

2022 BILL TRACKING: GOOD BILLS/BAD BILLS

Elections

***HB2492 Hoffman (voter registration; verification; citizenship)** prevents illegals from voting by requiring applications for registration that do not include proof of citizenship to be rejected and requires proof of citizenship as a qualification to vote for President and early by mail. **Signed.**

***HB2617 Chaplik (voter registration; cancellations; causes)** requires counties to regularly check multiple databases to identify whether individuals in the voter registration database are still qualified electors and cancel the registrations of those no longer eligible. **Vetoed.**

***SCR1012 Mesnard (voter identification; affidavit; procedure)** referral of the Arizonans for Voter ID Act to create universal voter ID requirements in Arizona. **Passed.**

***SB1362 Mesnard (early ballot on-site tabulation)** allows counties to provide an option for voters who bring their own early ballot to a polling location on election day to tabulate the ballot after showing valid ID and signing the poll book. **Signed.**

***HB2621 Parker (consent decree; prohibited)** prohibits the state from entering into a consent decree when the constitutionality, legality, or application of an election law is challenged in court unless approved by the Governor, Attorney General, and Legislature. **Failed.**

***SB1260 Mesnard (registrations; early voting; move notice)** authorizes election officials to cancel the registration of a voter when it is known the voter has registered to vote in another county. **Signed.**

SB1119 Borrelli (electronic ballot images; public record.) requires counties to make ballot images available to the public after the polls close. **Failed.**

HB2237 Hoffman (same day voter registration; prohibition) prohibits election officials from registering individuals to vote on election day and allow them to vote. Adds a class 6 felony for doing so. **Passed.**

HB2238 Hoffman (ballot drop boxes; prohibition) prohibits the use of unmonitored ballot drop boxes. **Failed.**

HB2243 Hoffman (voter registration; state residency; cancellation) revived HB2617, to require counties to regularly check multiple databases to identify whether individuals in the voter registration database are still qualified electors and cancel the registrations of those no longer eligible. **Signed.**

SB1008 Ugenti-Rita (elections; recount margin) increases, from 200 votes to 0.5%, the margin for which an automatic recount in an election is triggered. **Signed.**

SB1360 Townsend (election observers; access) requires observers to have equal and meaningful access to observe the entire election process – from ballot design to tabulation. **Failed.**

SB1411 Mesnard (early ballots; tracking system) requires all counties to develop a tracking system for early ballots so individuals can see when their ballot is received, verified, and when it is tabulated. This is currently done in some counties, like Maricopa, but not all. **Signed.**

SB1457 Borrelli (voting machines; hardware; software; access) requires election equipment to meet certain cybersecurity standards, not be able to connect to the internet, track users with unique credentials that are changed each election cycle, log deletion of any data and maintain data for at least 22 months. **Failed.**

SB1477 Townsend (voter registration; felonies; clerk; database) requires the courts to send a monthly record of felony convictions to election officials to cancel the registrations of convicted felons. **Signed.**

SB1285 Ugenti-Rita (elections manual; legislative council) requires the elections procedures manual to approved by the Attorney General and Legislative council, instead of the Governor. **Failed.**

HB2241 Hoffman (early ballot drop off; identification) requires individuals to show identification prior to dropping off an early ballot and to sign documentation attesting to the relationship to a voter for whom they are legally dropping off another voter's ballot. **Failed.**

HB2236 Hoffman (voter registration; request required) prohibits an election official from registering an individual to vote unless the person has affirmatively requested to register to vote. **Signed.**

HB2379 Bolick (election procedures manual; statutory conflict) clarifies that if there is a conflict between the elections procedures manual and state statute, the statute prevails. **Failed.**

HB2493 Hoffman (election integrity fund) establishes the election integrity fund and appropriates \$12 million to be used by counties on election security measures. **Failed.**

HB2494 Hoffman (voter registration events; posting) requires county recorders to post the voter registration events they attend and the political affiliation of the organizations hosting the events to their websites. **Failed.**

Green New Deal

***HB2101 Griffin (electric energy; reliability; public policy)** repeals the current competition requirement laws for electric providers. **Signed.**

SB1150 Steele (electric vehicles; pilot program; appropriation) requires new structures to have an electric vehicle charging outlet in order to receive a building permit and appropriates \$500,000 to subsidize the installation of EV chargers in existing structures. **Failed.**

***SB1151 Steele (charging station; pilot program; appropriation)** appropriates \$500,000 to fund EV charging stations at government agencies and to subsidize private, fee-based EV charges near government agencies. **Failed.**

SB1152 Steele (zero emission vehicles; plans) requires ADOT to develop a plan to register at least 100,000 "zero emission" vehicles in Arizona by 2028. **Failed.**

SB1154 Steele (transportation electrification study committee) creates a study committee to develop a transportation electrification plan and appropriates \$500,000 to "educate" the public about electric vehicles. **Failed.**

Taxes

***SCR1049 Boyer (fire districts; funding; TPT increment)** creates a new 0.1% TPT tax to fund fire districts. **Passed.**

***SB1018 Bowie (tax credit; earned income)** creates a *refundable* earned income tax credit up to 5% of the federal earned income tax credit. **Failed.**

***HB2685 Carroll (transportation tax; election; Maricopa County) (SB1356 Pace)** authorizes a 25-year extension of the half cent Maricopa County regional transportation tax and removes spending guardrails to effectively create a local transit slush fund. **Vetoed.**

***HB2156 Cobb (motion picture production; tax credits) (SB1708 Gowan)** establishes a \$125 million refundable tax credit for Hollywood producers making movies in Arizona. **Became Law Without Signature.**

Government

SB1166 Leach (public employers; union contracts) prohibits public employers from using tax dollars to fund union activities of public employees. **Signed.**

***SB1009 Ugenti-Rita (state of emergency; executive powers)** prohibits a “state of emergency” order from lasting more than 120 days without legislative approval. **Signed.**

HB2587 Grantham (public records; point of contact) requires any entity subject to a public records request to post on a public portion of their website the name, email, and phone number of the employee in charge of records requests. Also requires that individual to respond to a records request within 5 days acknowledging receipt of the request. **Signed.**

SB1048 Petersen (emergency powers; business closure; repeal) (HB2107 Biassucci) repeals statutes that allow local governments to shut down businesses during a declared state of emergency. **Signed.**

HB2616 Chaplik (mask mandates; minors; parental consent) prohibits any mask mandate for minors without the express consent of the minor’s parent. **Signed.**

***HB2453 Carter (governmental entities; mask requirement; prohibition)** prohibits any governmental entity from mandating masks within government buildings. **Signed.**

***HB2498 Hoffman (COVID-19; vaccination requirements; prohibition)** prohibits any governmental entity from imposing a COVID vaccination requirement. **Signed.**

Initiative Reform

SCR1025 Leach (initiative; referendum; legislative districts; signatures) (HCR2014 Dunn) requires signatures from 10 percent of the qualified electors of each legislative district for a statewide ballot initiative. **Failed.**

SB1094 Mesnard (petition signatures; description; invalidity) requires a circulator to either read the 100-word description to or allow sufficient time to an individual wishing to sign a ballot initiative petition. **Failed.**

HCR2015 Dunn (initiatives; supermajority vote; requirement) requires any tax increase on the ballot to pass with at least 60%, if approved by voters this November. **Passed.**

Education

***HB2161 Kaiser (parental rights; schools; educational records)** prohibits schools from withholding from a student’s parents any information that is relevant to the physical, emotional or mental health of the parent's child. **Signed.**

HB2439 Pingerelli (school library books; parental review) requires schools to publicly post a list of books they intend to purchase for the library for 90 days for review. **Signed.**

HB2495 Hoffman (schools; sexually explicit materials; prohibition) prohibits sexually explicit material from being assigned or referred to in classrooms. **Signed.**

***SB1211 Barto (schools; materials; activities; posting; review)** requires schools to post on a public portion of their website the procedures for which a parent may review current learning materials and activities and requires schools to post lists of learning materials, resources in school libraries, training materials, events, and others. **Failed.**

***HCR2001 Kaiser (racial discrimination; public education)** if approved by the voters in 2022, prohibits racially discriminatory curricula (CRT) in schools. **Failed.**

HB2008 Nguyen (schools; academic standards; civics instruction.) requires the development of civic instruction on founding principles from original sources such as the Declaration of Independence, US Constitution, Federalist Papers and others in consultation with the freedom schools. **Signed.**

SB1657 Boyer (ESAs; STOs; student empowerment fund) expands eligibility for Empowerment Scholarship Accounts (ESAs) to students with disabilities, children of veterans, first responders, and health care professionals, low-income students, and students who were eligible under certain executive orders during Covid including eligibility for when a student's school was shut down. **Failed.**

***HB2853 Toma (Arizona empowerment scholarship accounts; appropriation)** expands eligibility for ESAs to all Arizona students. **Signed.**

SB1707 Boyer (ESAs; grant recipients; qualified students) emergency measure expanding eligibility for ESAs to students who qualified for grants under executive orders during Covid. **Failed.**

Cities and Towns

***SB1198 Petersen (local governments; lobbying; prohibition)** prohibits local governments from using taxpayer dollars to hire lobbyists. **Failed.**

HB2099 Cobb (municipalities; membership dues; limit) prevents an organization from charging fees to cities and towns at a higher rate than large member cities like Phoenix and Tucson. **Failed.**

***SB1258 Mesnard (government membership organizations; transparency)** subjects organizations that are made up primarily of government officials (the League of Arizona Cities and Towns) to public records. **Failed.**

HB2375 Cobb (urban revenue sharing; public safety) requires municipalities to use monies from urban revenue sharing (from the state individual income tax) solely for public safety. **Failed.**