voters until April 2025.

**How do I know if I've been removed from a list?**

Please check [recorder.pima.gov](https://recorder.pima.gov) to confirm your voter registration. You can make changes to your registration at [ServiceArizona.com](https://ServiceArizona.com).

No one will be removed from the Early Voting List\* before April 2025.

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