



Arizona Secretary of State
Voter Registration Policy: Proof of Residency

A person who registers to vote in Arizona shall provide an identifying document that establishes proof of location of residence (“DPOR”). A.R.S. § 16-123. “[A] County Recorder has no duty to verify the registrant’s residency status *and shall rely on the registrant’s documentation or affirmation of residency.*” EPM, p. 15 (emphasis added). In lieu of the voter providing the identifying document, a County Recorder may provide the document via any record maintained by the County Recorder’s Office. This requirement does not apply to qualified persons who are temporarily absent from the state or persons in the service of the United States. A.R.S. § 16-103.

AVID Procedure:

AVID will create a check mark to designate someone as having complied with A.R.S. § 16-123 to the satisfaction of the Recorder. A County Recorder is not required to maintain a copy of any identifying document.

A voter who is otherwise eligible to register to vote but fails to meet state voter registration law will be designated as a Federal Only voter.

Deadline to prove DPOR prior to Election Day:

The voter must provide the DPOR information/documentation to the County Recorder no later than 5:00 p.m. on the Thursday before the election to be eligible to cast a full ballot on election day.

Effective Date: Upon completion and implementation of the necessary changes in the statewide voter registration system.

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Court Order: *Mi Familia Vota v. Fontes*, 2023 WL 8181307, U.S. Dist. Ct. of Arizona (9/14/2023), pgs. 33-34.

o A valid unexpired Arizona driver license or nonoperating ID (“AZ-issued ID”), regardless of whether the address on the AZ-issued ID matches the address on the ID-holder’s voter registration form and even if the AZ-issued ID lists only a P.O. Box.

o A valid and unexpired Arizona driver license or nonoperating identification number that is properly verified by the county recorder.

o Any Tribal identification document, including but not limited to a census card, an identification card issued by a tribal government, or a tribal enrollment card, regardless of whether the Tribal identification document contains a photo, a physical address, a P.O. Box, or no address.

o Tribal members and other Arizona residents are not required to have a standard street address for their home to satisfy A.R.S. § 16-123.

o Written confirmation signed by the registrant that they qualify to register pursuant to A.R.S. § 16-121(B), regarding registration of persons who do not reside at a fixed, permanent, or private structure.

A person who is otherwise qualified to register to vote shall not be refused registration or declared ineligible to vote because the person does not live in a fixed, permanent, or private structure. A.R.S. § 16-121(C). A person who does not reside at a fixed, permanent, or private structure may use any of the following places as their registration address:

1. A homeless shelter to which the registrant regularly returns;
2. The place at which the registrant is a resident;
3. The county courthouse in the county in which the registrant resides; or
4. A general delivery address for a post office covering the location where the registrant is a resident.

Statute:

Any one of the identifying documents prescribed in A.R.S. § 16-579(A)(1) constitutes satisfactory proof of location of residence but is not an exhaustive list of the documents that can be used to satisfy A.R.S. § 16-123.

Valid federal, state, or local government-issued ID with a photo, name, and address.

Non-photo ID with an address:

- bank or credit union statement
- utility bill
- AZ vehicle registration or vehicle insurance card
- property tax statement
- any mailing that is labeled as "official election material"
- voter registration card sent pursuant to A.R.S. § 16-163(B)
- recorder's certificate