

PROPOSITION 133
[HCR 2033 - 2023]

primary elections; eligible candidates

ANALYSIS BY LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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1 The Arizona Constitution currently requires the Legislature to enact a direct primary
2 election law for the nomination of candidates for all elective state, county and city offices,
3 including federal congressional offices. The Arizona Constitution also allows a city or town that
4 has adopted a charter form of government to enact and implement laws for the selection of its
5 governing officers that may conflict with the state election laws.

6 Proposition 133 would amend the Arizona Constitution to:

7 1. Require that the direct primary election for any partisan office allow each political party
8 that has qualified for representation on the ballot to nominate the same number of candidates for
9 the office as the number of positions to be filled for that office in the next general election.

10 2. Require that each eligible candidate who is nominated by a political party that has
11 qualified for representation on the ballot in a direct primary election be placed on the official ballot
12 in the next general election.

13 3. Provide that the state direct primary election law supersedes any city charter, law,
14 ordinance, rule, resolution or policy that is inconsistent with or contrary to the state direct primary
15 election law.