

# **Government Committee**

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# GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

## LEGISLATION ENACTED

elections; recount margin (S.B. 1008) – Chapter 230

Increases, from one-tenth of one percent or a set number of votes to one-half of one percent, the margin of votes necessary to trigger an automatic recount in a primary or general election for certain offices.

state of emergency; executive powers (S.B. 1009) – Chapter 220

Caps, beginning January 2, 2023, a Governor's initial state of emergency proclamation for a public health emergency at 30 days. The Governor may extend the state of emergency for up to 120 days, but no single extension may be for a period of more than 30 days. The state of emergency terminates after 120 days, unless extended by concurrent resolution of the Legislature. The Legislature may extend the state of emergency as many times as necessary in increments of up to 30 days. If the state of emergency is not extended by the Legislature, the Governor may not proclaim a new state of emergency based on the same conditions without the passage of a concurrent resolution by the Legislature consenting to the new state of emergency.

On extension of the state of emergency, the Governor must submit a written report to a joint committee of the health committees of the Senate and House of Representatives. The Director of the Department of Health Services (DHS) and a representative of the Governor must provide a briefing to the joint committee after the first 60 days of the state of emergency. The joint committee must give a favorable or unfavorable review of the extension, which must be conspicuously posted on the Governor's and DHS's websites.

secretary of state; federal form (S.B. 1013) – Chapter 268

Requires the Secretary of State, by December 31, 2022, to submit a request to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission to include Arizona's state-specific proof of citizenship instructions on the federal voter registration form.

liens; fees; exemption (S.B. 1089) – Chapter 9

Prohibits a county recorder from receiving any fee for filing or releasing a restitution lien or a lien to enforce a support order and removes the authorization for copies of original documents to be submitted for recordation to a county recorder.

public works; contracts; payments (S.B. 1136) – Chapter 31

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vacation rentals; short-term rentals; enforcement (S.B. 1168) – Chapter 343

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G&F; tags; permits; transfers; refunds (NOW: G&F; tags; permits; voter registration) (S.B. 1170) – Chapter 276

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state capitol museum; transfer (S.B. 1172) – Chapter 211 W/O

Transfers administration of the State Capitol Museum and Museum Gift Shop Revolving Fund from the Secretary of State to Legislative Council.

technical correction; insurance; existing actions (NOW: architect; capitol; legislative council) (S.B. 1178) – Chapter 345

Establishes the Office of the Architect of the Capitol within Legislative Council and requires the Director of Legislative Council to select an Architect of the Capitol and other personnel necessary to develop and maintain a master plan for the state capitol complex. The master plan must be submitted to the Members of Legislative Council annually.

technical correction; release of animals (NOW: JLBC; reporting) (NOW: video service; boundary change; definition) (S.B. 1179) – Chapter 212

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reviser's technical corrections; 2022 (S.B. 1214) – Chapter 112

Makes annual non-substantive technical reviser's corrections to correct defective or conflicting statutory text from the previous session's legislative enactments.

divestment; boycott; Israel; public entities (S.B. 1250) – Chapter 39

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lieutenant governor; duties; ballot (S.B. 1255) – Chapter 349

Conditionally upon the enactment of S.C.R. 1024 by a vote of the people and beginning with elections for terms of office that start in 2027, establishes the office of Lieutenant Governor and requires a candidate for Governor to submit the name of the person who will appear on the ballot as the joint candidate for Lieutenant Governor to the Secretary of State at least 60 days before a general election. The Governor must appoint the Lieutenant Governor to serve as the

Governor's Chief of Staff, the Director of the Arizona Department of Administration or any other position for which the Governor is otherwise authorized by law to make an appointment. The Governor's appointment of the Lieutenant Governor is exempt from requirements relating to nomination and Senate confirmation of appointive officers.

registrations; early voting; move notice (S.B. 1260) – Chapter 270

Classifies, as a class 5 felony, knowingly providing a mechanism for another person who is registered in another state to vote in Arizona. Requires a person who receives an early ballot for a former resident to write "not at this address" on the envelope and place the envelope in a U.S. Postal Service box. Upon receipt of a ballot indicating that a person has moved, the county recorder must take necessary steps to contact the voter or move the voter to inactive status pursuant to statutory requirements. Upon confirmation that a person has registered to vote in another county, the county recorder must cancel the person's registration and remove the person's name from the county's Active Early Voting List.

ADOA; public buildings (S.B. 1261) – Chapter 40

Adds three state buildings to, and removes four state buildings from, the list of buildings for which the Arizona Department of Administration is responsible for the allocation of space, operation, alteration, renovation and security.

~~government lending programs; auditor general (NOW: credit support programs; lending; report) (S.B. 1262)~~ – Chapter 350

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fireworks; use; overnight hours; prohibition (S.B. 1275) – Chapter 18

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~~Arizona national rankings; ranked states (NOW: elections; counties; tabulation; posting) (S.B. 1329)~~ – Chapter 232

Requires a county recorder or other officer in charge of elections, if practicable, to count the number of early ballots returned at voting locations on election day and post the totals on the county website with the last unofficial results released on election night. Beginning the day after the election, a county recorder or other officer in charge of elections in a county with an early ballot tracking system must enter into the tracking system the early ballots returned at the voting location on election day.

state employees; vaccination inquiries prohibited (S.B. 1346) – Chapter 354

Prohibits the state, any state agency or any contractor for the state from sending its employees door-to-door to inquire about a person's vaccination status.

campaign finance report; due date (S.B. 1355) – Chapter 196

Requires a political action committee or political party, for a calendar quarter without an election, to file a campaign finance report by the third Monday in the month after the calendar quarter, rather than within 15 days after the calendar quarter.

early ballot on-site tabulation (S.B. 1362) – Chapter 271

Allows a county recorder or other officer in charge of elections to allow an elector to choose to have the elector's voted early ballot tabulated on-site at a voting location. If a county recorder opts to allow for the on-site tabulation, the county recorder must designate a separate area for the on-site tabulation of early ballots and provide adequate poll workers and election officials. An elector who wishes to have their early ballot tabulated on-site must present identification in the same manner as required to receive a standard ballot at a voting location. An elector that does not present identification must either deposit the elector's voted early ballot in the affidavit envelope in the drop box or surrender the early ballot to the election board for retention in order to vote a provisional ballot.

After an elector presents valid identification, the elector must present the early ballot affidavit to the election official in charge of the signature roster, who must confirm that the name and address on the completed affidavit reasonably appear to be the same as the name and address in the signature roster. After confirmation of an elector's name and address, the elector must sign the signature roster or electronic pollbook, remove the early ballot from the completed affidavit envelope, deposit the empty affidavit envelope into a labeled drop box and insert the ballot into the tabulating machine.

municipal employee assistance; notice (S.B. 1382) – Chapter 114

Requires a city or town, on all applications for a permit, lease or other authorization issued by the city or town, to print a notice of the statutory requirement that a city or town must include the contact information of an employee authorized to provide information regarding specified communications.

committee and program termination; repeal (S.B. 1390) – Chapter 44

Terminates 17 expired programs, commissions, committees, offices and accounts and removes the statutory termination date for: 1) the Prisoner Transition Program within the Arizona Department of Corrections, Rehabilitation and Reentry; 2) the Environmental Exposure Risk Assessment Program established by the Department of Health Services; 3) Arizona's participation in the Education Commission within the Interstate Compact for Education; 4) the Doula Community Advisory Committee; 5) the Arizona Poison Control System's Teratogen Information Program; and 6) the Telehealth Advisory Committee on Telehealth Best Practices.

governmental mall; legislative council (NOW: state capitol areas; jurisdiction; maintenance) (S.B. 1407) – Chapter 357

Transfers oversight of the authorization and construction of monuments or memorials within the Governmental Mall from the Arizona Department of Administration to Legislative Council. Legislative Council is responsible for the allocation of space, operation, alteration, renovation and control of Wesley Bolin Memorial Plaza, except for the southwest portion of the parking lot area.

early ballots; tracking system (S.B. 1411) – Chapter 358

Beginning January 1, 2024, requires a county recorder or other officer in charge of elections in a county that uses early ballots to provide an early ballot tracking system for voters on the county's website. The early ballot tracking system must indicate whether a voter's early ballot has been received and verified and sent to be tabulated or rejected. Appropriates \$250,000 in FY 2023 from the state General Fund to the Secretary of State for enhancements to the Arizona voter information database to provide for early ballot tracking.

election law amendments (S.B. 1460) – Chapter 277

Makes various changes to election requirements relating to the issuance of ballots, post-redistricting procedures and voter registration information maintenance. Allows a voter who received an early ballot to vote a standard ballot at a voting location after presenting identification, if the electronic poll book or other system indicates that the voter's early ballot has not been returned or accepted by a county recorder. Outlines process requirements for surrendered early ballots. If redistricting makes it necessary to adjust county precinct boundaries after October 1, a county board of supervisors (county BOS) must adjust the precinct boundaries as soon as practicable, and a county recorder must transfer all voters to the new precinct within 60 days. Modifies deadlines for a county BOS to provide notice of certain consolidated and local elections.

Adds a person elected or appointed to the U.S. Congress, the Legislature or a statewide office to the list of persons who are eligible to request that the general public be prohibited from accessing the person's identifying voter registration information. Allows a county recorder to use the Electronic Voter Registration Information Center to identify registrants whose address may have changed. If it is determined that a registrant's address has changed, the county recorder must send the registrant a notice of the change in order to correct or verify the registration information.

voter registration; felonies; clerk; database (S.B. 1477) – Chapter 251

Requires the clerk of the superior court to send a monthly record of felony convictions to the Secretary of State (SOS) for the purpose of canceling the name of the convicted felons from the statewide voter registration database. The SOS must notify the appropriate county recorder who must cancel the voter registration of the convicted felon.

Arizona America250 commission (S.B. 1497) – Chapter 49

Establishes the 11-member Arizona America250 Commission (Commission) to plan, develop, encourage and coordinate the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the United States and prescribes Commission membership and duties. By December 31, the Commission must submit an annual report to the Governor and Legislature. Terminates the Commission on October 1, 2027.

municipal firefighters; cancer fund; distributions (S.B. 1515) – Chapter 361

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annexation; pre-annexation agreements (NOW: state lands; annexation; delegation; minerals) (S.B. 1594) – Chapter 215

Allows a city, town or developer to enter into a pre-annexation agreement with a property owner in which the owner agrees to future annexation of an area that includes the owner's property. A property owner that has entered into a pre-annexation agreement is included for the purposes of calculating the minimum number of required annexation petition signatures regardless of whether the owner has signed the annexation petition.

early ballots; visually impaired voters (S.B. 1638) – Chapter 174

Requires Arizona elections to provide for voting by use of an accessible vote by mail option for persons who are blind or have a visual impairment.

Delays the effective date of Laws 2022, Chapter 99, relating to voter registration verification and satisfactory evidence of voter citizenship, from September 24, 2022, to January 1, 2023.

appointment; ombudsman-citizens aide (S.B. 1721) – Chapter 365 E

An emergency measure effective July 6, 2022, that appoints Joanne MacDonnell as the Ombudsman-Citizens Aide for a term ending July 1, 2027.

legislature; ninety house districts (NOW: voter identification; affidavit; procedure) (S.C.R. 1012/H.C.R. 2025)

Subject to voter approval, statutorily requires an early ballot affidavit to be able to be concealed when delivered or mailed and requires a voter to provide the voter's early voter identification number, date of birth and signature on the early ballot affidavit. A voter must include the voter's early voter identification number and date of birth on an early ballot affidavit in order for the early ballot to be counted. A voter's *early voter identification number* includes the voter's: 1) Arizona driver license number; 2) Arizona nonoperating identification number; 3) last four digits of their social security number; or 4) unique identifying number assigned by the Secretary of State.

Upon receipt of an early ballot envelope, a county recorder or other officer in charge of elections must confirm the elector's early voter identification and date of birth. If an elector's early voter identification or date of birth cannot be confirmed upon receipt of an early ballot envelope, a county recorder or other officer in charge of elections must make reasonable efforts to contact the voter to allow the voter to correct or confirm the information in the same manner required for inconsistent early ballot affidavit signatures.

Removes the authorization for a person to provide two different forms of non-photograph identification at a polling place in order to receive a ballot at a voting location. An early ballot affidavit statement must include a space for a person who assists a voter with marking the voter's ballot to provide the person's telephone number and relationship to the voter. Prohibits the Arizona Department of Transportation from charging a fee to issue a nonoperating identification license if a person attests that the person has applied for the license in order to vote or register to vote. Requires the Secretary of State to submit the proposition to the voters at the next general election. Becomes effective if approved by the voters and on proclamation of the Governor.

lieutenant governor; joint ticket (S.C.R. 1024)

Subject to voter approval and beginning with elections for terms of office that start in 2027, constitutionally establishes the office of Lieutenant Governor within the Executive Department. The nominee for Lieutenant Governor must run on a joint ticket with the candidate for Governor at the general election and appear on the ballot with or below the name of the joint nominee for Governor. The Lieutenant Governor, followed by the Secretary of State, Attorney General, State Treasurer and Superintendent of Public Instruction, succeeds to the office of the Governor in the event of the death, resignation, removal or permanent disability to discharge the duties of the office of the Governor until a successor is elected. In the event of the death, resignation, removal or permanent disability to discharge duties of the Lieutenant Governor, the Governor must appoint a person to serve as Lieutenant Governor, subject to approval by a majority vote of each legislative chamber.

educational opportunities; children; support (NOW: fire districts; funding; TPT increment) (S.C.R. 1049)

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first responder flags; homeowners' associations (NOW: flags; homeowners' associations) (H.B. 2010) – Chapter 272

Prohibits a condominium unit owners' association or a planned community association from prohibiting the outdoor display of a first responder flag, a Blue Star service flag, a Gold Star Service flag or any flag of the U.S. uniformed services.

county improvement districts; formation (H.B. 2012) – Chapter 92

Requires a petition to a county board of supervisors requesting the establishment of a county improvement district to be signed by both, rather than either, a majority of the persons owning real property and the owners of at least 51 percent of the real property within the proposed district boundaries.



Mormon migration monument; governmental mall (H.B. 2058) – Chapter 149

Authorizes the Arizona Department of Administration to provide for the placement of a Mormon Migration Monument in the Governmental Mall by October 1, 2025. All fundraising and contracts for artistic design and construction are the responsibility of the proponents of the memorial.

county improvement districts; recreation; governance (H.B. 2067) – Chapter 93

Allows a county board of supervisors (county BOS) of a county with a county improvement district (district) that provides recreational improvements and with a population of fewer than 125,000 persons to provide for the district to be governed by a separately elected board of directors. Outlines procedures for the initial appointment of the board of directors, subsequent elections for the boards of directors by the district's qualified electors and filling a vacancy on the board of directors. Outlines requirements to modify district boundaries. The authority for a county BOS to provide for the separate governance of a district terminates if the county BOS does not adopt a resolution and appoint the initial board of directors by December 31, 2025.

memorial; American Revolution; patriots' plaque (H.B. 2087) – Chapter 241

Authorizes the Arizona Department of Administration to construct a Daughters of the American Revolution Memorial Plaque in the Wesley Bolin Memorial Plaza.

trademarks; service marks; trade names (H.B. 2103) – Chapter 80

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emergency powers; business closure; repeal. (H.B. 2107) – Chapter 86

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HOAs; ~~artificial grass ban prohibited~~ (NOW: artificial grass ban prohibited; HOAs) (H.B. 2131) – Chapter 101

Prohibits a planned community association (HOA) that allows natural grass on a member's property from prohibiting the installation or use of artificial turf on a member's property, unless certain conditions are met. An HOA may adopt reasonable rules regarding the installation and appearance of artificial turf and require the removal of artificial turf that creates a health or safety issue or is not maintained in accordance with the HOA's standards for maintenance.

homeowners' associations; political; community activity (H.B. 2158) – Chapter 125

Prohibits a condominium unit owners association or a planned community association (HOA) from prohibiting or unreasonably restricting: 1) the indoor or outdoor display of an association-specific political sign on an owner's property; or 2) an owner's ability to peacefully

assemble and use common areas, if done in compliance with use restrictions. An HOA may adopt reasonable rules regarding the display of an association-specific political sign, with certain restrictions. An owner may invite one political candidate or guest to speak to an assembly of owners about matters related to the condominium or planned community and a groups of owners may assemble if done in compliance with property use restrictions to discuss matters related to the condominium or planned community.

voter registration; request required (H.B. 2236) – Chapter 259

Prohibits a state agency, department or division or political subdivision or a person acting on behalf of a state agency, department or division or political subdivision from registering a person to vote unless the person affirmatively requests to register to vote.

same day voter registration; prohibition (H.B. 2237) – Chapter 252

Prohibits a state agency, department or division or a political subdivision or person acting on behalf of the state or a political subdivision from registering a person to vote on election day and deeming the person eligible to vote in that election. Classifies, as a class 6 felony, registering a person to vote on election day and deeming the person eligible to vote in that election.

voter registration; state residency; cancellation (H.B. 2243) – Chapter 370

Requires a juror questionnaire to inform the person that their voter registration will be cancelled if the person is disqualified from jury duty as a result of responding that they are not an Arizona resident or a U.S. citizen. A jury commissioner or jury manager must forward to the Secretary of State (SOS) and county recorder a summary report derived from jury questionnaire data that contains information indicating that a person is not a U.S. citizen or does not reside in the county. Requires a county recorder to cancel a person's voter registration when the county recorder: 1) receives a form on which the person has confirmed under penalty of perjury that the person is not an Arizona resident; 2) receives a summary report from a jury commissioner or jury manager indicating that the person has stated that the person is not a county resident; or 3) obtains other specified information and confirms that the person is not a U.S. citizen. Prior to cancelling a person's voter registration after receiving a summary report from a jury commissioner or jury manager or information that a person is not a U.S. citizen, a county recorder must send the person a notice requesting the person to confirm their registration eligibility. If the person does not return the form within 35 days, the county recorder must cancel the person's voter registration and notify the county attorney and Attorney General for possible investigation.

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) must furnish the SOS a monthly list of persons who ADOT has been notified have been issued a driver license or the equivalent of an Arizona nonoperating identification license from another state (out-of-state license). Within 10 days of receipt of the list, the SOS must provide the appropriate county recorder a list of registered voters who have been issued an out-of-state license. A county recorder must send a person who has obtained an out-of-state license a form requesting the person to confirm under penalty of perjury that they are an Arizona resident and not knowingly registered to vote in another state. If the person does return the form within 90 days, the county recorder must place the person's registration in inactive status.

Each month, the SOS and each county recorder, to the extent practicable, must compare outlined databases with the statewide and county voter registration databases. After cancelling a voter registration, a county recorder must send a forwardable notice to the person informing the person: 1) that their voter registration has been cancelled; 2) the reason for the cancellation; 3) the qualifications of electors; and 4) the instructions on registering to vote if the person is qualified. The SOS must submit a quarterly report to the Legislature on outlined voter registration eligibility and cancellation information.

~~schools; student promotions~~ (NOW: search; rescue; human remains; canines) ([H.B. 2284](#)) – Chapter 374

Allows an anatomical gift to be made to a search and rescue unit established by any federal, state, county or local governmental entity to train search and rescue canines. A county sheriff or their designee must keep and update an inventory of all human remains kept for training search and rescue canines. Each county search and rescue unit must establish policies and standard operating procedures for access to, the inventory of and the possession and disposal of human remains kept to train search and rescue canines. A county sheriff may transfer an anatomical gift to any federal, state, county or local search and rescue unit.

~~appropriation; border fence construction~~ (NOW: revenue distribution; border security) ([H.B. 2317](#)) – Chapter 334

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~~schools; instruction; 9/11 education day~~ ([H.B. 2325](#)) – Chapter 244

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~~state agencies; cash payment; acceptance~~ (NOW: enforcement prohibition; vaccinations; requirements) ([H.B. 2371](#)) – Chapter 263

Prohibits the state or a political subdivision that receives and uses state tax revenues from requiring a person under 18 years old to receive a vaccination for COVID-19 or a COVID-19 variant without a parent's or guardian's consent. A violation of the prohibition is a class 1 misdemeanor.

~~technical correction; bingo license; transfer~~ (NOW: video services providers; enforcement; jurisdiction) ([H.B. 2391](#)) – Chapter 293

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governmental entities; mask requirement; prohibition (H.B. 2453) – Chapter 247

Prohibits the state or any political subdivision that receives and uses tax revenues, including the judiciary, from imposing any requirement that a person wear a mask or face covering on the governmental entity's premises, except for special health care districts and premises where long-standing workplace safety and infection control measures unrelated to COVID-19 may be required.

incorporation; urban areas (H.B. 2455) – Chapter 108

Repeals the requirement that petitioners for the incorporation of certain urbanized areas notify and receive permission from the declarant of any planned community association (HOA) during the period of declarant control for the HOA to be included in the proposed incorporation area. Upon request from the declarant, a county board of supervisors (county BOS) must exclude an HOA from a proposed incorporation of certain urbanized areas and reject the proposed incorporation if the remaining area does not meet minimum population qualifications. Before obtaining signatures and at least six months before publishing a copy of the petition in a newspaper, incorporation petitioners must provide a county BOS with a written notice of intention to publish a copy of the petition. An area proposed for incorporation may include large areas of uninhabited, rural or farmlands if certain requirements are met.

municipality; general plan; adoption; amendment (H.B. 2482) – Chapter 166

Requires all major amendments to a municipality's general plan proposed for adoption by the municipality's governing body to be presented at a public hearing within 12 months of submission of the proposal, rather than at a single public hearing during the calendar year the proposal is made.

Uyghurs; forced labor; contracts; prohibition (H.B. 2488) – Chapter 295

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voter registration; verification; citizenship (H.B. 2492) – Chapter 99

Requires a person to provide satisfactory evidence of citizenship in order to be qualified to register to vote or deemed a qualified elector. Any voter registration application that does not include all statutorily required information or that is not signed is incomplete and a county recorder may not register a voter with an incomplete voter registration form until all information is returned. A person must provide proof of location of residence and place of birth with an identifying document to be presumed properly registered to vote. The county recorder must notify a voter with an incomplete state voter registration form pursuant to statutory requirements.

A person, except for an absent uniformed services or overseas voter registered pursuant to the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, who has registered to vote using a federal voter registration form without providing satisfactory evidence of citizenship is not eligible to vote in presidential elections or receive a ballot by mail.

A county recorder must reject any state voter registration application that is not accompanied by satisfactory evidence of citizenship and notify the applicant of the rejection. Within 10 days of receiving a federal voter registration form that is not accompanied by satisfactory evidence of citizenship, a county recorder or other officer in charge of elections must use all available resources, including outlined databases, to verify the applicant's citizenship status. Failure by a county recorder or other officer in charge of elections to reject an incomplete voter registration application or verify citizenship status and knowingly cause the registration of an applicant who is determined to not be a U.S. citizen is a class 6 felony.

A county recorder or other officer in charge of elections who verifies that an applicant is not a U.S. citizen must reject the application, notify the applicant of the rejection and forward the application to the county attorney and Attorney General (AG) for investigation. If a county recorder or other officer in charge of elections is unable to verify the citizenship of an applicant, the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections must notify the applicant that citizenship could not be verified and that the applicant will not be qualified to vote in a presidential election or by mail with an early ballot until satisfactory evidence of citizenship has been provided.

The Secretary of State (SOS) and each county recorder must make a list of all individuals who are registered to vote and who have not provided satisfactory proof of citizenship available to the AG. The AG must use all available resources to verify the citizenship status of each applicant provided by the SOS or a county recorder and compare the information available on the application with outlined databases. The AG must prosecute individuals found not to be U.S. citizens and submit a report of the findings to the SOS and Legislature.

#### COVID-19; vaccination requirements; prohibition (H.B. 2498) – Chapter 180

Prohibits the state or any political subdivision that receives or uses tax revenues from requiring an Arizona resident to receive a vaccination for COVID-19 or any variant of COVID-19. Exempts a health care institution that is owned or operated by a government entity from the prohibition.

#### religious services; essential services (H.B. 2507) – Chapter 181

Prohibits the state, any political subdivision, a state agency, court, public institution of higher education, any person acting in an official capacity or any private person who sues under or attempts to enforce a law, rule or regulation from taking any discriminatory action against a religious organization on the basis that the organization is religious, operates during a state of emergency or engages in the exercise of religion. *Discriminatory action* is any direct or indirect act or practice that adversely affects a religious organization. Religious services are essential services during a state of emergency and religious organizations must be allowed to continue to operate to the same extent as other businesses and organizations that provide essential services during a state of emergency.

Outlines procedures and requirements for a religious organization to assert a violation of the prohibition on discriminatory action. The prohibition on discriminatory action, requirements related to religious services as essential services and requirements relating to legal actions and

recovery of damages do not apply to a case based on a violation of certain criminal classifications or a tort action brought by a victim of such criminal conduct against a religious organization, including a civil action arising from sexual conduct or sexual contact committed against a minor.

residential zoning; park model trailers (H.B. 2579) – Chapter 182

Requires a county to allow the use of a park model trailer as an accessory dwelling unit for use as a single-family residence in a location zoned for one dwelling unit per three acres or greater. A park model trailer must be on a semi-permanent or permanent foundation that has utility connections and meet all drainage, floodplain, sanitary, sewer or septic waste disposal requirements and all other zoning standards. An accessory dwelling unit on a land parcel in a high noise or accident potential zone must comply with applicable zoning requirements. A county may require a building permit and inspection for installation of a park model trailer and may review and allow for additions to the park model trailer.

public records; point of contact (H.B. 2587) – Chapter 142

Requires any entity that is subject to a public records request to provide and publish on the entity's website the contact information of the employee or department who is authorized to provide the requested information. The authorized employee or department must reply to a public records request within five business days acknowledging receipt of the request, unless the entity maintains a centralized online public records portal.

administrative hearings; GRRC (H.B. 2599) – Chapter 265

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Arizona women suffrage memorial; extension (H.B. 2603) – Chapter 156

Extends, from October 1, 2022, to October 1, 2025, the repeal date for the Arizona Department of Administration's authority to establish a memorial commemorating Frances Willard Munds in the Wesley Bolin Memorial Plaza.

occupational regulation (H.B. 2612) – Chapter 59

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mask mandates; minors; parental consent (H.B. 2616) – Chapter 184

Prohibits the state or a political subdivision, governmental entity, school district or charter school from requiring a person under 18 years old to wear a mask or face covering without the express consent of the person's parent or guardian.

animal handling; microchip scan (H.B. 2626) – Chapter 207

Requires a dog or cat to be thoroughly scanned for the presence of a microchip and a reasonable effort to be made to contact the dog's or cat's owner, if the dog or cat is: 1) impounded in a county pound, city or town facility, veterinarian or humane society; 2) brought to or taken possession of by an animal shelter, veterinarian or animal crematory; or 3) deceased and removed from a public place by a city or town employee or contractor or brought to a county pound, city or town facility, veterinarian or humane society.

property tax liens; expiration dates (H.B. 2629) – Chapter 69

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Asian American; Pacific Islander month (H.B. 2639) – Chapter 304

Designates May of each year as Asian American and Pacific Islander Month.

fire district bonds; merger; consolidation (H.B. 2699) – Chapter 84

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~~auditor general; audits; county elections~~ (NOW: secure online signature collection) (H.B. 2703) – Chapter 266

Requires the Secretary of State (SOS) to continue operating and maintain full functionality and availability of the secure online portal and related systems for online signature collection and the submittal of qualifying contributions (E-Qual). The SOS may temporarily remove, close down or limit access to E-Qual as necessary to update the portal or system after providing notice and an estimate of how long E-Qual will be unavailable to candidates.

candidate nominations; signatures; redistricting. (H.B. 2839/S.B. 1719) – Chapter 3 E

An emergency measure effective March 3, 2022, that sets the minimum number of required signatures for the nomination petition of a 2022 legislative or congressional candidate as the lesser of: 1) the average number of signers needed for all 2020 legislative or congressional districts for the candidate's party using the January 2, 2022, voter registration report; or 2) the required number of signatures determined by the January 2, 2022, voter registration report and using the 2020 district with the same numeral as the district that the candidate proposes to represent on the candidate's 2022 nomination paper. For non-federal, statewide or legislative offices in 2022, a filing officer must accept statements of interest, nomination papers, nomination petitions and petition signatures if the candidate designated a district, or the petition signer resides in a district, as: 1) used in the election immediately preceding redistricting; 2) designated as a result of a redistricting plan adopted for the upcoming election; or 3) designated as a result of a redistricting plan ordered for use by a court.

Outlines procedures for the election of precinct committeemen (PC) in 2022. A PC must submit nomination papers or written statements to the county party committee who must verify eligibility and submit one candidate for each election precinct in the county to the county board of supervisors for appointment.

state budget implementation; 2022-2023 ([H.B. 2857/S.B. 1724](#)) – Chapter 308

[SEE THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE.](#)

local government; 2022-2023. ([H.B. 2867/S.B. 1734](#)) – Chapter 318

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state buildings; management; 2022-2023 ([H.B. 2868/S.B. 1735](#)) – Chapter 319

[SEE THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE.](#)

procurement; 2022-2023 ([H.B. 2869/S.B. 1736](#)) – Chapter 320

[SEE THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE.](#)

Romania; visa waiver program ([H.C.M. 2008](#))

[SEE MEMORIALS & RESOLUTIONS.](#)

initiatives; supermajority vote; requirement ([H.C.R. 2015](#))

Subject to voter approval, constitutionally requires 60 percent of voters, rather than a majority of voters at a statewide election, to approve an initiative or referendum that approves a tax. Requires the Secretary of State to submit the proposition to the voters at the next general election. Becomes effective if approved by the voters and on proclamation of the Governor.

honoring military interpreters ([H.R. 2003](#))

[SEE MEMORIALS & RESOLUTIONS.](#)

border wall; construction materials; repurpose ([H.R. 2004](#))

[SEE MEMORIALS & RESOLUTIONS.](#)



## LEGISLATION VETOED

### governor's declaration; fiscal impact analysis (S.B. 1592) – VETOED

Retroactive to January 1, 2020, prohibits the State Treasurer, in any year in which the Governor has initially declared a state of war emergency or state of emergency for a public health emergency, from withholding state shared revenues from a city with a convention center project that failed to meet statutory requirements relating to attendance, funding and revenues for an eligible convention center project. In conducting a required analysis or estimate of the economic impact of an eligible project in the years following an initial public health emergency declaration, the Office of the Auditor General must assume that the: 1) city satisfied minimum attendance requirements in the year of the initial declaration and the year following the declaration; and 2) incremental revenues to the state General Fund in the year of the initial declaration and the year following the declaration at least equaled distributions by the state from the Arizona Convention Center Development Fund.

The Governor indicates in his [veto message](#) that S.B. 1592 fails to consider important context and attempts to solve a problem that does not yet, and may never, exist.

### voter registration; cancellations; causes (H.B. 2617) – VETOED

Requires a county recorder to cancel a person's voter registration when the county recorder receives and confirms information that the person: 1) is not a U.S. citizen; 2) has been issued a driver license or the equivalent of an Arizona nonoperating identification license from another state (out-of-state license); or 3) is otherwise not a qualified elector. The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) must furnish to the Secretary of State (SOS) a monthly list of persons who ADOT has been notified have been issued an out-of-state license. Within 10 days of receipt of the list, the SOS must provide the appropriate county recorder a list of registered voters who have been issued an out-of-state license. Prior to cancelling the voter registration of a person who has received an out-of-state license, the county recorder must send the person a 90-day cancellation notice. If the person does not provide satisfactory evidence within 90 days, the county recorder must cancel the person's registration and notify the county attorney or Attorney General for possible investigation.

Each month, the SOS and each county recorder, to the extent practicable, must compare outlined databases with the statewide and county voter registration databases. The SOS must report to the Legislature each quarter on the number of deaths reported to the SOS by the Department of Health Services and the number of voter registration cancellation notices issued to county recorders as a result of the reports.

A jury commissioner or jury manager must forward a summary report derived from a jury questionnaire that contains information indicating that a person is not a U.S. citizen or does not reside in the county to the SOS and county recorder.

The Governor indicates in his [veto message](#) that H.B. 2617 does not include necessary safeguards to protect the vote of persons who are eligible and lawfully registered to vote and that the implementation of certain provisions are vague and lack guidance for county recorders.