

Poll: Arizona Voters Overwhelmingly Support Current Ballot Return Deadline, Want to Keep Vote Centers

Recent polling conducted by Noble Predictive Insights on behalf of Secure Democracy USA, a nonpartisan organization committed to strengthening state election policy, found that nearly **two-thirds (65%) of registered Arizona voters want to keep the early ballot return deadline as-is**. Respondents were presented with the trade-off of shortening the ballot return deadline from 7 p.m. on Election Day to the Friday before Election Day to potentially get faster election results. 23% of respondents want to change the law, while 12% were unsure.

The “continue with the current deadline” and “change the law” totals by political group are:

- Republicans: 62% continue, 30% change
- Democrats: 74% continue, 16% change
- Independents: 61% continue, 22% change

Meanwhile, **three-quarters (75%) of registered voters want to keep county-wide vote centers** rather than return to casting ballots at one specifically-assigned precinct location. 14% of respondents support changing the law to precincts, while 10% were unsure.

The “continue with vote centers” and “change the law” totals by political group are:

- Republicans: 68% continue, 23% change
- Democrats: 86% continue, 7% change
- Independents 74% continue, 12% change

Methodology

Noble Predictive Insights surveyed 935 likely Arizona voters from February 10-13, 2025. The survey has an overall margin of sampling error of +/- 3.2%. The questions and response options were worded as follows:

QUESTION 1: Currently, Arizona voters can drop off early ballots at any voting location until 7 pm on Election Day. Some lawmakers want to require early ballots to be returned four days earlier, the Friday before Election Day. Supporters of this change say it could potentially lead to faster election results. Opponents of this change say all voters should be able to return their ballots until Election Day ends and there are other ways to achieve faster election results. Which would you prefer?

- Continue to require voters to return their ballots by 7 pm on Election Day.
- Change the law to require voters to return their ballots by the Friday before Election Day.
- Not sure.

QUESTION 2: Currently, most Arizona citizens can vote at any vote center in their county. Some lawmakers want to change the law to require that all voters cast their ballot at only one, specifically-assigned location called a precinct. That means county vote centers would be eliminated.

- Continue to allow most voters to cast their ballot at any vote center in their county.
- Change the law so all voters are assigned one specific precinct and can only vote there.
- Not sure.

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