SUMMARY OF BALLOT REFERRALS

Bill Number	Reference Title	Description of Ballot Measures
Fiftieth Legislature - First Regular Session		
SCR 1001	Judicial Selection; Procedure	If approved by the voters at the November 2012 General Election, SCR 1001 would make the following changes to judicial selection and judicial procedures: - For terms beginning after January 1, 2013, all Judges and Justices will serve 8-year terms (as opposed to the current term of 4 years for Superior Court judges and 6 years for Court of Appeals/Supreme Court justices). - Raises the mandatory retirement age for Judges and Justices from 70 to 75. - Changes the composition of the Commission on Appellate Court Appointments (CACA) and the Commissions on Trial Court Appointments (CTCA) as follows: 1) 4 of the 5 attorney commission members will be selected by the Governor, and 1 will be appointed by the President of the State Bar; 2) With the vacancy of an attorney member of the commission, the State Bar must forward the Governor all applications for the appointment along with recommendations; 3) Attorney members of the commission must be members of the State Bar for 10 years (increased from 5) and must have no record of formal discipline from the State Bar. - Requires both the CACA and CTCA to submit at least 8 persons to fill a judicial vacancy (or 6 in the case of multiple vacancies). - Requires the Supreme Court to make every written opinion or order issued by a Judge or Justice (that is not sealed by law) electronically accessible to the public through the Supreme Court's website. - Requires that 60 days before the state's primary election date, the Supreme Court shall transmit a copy of the Judicial Performance Review of any Judge or Justice that is up for retention to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate. No later than 60 days before the General Election, a Joint Legislative Committee may meet and take testimony on the Judges and Justices who are up for retention.
SCR 1020	Crime Victims; Protection from Liability	If approved by the voters at the November 2012 General Election, SCR 1020 would prohibit a crime victim from being subject to a claim for damages by a person who is harmed while either: 1) attempting to commit a felony; 2) committing a felony; or 3) fleeing after having committed or attempted to commit a felony.
Fiftieth Legislature - Second Regular Session		
SCR 1001	Military Preservation; Land Exchanges	If approved by the voters at the November 2012 General Election, SCR 1001 would require the Legislature to provide a process to exchange State Trust land for: 1) military installation preservation purposes; or 2) trust land management purposes related to sale, lease or conversion to public use. The measure also establishes the following terms and conditions for the exchange of State Trust land: -The exchange must be in the best interest of the beneficiaries of the trust. -Notice to the public is required before any exchange. The public notice must include full disclosure of the details of the transaction, such as ownership (including independent and ancillary parties), legal description, location, and appraised value of all the parcels subject to exchange - Two public hearings must be held to provide an opportunity for public comment. The hearings are to be in a location of general accessibility in the vicinity of the lands subject to exchange and another at the State Capitol. -Two independent appraisals must verify that the value of the land under consideration for exchange equals or exceeds the value of the land to be conveyed by the state. -Two independent analyses must determine: 1) the income to the trust before and after the proposed exchange; 2) the fiscal impact of the exchange on each county, city, town and school district located within the lands subject to the proposed exchange; and 3) the physical, economic and natural resource impacts on the surrounding or adjacent communities; and 4) the impacts on local land uses and land use plans. -Voters must approve each land exchange at a regular general election.

SCR 1012	Personal Property Tax Exemption Amount	If approved by the voters at the November 2012 General Election, SCR 1012 would increase the tax exemption for personal property used for agricultural, trade or business purposes from $68,079 to an amount equal to the annual earnings of 50 workers in the state, in accordance with a designated national measure of earnings per employee (which is estimated to be $2.4 million). This exemption would apply to property initially acquired during or after Tax Year (TY) 2013. Any property acquired before TY 2013 would be subject to the lower exemption of $68,079.
SCR 1025	Property Tax Assessed Valuation; Limitation	If approved by the voters at the November 2012 General Election, SCR 1025 would limit the annual growth of real property value to the lesser of the full cash value (FCV) or an amount 5% greater than the value of property determined for the prior year, beginning in TY 2015.
HCR 2004	State Sovereignty	If approved by the voters at the November 2012 General Election, HCR 2004 would declare state sovereignty over all lands and resources within the boundaries of Arizona. The measure would establish exclusive authority and jurisdiction over the air, water, public lands, minerals, wildlife and other natural resources within the state boundaries, except essentially on Indian reservations and military installations. The measure would also remove language from the Arizona Constitution referencing the state abandoning title to public lands within the state and acceptance of portions of the 1910 Enabling Act relating to the terms of accepting state trust lands.
HCR 2056	Permanent State Land Fund; Distribution	If approved by the voters at the November 2012 General Election, HCR 2056 would amend the annual distribution from the Permanent Fund to 2.5% of the average monthly market value of the fund for the immediately preceding 5 calendar years. This distribution formula would apply from FY 2013 through FY 2021. After FY 2021, the distribution would revert to the existing formula, which is determined by the average total rate of return in the previous 5 fiscal years, less the average annual change in the GDP price deflator for the previous 5 fiscal years, with the inflation-adjusted rate of return being multiplied by the average market value over the previous 5 years.