

House Engrossed Senate Bill
general election day; all offices

State of Arizona
Senate
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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 1023

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF ARIZONA; AMENDING ARTICLE VII, SECTION 11, CONSTITUTION OF ARIZONA; RELATING TO ELECTION DATES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Arizona, the House of
2 Representatives concurring:

3 1. Short title

4 This act may be cited as the "Voter Participation and
5 Uniform Elections Act."

6 2. Findings

7 A. The people of Arizona find and declare as follows:

8 1. Uniform elections lower the barriers to ballot
9 access, allow more Arizona voters the opportunity to exercise
10 their right to vote and increase voter participation and
11 turnout.

12 2. Uniform elections reduce the costs of holding
13 elections.

14 3. The ability to pass uniform election laws in this
15 state has been frustrated by the court decision in Strode v.
16 Sullivan, 72 Ariz. 360 (1951), and subsequent court decisions
17 holding that charter city elections are not governed by the
18 general laws of this state.

19 B. Wherefore, based on these findings, the people of
20 Arizona enact the Voter Participation and Uniform Elections
21 Act to decrease election costs, increase voter participation
22 in local elections, enhance election integrity and overrule
23 court decisions to the extent that they are inconsistent with
24 this act.

25 3. Article VII, section 11, Constitution of Arizona, is proposed to
26 be amended as follows if approved by the voters and on proclamation of the
27 Governor:

28 11. General election and local election dates:
29 legislative regulation of local elections

30 Section 11. A. There shall be a general election of
31 representatives in congress, and of state, county, CITY, TOWN,
32 SCHOOL DISTRICT and precinct officers on the first Tuesday
33 after the first Monday in November of the first even numbered
34 year after the year in which Arizona is admitted to statehood
35 and biennially thereafter.

36 B. THE LEGISLATURE SHALL PRESCRIBE UNIFORM DATES AND
37 PROCEDURES FOR COUNTY, CITY AND TOWN ELECTIONS, INCLUDING
38 CHARTER CITY AND COUNTY ELECTIONS.

39 4. The Secretary of State shall submit this proposition to the
40 voters at the next general election as provided by article XXI,
41 Constitution of Arizona.