



2023 County Government Platform

Approved by the AACo Board of Directors on October 28th, 2022

Fiscal Measures

1. **Personal Exemption Affidavits (Assessors)** – Expand the list of medical professionals who can sign off on disability or provide alternative documentation in lieu of a physician's signature.
2. **Short-Term Rental Classification (Assessors)** – Create standard rules for when a short-term residential property is residential (Class 4) or commercial (Class 1).
3. **Fee Increase (Constables)** – Add \$18 fee into statute on writs to a total of \$46 on the fee to offset costs of executing evictions in cases where the tenant does not voluntarily leave.
4. **Constable Salary Increase (Constables)** – Set flat rate salary for each tier, have tiers determined by workload, increase pay slightly especially for those capped out in larger precincts and move process more into statute limiting Board discretion.
5. **State Constable Salaries (Constables)** – Create cost-sharing on Constable salaries similar to the sharing between the State and Counties on Justice of the Peace salaries.
6. **Adult Jail Education Funding (School Superintendents)** – Change funding level for county jail education program from 72% to 100% of the amount that would be paid for a pupil in another accommodation school program.
7. **Lateral Hire Reimbursement (Sheriffs)** – Agencies pay for costs of training when hiring laterally from other agencies.
8. **Off-Highway Vehicle Fee (Sheriffs)** – Modify off-highway vehicle decal statutes to increase the fee or redirect current funding for OHV and SAR response costs for sheriffs.

Efficiency Measures

9. **Residency Requirements (Attorneys)** – Allow hiring of deputies or assistants to elected officials to be hired while they live outside the state by removing the residency requirement.
10. **Clean Up (Election Officials)**
 - a. **Remove two paragraphs conflicting with last year's omnibus** – Both paragraphs address information that is already provided in voter file.
 - b. **Modernize language for ballot instructions** – Add language from the pamphlets about black or blue pens and other plain English into the statute.

- c. **Permissive language for removing late early ballots from polling place to count** – Allow early ballots dropped off at polling locations to be brought back to be processed before polling locations close for to start verification sooner.
 - d. **Clean-up 16-583 and 16-584 on paper rosters given ePollbook usage** – Clarifying statute to utilize ePollbooks.
 - e. **Clarify what happens to rejected early and provisional ballots** – Storage of these are separate from the other ballots after the election.
 - f. **Make 45-415C language consistent with Title 16** – Special local initiative language for active management areas is not currently consistent with standard election procedure.
 - g. **Voter Registration Form Update** – Add sections on the voter registration form that indicate whether the request is new or an update.
- 11. Procedures Manual (Election Officials)** – Codify that a manual that was previously approved remains in effect absent a new one while allowing elections officials to operate under new laws passed since the manual’s creation and requiring county consultation in creation of the EPM.
- 12. Title 19 Recall Changes (Election Officials)** – Move the deadline to call a recall election from 90 days before election to 120 days before and make related changes.
- 13. Can’t Pay Per Voter Reg Form (Recorders)** – Prohibit the practice of paying people “per form” when registering voters. Workers could still be paid hourly.
- 14. Display Ballot Harvesting Law (Recorders)** – Add a requirement that voting locations or voting instructions include the ballot harvesting law text so that voters understand the extent of the law.
- 15. Early Ballot w/ ID = No Signature Verification Needed (Recorders)** – Allow early ballots where the elector provided proper identification at an early voting location to be placed in a “ready to tabulate” bin while those mailed in will still have to be signature verified.
- 16. Weekend Voting (Recorders)** – Keep early voting centers open for the three days prior to election day instead of only having emergency voting centers that are opened on a discretionary basis.
- 17. Tax Statement Mailing (Treasurer)** – Allow mortgagors to request the tax statement online instead of in physical mail.

Public Safety/Criminal Justice Measures

- 18. Aggravated Unlawful Flight (Attorneys)** – Change statute so that worse or more dangerous flight from law enforcement is given a higher level of felony.

19. Drug Homicide (Attorneys) – Establish a new offense for individuals who provide drugs to an individual who then dies from the drug use utilizing second class homicide as the basis for the sentencing.

20. Title 36 Cleanup (Sheriffs) – Revise statute to clarify responsibilities and ensure individuals are connected with services either on a voluntary basis or involuntary processes if necessary.