

# Legislative Enactment Guide

## 56<sup>th</sup> Arizona Legislature

First Regular Session



The Arizona Association of Counties (AACo) is the only state organization that represents all of the county officials and the governments they serve in the State of Arizona. Founded in 1968, AACo provides essential services to the state's counties. AACo advances issues with the state and federal government, improves the public understanding of county government, assists counties in finding and sharing innovative solutions through education and research and provides value-added services to save counties and taxpayers money.

## About AACo

**Leader:** We're on the forefront of county needs, providing proactive, member-driven leadership and support, enabling our members to better serve the citizens of Arizona.

**Dedicated:** We strive to satisfy our members. Our employees are passionately committed to meeting and exceeding member expectations.

**Accessible:** We're a responsive, technologically-sophisticated organization with employees who are dedicated to meeting the growing needs of county government.

**Competitive:** We offer comprehensive, attractively priced services driven by member needs, with a history of both proven performance and stability. We work to identify opportunities to pool county resources to save money and improve purchasing power.

**Expert:** We possess experience and expertise in every aspect of county government. We're a knowledgeable and reliable resource on legal, legislative and regulatory issues affecting county government. Our advocacy, education and cost-reduction programs are credible and relevant.

**Dependable:** We're bound by duty and respect for the counties we serve; recognizing at all times that we're judged on how fairly and successfully we meet our obligation to our members.

**Enduring:** Through our representative "voice of county government" in Phoenix, we ensure that Arizona's counties remain relevant to the needs of their communities. We can be relied upon in times of need. We have the strength, stability and depth of experience to accomplish our mission.



This publication contains brief summaries, arranged by subject, of new laws that were enacted during the First Regular Session of Arizona’s 56<sup>th</sup> Legislature.

The **general effective date for most new laws is October 30, 2023.** (90 days after adjournment sine die). However, some bills contain an alternate effective date that is noted beside the bill’s title.

## About This Guide

These brief summaries are provided to help guide county officials to the full text of these new laws. Every attempt is made to ensure the accuracy of the summaries; however, we recommend a review of the measure in its entirety before enforcement or implementation. To facilitate your review of the adopted legislation, the online version of this publication contains active hyperlinks to online copies of adopted legislation in the title of each summarized bill.

A table of contents organizes the bill summaries into subject area categories.

Copies of the new laws are available at the Arizona Legislative Information Service (ALIS) website: [www.azleg.gov](http://www.azleg.gov). You may also contact AACo to obtain a copy.

If you have any questions about a bill, please contact us at [mkintner@azcounties.org](mailto:mkintner@azcounties.org).

### General Session Statistics – 56<sup>th</sup> Legislature: First Regular Session

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Total Measures Introduced: 1675

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Total Measures Passed: 348

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Measures to become law: 205

Vetoes: 143



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Arizona's county officials provide regional leadership over critical policy areas, including policies necessary to ensure safe communities, protect public safety and access to justice, fiduciary oversight of public education, land valuation and property taxation, promote economic development, and plan and manage land use for sustainable development. County officers also provide oversight of county operations, including overseeing strategies to promote sound fiscal management and to develop a high-quality county government workforce.

## County Government Platform

For more than 40 years, AACo has served as the only non-partisan forum for all elected county officials to address important issues facing local constituents, providing a mechanism to share information and to develop a proactive state and federal policy agenda.

AACo membership includes the more than 300 elected county officials from Arizona's 15 counties. The association's efforts are strengthened by the participation of top-level county professional staff that provide technical expertise necessary to inform policy decisions.

The AACo Board of Directors provides input into organizational strategy and the evaluation of operational performance. The Board annually elects five members to serve in AACo leadership positions. The Association relies upon the service of a Legislative Policy Committee (LPC). The LPC evaluates legislative measures and makes policy recommendations to the full Board.

## 2023 Legislative Policy Committee

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# 2023 County Government Platform

Below are the bills adopted as part of the County Government Platform and their final dispositions as well as links to their most recent version.

## [SB1273 Early Ballot Delivery; Instruction Requirements](#)

Senator Ken Bennett

Requires counties to include a specified statement concerning the unlawful handling and return of ballots in the official instructions for voters on election day and the printed instructions to early voters.

## [SB1307 Constables; Salaries](#)

Senator David Gowan

Increases constable salary ranges based on the number of registered voters in their precincts and the documents served by the constable.

## [SB1369 Certified Peace Officers; Hiring Reimbursement](#)

Senator David Gowan

Entitles a law enforcement agency in this state or a city, town, county or political subdivision of this state that pays the costs of a peace officer's certification and training to be reimbursed for those certification and training costs if the peace officer is subsequently hired by another Agency.

## [HB2041 Mental Health; Voluntary Evaluations; Payment](#)

Representative Selina Bliss

Makes various changes to the voluntary mental health evaluation process relating to failure to complete the evaluation. Specifies that if a proposed patient elects to undergo voluntary evaluation they may select any licensed behavioral health provider. If a patient does not appear for or complete their voluntary evaluation, the county evaluation agency must be notified by the provider who was to conduct the voluntary evaluation and the evaluation agency is to provide prepetition screening of the application for court ordered evaluation. Increases the amount of time an evaluation agency has to evaluate a proposed patient from 5 days to 10 days after receiving notice of the patient's need for evaluation. Clarifies that when a person is given a voluntary evaluation, they are responsible for payment or a portion of payment, unless they are indigent.

## [HB2064 Property Tax Exemption; Disability; Qualifications](#)

Representative Neal Carter

Defines person with a total and permanent disability as a person who is unable to engage in any substantial gainful activity by reason of any physical or mental impairment that is expected to last for a continuous period



of at least 12 months or result in death within 12 months as certified by a competent medical authority. Expands the definition of competent medical authority to include an individual licensed in Arizona in chiropractic care, medicine and surgery, naturopathic medicine, osteopathic care, psychology or as a physician assistant or a homeopathic physician or licensed under the comparable law of another state as well as a registered nurse practitioner or the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, as evidenced by a disability award letter.

### **HB2341 County Jails; Education Programs; Appropriation**

Representative Amish Shah

Funds pupils enrolled in an accommodation school county jail education program and disabled pupils funded through a county jail education fund at 100%, rather than 72%, of the amount the pupil generates according to statute. The provisions of this bill are included in **SB1729 K-12 Education; 2023-2024.**

### **HB2534 Mortgaged Property; Tax Statements; Email**

Representative Neal Carter

Allows a county Treasurer to deliver a property tax statement via email instead of physical mail if requested by the property owner.

## **Agriculture & Water**

### **SB1390 Water Infrastructure Finance Authority; Amendments**

Senator Sine Kerr

Makes changes to several provisions of the Water Infrastructure Finance Authority's statutes that were enacted last session. Clarifies that the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) will prepare and issue a water supply and demand assessment annually for at least 6 of the 51 groundwater basins in Arizona starting on December 1, 2023. Instructs the ADWR Director to ensure that this supply and demand assessment is completed for all initial active management areas at least once every five years. Clarifies that one member of the Federal Water Programs Committee must be a member who represents a domestic water improvement district or sanitary district in a county with 500,000 or more people. This bill contains an emergency clause.

### **HB2022 Water; Report; Fees; Levee**

Representative Tim Dunn

Extends the deadline for the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) to submit an annual report of the department's operations as well as suggestions for legislative changes from July 1 to August 15 each year. Requires the report to be published on ADWR's website.



### HB2143 Gray Water; Residential Standards, Rules

Representative Tim Dunn

Allows the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) to create requirements for residential gray water treatment systems that are used indoors for toilet flushing and allows residential gray water to be used indoors for toilet flushing with a gray water treatment system that meets certain requirements.

### HB2443 Navigable Stream Adjudication Commission; Extension

Representative Gail Griffin

Continues the Arizona Navigable Stream Adjudication Commission until June 30, 2028.

## Budget

### SB1720 General Appropriations Act; 2023-2024

Senator John Kavanagh

Appropriates monies for the operation of the state government in FY 2024. Outlines uses for the Transitional and Reentry Housing line item, for a competitive grant to provide residential treatment services for up to 90 days and recovery housing up to 24 months after treatment. Allows ACJC to use up to \$400,000 of the Law Enforcement Crime Victim Notification Fund deposit in FY 2024 to administer the Fund. Renames the Border Strike Task Force line item as the Border Drug Interdiction line item and the Border Strike Task Force Local Support line item as the Local Border Support line item. Eliminates the existing footnote limits on the amount of funding that can go towards local law enforcement positions, the amount that can fund prosecution and detention grants and the local matching funds requirement. Requires the Local Border Support line item to be used for positions that deter and apprehend individuals charged with drug trafficking, human smuggling, illegal immigration and other border-related crimes. Allows DPS to use up to \$50,000 and 0.5 FTE positions to administer the Fentanyl Prosecution and Testing Fund. Requires the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) to submit an expenditure plan to JLBC and OSPB for increased Early Literacy funding provided in the FY 2023 3-year budget plan and report to JLBC and OSPB by July 31, 2024 on the actual expenditures. Specifies distributions for the Nonprofit Education Initiatives, Phoenix Science Education and Low-Income Student Assistance line items. Requires ADE to develop a per pupil weighted transportation formula for K-12 students and report by December 31, 2023. Allows the Secretary of State (SOS) to spend \$100,000 for legal expenses, either contracted through the Attorney General's Office or by hiring one FTE position, while prohibiting the use of outside or private attorneys. Outlines requirements for the Help America Vote Act Projects line item, including that 75% must be distributed to counties for election systems improvements and the Secretary of State must provide an expenditure plan for review by JLBC before spending any monies. Extends the FY 2020 appropriation from the Election Systems Improvement Fund for county allocations through FY 2024. Directs the SOS to only use the Presidential Preference Election line item to reimburse counties for certified claims related to the 2024 Presidential Preference Election with a report to JLBC and OSPB, but allows \$100,000 for direct costs of the SOS.





### **SB1721 Amusements; 2023-2024**

Senator John Kavanagh

Makes session law changes relating to amusements necessary to implement the FY 2024 state budget. Requires the Arizona Department of Gaming (ADG) to establish and collect a regulatory assessment from each commercial racing permittee in the amount of 0.5 percent of the amounts wagered, payable from pari-mutuel pools from in-state and out-of-state live and simulcast races, in addition to amounts currently authorized. Requires ADG to issue refunds for any event wagering operator license application fees associated with certain tribes. Increases the balance cap of \$400,000 for the Exposition and State Fair Board Permanent Revolving Fund to the period between 15 days before and 15 days after the 2023 Arizona State Fair.

### **SB1722 Capital Outlay; Appropriations; 2023-2024**

Senator John Kavanagh

Makes session law changes relating to capital outlay necessary to implement the FY 2024 state budget. Appropriates \$367,709,600 in FY 2024 from the state general fund to the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) for specified highway projects across the state. Requires ADOT to report to JLBC the projected cost and status of the outlined projects within 30 days after the last day of each calendar quarter. Appropriates \$10,000,000 from the state GF in FY 2024 to the Arizona Department of Administration to distribute to the Diné College Board of Regents for capital improvements. Appropriates \$35,000,000 from the State Aviation Fund in FY 2024 to ADOT to plan, construct, develop and improve state, county, city or town airports as determined by the State Transportation Board.

### **SB1723 Commerce; 2023-2024**

Senator John Kavanagh

Makes statutory and session law changes relating to commerce necessary to implement the FY 2024 state budget. Creates the Rural Broadband Accelerated Match Fund (Match Fund) and tasks the Arizona Commerce Authority (ACA) with its administration. Stipulates that Match Fund monies are continuously appropriated and exempt from lapsing. Requires the ACA to utilize monies in the Match Fund to assist political subdivisions in Arizona to meet the matching requirement for the federal Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment Program. Outlines distribution percentages.

### **SB1724 Criminal Justice; 2023-2024**

Senator John Kavanagh

Makes statutory and session law changes relating to criminal justice necessary to implement the FY 2024 state budget. Modifies the population threshold used to determine which counties must pay the Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections a committed youth confinement cost sharing fee, removing the requirement for Pima county to pay the fee. Creates the Fentanyl Fund consisting of legislative appropriations to be administered by the Department of Public Safety (DPS). Requires DPS to allocate monies in the Fentanyl Fund on a first-come, first-served basis to county attorneys, county sheriffs and courts to reimburse the costs related to fentanyl prosecutions that involve specific violations. Establishes the Trafficking Fund and tasks the Arizona Department of Homeland



Security (AZDOHS) with its administration. Requires AZDOHS to distribute monies in the Trafficking Fund to programs to reduce human trafficking in Arizona. Requires a program to work to reduce human trafficking by providing assistance and analytical services to law enforcement agencies and provide services to victims and training to law enforcement agencies, prosecutorial agencies and the public on preventing and identifying human trafficking. Establishes the Nonprofit Security Grant Program to provide funding for safety and security projects to nonprofit organizations that are at a high-risk of a terrorist attack or hate crimes due to the nonprofit organization's ideology, beliefs or mission for the purposes of target hardening and other security enhancements and activities.

### **SB1725 Environment; 2023-2024**

Senator John Kavanagh

Makes statutory and session law changes relating to the environment necessary to implement the FY 2024 state budget. Creates the Hazard Mitigation Revolving Fund (HMRF) consisting of monies appropriated by the Legislature and monies received from the federal government and tasks the Department of Emergency and Military Affairs (DEMA) with its administration. Allows HMRF monies to be used in FYs 2024 through 2028 in accordance with the guidelines established by the federal Safeguarding Tomorrow through Ongoing Risk Mitigation Act. Establishes the Fire Incident Management Fund (FIMF) consisting of legislative appropriations and tasks the Arizona Department of Administration (ADOA) with its management. Requires FIMF monies to be used to provide grants to municipal fire departments and fire districts for hardware and software that enables the statewide deployment of a secure incident management platform to fire and law enforcement agencies and provides a standardized incident command and management platform based on Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) standards. Allows each municipal fire department or fire district in Arizona to submit a grant request to ADOA for the costs of the secure incident management system that meets the outlined criteria and requires ADOA to award grants on first-come, first-served basis.

### **SB1726 Health Care 2023-2024**

Senator John Kavanagh

Makes statutory and session law changes relating to health care necessary to implement the FY 2024 state budget. Requires the Arizona Department of Administration (ADOA) to administer a competitive grant program that provides a single company that licenses an interoperability software technology solution to support acute care for rural hospitals, health care providers and trauma centers with resources to further treatment and care coordination with a focus on reducing public and private health care costs and unnecessary transportation costs. Requires the Department of Health Services (DHS) to provide competitive research grants for whole mushroom psilocybin clinical trials, that are capable of being approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, to evaluate the effects of whole mushroom psilocybin on treating post-traumatic stress disorder, symptoms associated with long COVID-19, depression and other disorders. Specifies that clinical research trials for psilocybin must prioritize using whole mushroom psilocybin cultivated under a schedule I license issued by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration and using veterans, first responders, frontline health care workers and persons from underserved communities as the research subjects.



### **SB1727 Higher Education 2023-2024**

Senator John Kavanagh

Makes session law changes relating to higher education necessary to implement the FY 2024 state budget. Establishes the Spouses and Dependents of Law Enforcement Officers Tuition Scholarship Fund, administered by the Arizona Board of Regents (ABOR) and consisting of legislative appropriations. Requires ABOR to use Scholarship Fund monies to award tuition scholarships to the spouse of a law enforcement officer or a dependent of a law enforcement officer who is younger than 27 years old who enrolls in an Arizona public university, a community college, a career and technical education program or a licensed Arizona private postsecondary educational institution. Requires ABOR to distribute monies appropriated for primary care residency programs to the Arizona Area Health Education System to establish a program for qualifying community health centers, rural health clinics and tribal health facilities that supports and expands the number of primary care residency positions, provides support and technical assistance for starting or expanding primary care residency programs in rural areas and health professional shortage areas and provides training and technical assistance, including preceptor training and development, continuing education, medical library access and other functions, to support the success of qualifying community health center, rural health clinic and tribal health facility primary care residency programs.

### **SB1728 Human Services; 2023-2024**

Senator John Kavanagh

Makes statutory and session law changes relating to human services necessary to implement the FY 2024 state budget. Establishes the Homeless Shelter and Services Fund consisting of legislative appropriations, other monies directed to be deposited in the Homeless Shelter and Services Fund and investment earnings on monies in the Homeless Shelter and Services Fund. The Arizona Department of Housing (ADOH) is tasked with managing the fund and required to use monies in the Homeless Shelter and Services Fund to award grants to counties, cities, towns, Indian tribes and nonprofit organizations for programs that provide shelter and services to unsheltered persons who are experiencing homelessness. Establishes the Extended Foster Care Comprehensive Service model fund, consisting of legislative appropriations. Requires the Department of Child Safety (DCS) to administer the fund and prepare a scope of work that includes supportive services and requires case management provided by contracted community providers for young adults who participate in the extended foster care program. Requires DCS to include extended foster care success coaches for young adults in the extended foster care program and prohibits each extended foster care success coach from having a caseload of more than 20 young adults.

### **SB1729 K-12 Education; 2023-2024**

Senator John Kavanagh

Contains provisions relating to K-12 education needed to implement the FY 2024 budget. Funds pupils enrolled in an accommodation school county jail education program and disabled pupils funded through a county jail education fund at 100%, rather than 72%, of the amount the pupil generates according to statute. Increases the amount added for capital outlay costs for a disabled pupil funded through a county jail education fund from \$72 to \$100. Requires the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) to administer a Civics Program to provide civics education and leadership development training to middle school and high school students. Directs the State



Board of Education (SBE) to require public schools to complete a career plan for each high school student before their graduation and monitor, review and update each career plan at least once annually. Allows a school district or charter school to offer live courses for its own 9th-12th grade students pursuant to a written agreement with a services provider during the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school years. Specifies a school district or charter school offering a live course generates average daily membership (ADM) for its own students and a services provider may not generate ADM for remote students.

### **SB1730 Local Government; 2023-2024**

Senator John Kavanagh

Makes session law changes relating to local government necessary to implement the FY 2024 state budget.

Allows a county with a population of fewer than 250,000 persons to meet any fiscal obligation from any source of county revenue designated by the county, including monies of any countywide special taxing jurisdiction where the board of supervisors serves as the board of directors. Caps at \$1,250,000 the amount of money a county may use for purposes outside the county's revenue source. Requires a county with a population of fewer than 250,000 persons to report to the Director of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee whether the county used a revenue source for purposes other than the revenue source's intended purposes to meet a county fiscal obligation and the specific source and amount of revenues that the county intends to use in FY 2024.

### **SB1731 Secretary of State; 2023-2024**

Senator John Kavanagh

Makes statutory and session law changes relating to the Secretary of State (SOS) necessary to implement the FY 2024 state budget. Delays the implementation of the requirements relating to professional employer organization registration from July 1, 2023, to July 1, 2024. Expands the list of required recipients of the SOS's annual total expenditure plan summary for the Election Systems Improvement Fund to include the Governor's Office of Strategic Planning and Budgeting. This bill contains retroactivity provisions.

### **SB1732 State Budget Implementation; 2023-2024**

Senator John Kavanagh

Makes session law changes relating to budget implementation necessary to implement the FY 2024 state budget. Requires any unrestricted federal monies received by Arizona in FY 2024 to be deposited into the general fund and used to pay for essential governmental services. Suspends the Budget Stabilization Fund cap of 10% of the state general fund revenue for FY 2024 and prohibits the State Treasurer from transferring any surplus monies from the Budget Stabilization Fund to the state general fund. This bill contains retroactivity provisions.

### **SB1733 State Buildings; Management; 2023-2024**

Senator John Kavanagh

Makes session law changes relating to the management of state buildings necessary to implement the FY 2024 state budget. Sets the Capital Outlay Stabilization Fund square-footage rental rates for state-owned buildings at \$17.87 for office space and \$6.43 for storage space in FY 2024.



**SB1734 Taxation; 2023-2024**

Senator John Kavanagh

Makes statutory and session law changes relating to taxation necessary to implement the FY 2024 state budget. Requires the Arizona Department of Revenue (ADOR) to issue a onetime individual income tax (IIT) general welfare rebate to an Arizona taxpayer who filed a full-year resident tax return for TY 2021, claimed a Dependent Tax Credit on the tax return and meets specified qualifications. Requires ADOR to attempt to pay each rebate by electronic funds transfer using the taxpayer's provided routing and account information or, if unsuccessful, to issue the rebate check by mail to the most recent home address provided by the taxpayer.

**SB1735 Transportation; 2023-2024**

Senator John Kavanagh

Makes statutory changes relating to transportation necessary to implement the FY 2024 state budget. Prohibits a municipality that is partially located in an urbanized area of a county with a population of more than 1,000,000 persons from receiving State Match Advantage for Rural Transportation Fund monies.

## **Business Practices & Insurance**

**SB1052 Insurance Coverage; Biomarker Testing**

Senator Thomas Shope

Specifies a policy that is issued or renewed by a disability insurer, or a group or blanket disability insurer does not include a policy that provides limited benefit coverage.

**SB1382 Pharmacy Benefit Managers; Certificate Requirements**

Senator Janae Shamp

Requires all pharmacy benefit managers to obtain a certificate of authority to operate and prescribes the Department of Insurance and Financial Institution's role, responsibilities and authority. The bill contains a delayed effective date of January 1, 2025.

**SB1563 Workforce; Study Committee; Report**

Senator Steve Kaiser

Establishes the Joint Legislative New American Talent Study Committee.

**HB2005 Foreign Captive Insurers; Definition**

Representative David Livingston

Allows a foreign captive insurer to form a branch captive office in Arizona.



### **HB2006 Insurance; Liquidity; Financial Assessment**

Representative David Livingston

Conforms Insurance Holding Company System statutes to the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) Insurance Holding Company System Regulatory Act. Requires that the ultimate controlling person file an annual group capital calculation report and outlines the types of insurance holding companies that are exempt from filing the report. Also requires certain ultimate controlling persons to file the results of a liquidity stress test and provides the provisions applicable to the liquidity stress test framework. Allows the Director of DIFI to require an insurer that is deemed to be in a hazardous financial condition to submit a deposit or a bond to protect the insurer.

### **HB2007 Insurance; Group Excess Liability**

Representative David Livingston

Establishes a new article in Title 20 allowing an authorized or unauthorized insurer to offer and issue group excess liability insurance coverage in Arizona. Establishes regulations for group excess liability insurance policies, including premiums, limits of coverage, renewals, and cancellations.

### **HB2228 Sales; Home Solicitation**

Representative Matthew Gress

Clarifies a home solicitation sale as a sale that is made without prior invitation, appointment or consent.

### **HB2251 Condominiums; Insurance Coverage; Claims**

Representative Justine Wilmeth

Makes various changes to condominium insurance coverage requirements. Requires that a unit owners association maintain property insurance on the units, if required by the condominium documents and removes the requirement that the Association's property insurance insure against fire and extended coverage perils. Mandates that the association's insurance policies allow each unit owner to report a loss under the property insurance policy and instructs a unit owner, prior to reporting a loss under the association's master property insurance policy, to report the loss to the association. Allows the association 10 business days to provide the unit owner with a written decision whether the association will report the claim.

### **HB2255 Funeral Practices; Transportation Protection Agreements**

Representative Justin Wilmeth

Clarifies that a transportation protection agreement is not insurance in relation to funeral industry and travel insurance regulations. Defines a transportation protection agreement as an agreement that primarily provides or arranges for services that are related to preparing human remains or cremated remains for the purpose of transportation and such subsequent transportation. Excludes services provided in accordance with a transportation protection agreement from being considered as funeral goods and services.



**HB2293 Liquor; Purchase; Identification**

Representative David Cook

Allows a valid, unexpired border crossing card to be used as proof that a person is of the legal drinking age. The card must include a photograph of the person and the person's date of birth.

**HB2431 Workers Compensation; Firefighters; Rate Division**

Representative David Livingston

Allows commercial workers' compensation insurers to collect additional premiums if a fire district can receive reimbursement under the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. Sets the maximum amount of an additional premium that may be charged by each insurer at \$800,000 and prohibits an insurer from including Covid-19-related claims for which it received additional premiums. This bill is session law.

**HB2498 Do-Not-Call List; Text Messages**

Representative Gail Griffin

Prohibits a seller or solicitor from sending a text message to a number that is on the national do not-call registry.

## Court System & Practice

**SB1036 Setting Aside Conviction; Certificate Eligibility**

Senator John Kavanagh

Prohibits an individual who has previously received a certificate of second chance on the set aside of a felony conviction from receiving any additional Certificates. Specifies that felony conviction includes multiple felony convictions resulting from the same act or course of conduct.

**SB1038 Probate Advisory Panel; Establishment**

Senator John Kavanagh

Establishes a Probate Advisory Panel in the Office of the Governor and requires the panel to hold a public meeting at least quarterly on how to improve the adult guardianship and conservatorship laws through statutory changes. Requires the panel to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature by November 15 of each year. The panel self-repeals January 1, 2028.

**SB1211 County Attorney; Representation; Duties**

Senator Ken Bennett

Modifies the County Attorney's representation requirements for school districts and community college districts if there is staff availability and there is no conflict of interest.



### **SB1291 Conservatorship; Guardianship; Policies; Procedures**

Senator John Kavanagh

Makes numerous changes and additions to statute relating the policies and procedures applicable to judicial proceedings, including those for the appointment of guardians and conservators or the entering of protective orders.

### **HB2198 Claimant; Guardian Ad Litem; Procedure**

Representative Justin Wilmeth

Removes a trustee as a person who may be appointed to represent a minor or incapacitated person in a claim for compensation or death benefits. Specifies the guardian ad litem's representation of the minor or incapacitated person must be in accordance with the terms, conditions and rules of the ICA, rather than in such terms and conditions as the ICA deems to be proper. Clarifies that the guardian ad litem's representation must be in the best interests of the minor or incapacitated person. Changes the reference of incompetent person to incapacitated person.

### **HB2230 Appraiser; Claims; Time Limitation**

Representative Liz Harris

Limits the amount of time within which a person can initiate an action against a real estate appraiser to four years from the date of the report, or the applicable statute of limitations for the type of claim that is being pursued if it is less than four years from the date of the report, whichever comes first.

## **Criminal Justice & Law Enforcement**

### **SB1023 Residential Picketing; Offense**

Senator John Kavanagh

Makes changes to the elements of the criminal offense of residential picketing. Requires that the picketing or demonstrating is intentionally directed at a person who resides in the residence and a reasonable person would find the person's picketing or demonstrating to be harassing, threatening or alarming to a person in the residence or dwelling place.

### **SB1055 Funding Full-Service Crime Labs**

Senator David Gowan

Modifies the formula related to statutory Department of Public Safety Forensics Fund allocations to political subdivisions. The new formula is based on the number of crimes reported from each full-service crime laboratory.





### **SB1068 Police Dogs; Emergency Treatment**

Senator John Kavanagh

Allows emergency medical care technicians (EMCTs) to provide emergency treatment and transportation to police dogs injured in the line of duty. Clarifies that EMCTs and other medical personnel who render emergency medical services to an injured police dog in good faith are not personally liable as a result of rendering such services.

### **SB1085 Time Limitation; DUI Prosecutions**

Senator John Kavanagh

Prosecutions for driving under the influence (DUI) or extreme DUI offenses involving a collision that resulted in serious physical injury or death are required to be commenced within two years after the date that the prosecuting agency either discovered the offense or should have discovered the offense with reasonable diligence.

### **SB1148 Law Enforcement; Video Recordings; Fee**

Senator John Kavanagh

Allows any county or municipality to establish a fee for a public records request to a local law enforcement agency for a video recording. Counties and municipalities may take the reasonable cost of reviewing, transmitting, making a copy of and redacting the video recording into consideration when determining a fee. Grants victims of a criminal offense or a delinquent act the right to receive one copy of the video recordings from the investigating law enforcement agency at no charge.

### **SB1197 Juvenile Offenders; Monetary Sanctions; Repeal**

Senator David Gowan

Eliminates juvenile court-ordered fees with the exception of victim restitution and the fines associated with outlined offenses.

### **SB1206 Commercial Vehicle; Penalty; Civil; Criminal**

Senator David Gowan

Removes current statutory language relating to criminal penalties for drivers, motor carriers, shippers and manufacturers violating transportation law related to abandoned, seized and junk vehicles. Adds new language making drivers, motor carriers, shippers and manufacturers guilty of a criminal offense if they violate an out-of-service order. Outlines criminal penalties for violation of an out-of-service order, based on previous violations, ranging from a class 2 misdemeanor to a class 6 felony.



### **SB1221 Hospitals; Fingerprints; Private Investigators; Identification**

Senator Thomas Shope

Allows licensed hospitals to request assistance from a criminal justice agency to determine the identity of an unidentified patient who is either incapacitated or deceased through fingerprint analysis or biometric identification techniques for noncriminal justice purposes. Allows a registered private investigator to fingerprint or obtain the biometric information from the unidentified patient to provide to the criminal justice agency without the patient's authorization or consent.

### **SB1294 Sex Offender Registration; Online Identifiers**

Senator Steve Kaiser

Requires the Department of Public Safety and allows a third-party provider to make public information related to a registered sex offender available on the internet sex offender website. This bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2024.

### **SB1376 Appropriation; Deputies; Detention Officers**

Senator David Gowan

Requires that onetime bonuses to be fully distributed by October 30, 2023. Allows counties to spend unencumbered and unexpended onetime bonus monies for additional hiring bonuses beginning on May 1, 2023. Revises the distribution of hiring bonus monies to the counties, from a prospective distribution based on the total number of hires, to a retrospective distribution based on the total number of vacancies for line-level deputies and detention officers as of May 1, 2022. This bill contains a retroactivity clause of July 1, 2022.

### **SB1582 Lifetime Injunction; Petition; Procedures**

Senator Sine Kerr

Allows a victim to request a lifetime injunction against a defendant at a time later than the defendant's sentencing. Clarifies that setting aside or sealing a conviction does not affect the validity of a lifetime injunction.

### **SB1609 Transitional Housing; DOC; Contracts**

Senator Anthony Kern

Prohibits the Department of Corrections (DOC) from entering into a contract to provide transitional housing services for inmates with any facility not licensed by the state for one year following the effective date of this bill. Specifies that a new contract must be with a state licensed facility if any current contract expires within a year after the effective date of this bill.



### **HB2055 Probation; Work Time Credits; Reporting**

Representative Selina Bliss

Allows a court to consider work time credit as a basis to adjust a probationer's supervised probation period. Specifies a process for a probationer to report to a probation officer. Contains a delayed effective date of January 1, 2024.

### **HB2168 Good Samaritan; Medical Assistance**

Representative Quang Nguyen

Extends the repeal date for A.R.S. § 13-3423 from July 1, 2023, to July 1, 2028. Contains an emergency clause.

### **HB2169 Child Sex Doll; Exploitation**

Representative Quang Nguyen

Creates the criminal offense of trafficking a child sex doll, a class 4 felony, which a person commits by knowingly manufacturing, distributing, selling, transferring, offering to sell, advertising, providing, shipping, delivering for shipment, offering to deliver for shipment or possessing with the intent to manufacture, distribute, sell, ship or transfer a child sex doll. Modifies the existing class 2 felony offense of sexual exploitation of a minor to include conduct involving child sex dolls that use the face, image or likeness of a real infant or minor under the age of 12. This bill contains an emergency clause.

### **HB2339 Prisoners; Medical Records; Family Access**

Representative Amish Shah

Allows a prisoner to authorize the Department of Corrections (DOC) to release his or her medical records to an immediate family member or to a designated individual. Requires that the authorization form produced by DOC include a release that complies with federal privacy standards. Requires DOC to release medical records within 15 calendar days after receiving the prisoner's authorization. Permits DOC to charge a fee to copy and produce the prisoner's medical records.

### **SB2478 Aggravated Assault; Law Enforcement Employees**

Representative Kevin Payne

Expands the definition of aggravated assault to include a person knowingly assaulting an employee of a law enforcement agency while engaged in the execution of official duties. Classifies the assault as a class 2 felony if a person causes serious physical injury or uses a deadly weapon, classifies the assault as a class 3 felony if the person causes temporary but substantial disfigurement or impairment of an organ or a fracture and classifies the assault as a class 4 felony if the assault results in any physical injury.



### **HB2479 Law Enforcement Merit System; Continuation**

Representative Kevin Payne

Continues the Law Enforcement Merit System Council for 8 years.

### **HB2482 Sexual Assault Kits; Victim Notification**

Representative Kevin Payne

Requires the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission (ACJC) to manage the Automated Crime Victim Notification System and the associated Law Enforcement Crime Victim Notification Fund. Makes various changes to the requirements the system must meet, including requiring the system comply with statutory and constitutional provisions related to victim's rights and juvenile offenders. Directs ACJC to use fund monies to pay for law enforcement agencies that choose to use the Notification System instead of refunding law enforcement agencies for the same.

### **HB2484 Failure to Return Vehicle**

Representative Kevin Payne

Repeals current statute that relates to unlawful failure to return a motor vehicle subject to a security interest. Allows a creditor to file an affidavit with the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) stating that a person has not returned a motor vehicle subject to a security interest and requires ADOT, upon receipt of the affidavit, to suspend the vehicle registration. Clarifies that if a law enforcement agency seizes the motor vehicle, the creditor is responsible for all towing, storage and related costs. Prohibits ADOT from transferring the motor vehicle's suspended registration or license plate, or from reregistering the motor vehicle until the creditor notifies ADOT that the motor vehicle is recovered.

### **HB2485 Ambush; Police; Sentencing Enhancement**

Representative Kevin Payne

Increases the sentence for a person who is convicted of aggravated assault on a peace officer, and found to have lain in wait for or ambushed the peace officer in committing the assault, by 2 years. Prohibits a person convicted of this type of assault from earning early release credits, taking qualified personal leave or early release except in the cases of sentence commutation.

### **HB2651 Missing Children; Alert; Notification; Reporting**

Representative Barbara Parker

Requires the Department of Child Safety (DCS) to notify agencies within 24 hours of receiving a report or information indicating that a child who is a ward of the court or in DCS care is missing, abducted or a runaway and the child's location is unknown. If a child has been abducted, DCS must notify the Arizona Criminal Justice Information System and if a child has been abducted, missing or runaway, DCS must notify the National Crime Information Center Missing Person Database.



### **HB2717 Trauma Counseling; 911 Dispatchers**

Representative Melody Hernandez

Expands the traumatic event counseling programs already required for public safety employees, peace officers and firefighters to include 911 dispatchers to receive counseling under the program after experiencing a traumatic event while in the course of duty.

## **Education**

### **SB1013 Colleges; Universities; Free Speech Zones**

Senator John Kavanagh

Allows a person to engage in expressive activity in any area on a public university or community college campus where they are lawfully present. Modifies the state aid amounts to be withheld from a community college district that exceeds its expenditure limitation in FY2024 and FY2025. Allows a public university or community college to continue to regulate economic activity on its campus.

### **SB1174 Average Daily Membership; Student Withdraws**

Senator John Kavanagh

Modifies the definition of withdrawals, as it relates to average daily membership (ADM), to include students who are formally withdrawn from schools or students who are absent for 10 consecutive school days, except for excused absences. Clarifies that a student who is absent for nine or fewer consecutive school days, including the last day of the school year, is not a withdrawal and may not be subtracted from the total student enrollment.

### **SB1208 Dropout Recovery Programs; Revisions**

Senator Steve Kaiser

Makes changes to dropout recovery programs (DRPs) by modifying the schools eligible to offer a DRP, establishing a determination process to operate a DRP and creating data reporting requirements. Allows each alternative school within a school district and alternative charter school that provides high school instruction to offer a DRP and prohibits an online course provider or an online school from providing a DRP.

### **SB1315 Emergency Response; Students with Disabilities**

Senator Eva Diaz

Requires that any emergency response plan developed by a school district governing board include a plan for how students with disabilities will be communicated with and assisted.



### **SB1400 Community Colleges; Noncredit Workforce Training**

Senator Justine Wadsack

Adds noncredit workforce training full-time equivalent student enrollment (FTSE) in the calculation of a community college district's (CCD's) expenditure limitation. Clarifies that a student who does not complete the noncredit workforce training by June 30 of each fiscal year is ineligible to be counted in FTSE until the following year.

### **SB1584 Small School Districts; Substitute Teachers**

Senator Sine Kerr

Enables a small school district to employ a substitute teacher who is related to a member of the school district's governing board and prohibits that governing board member from voting on substitute teacher matters.

### **HB2057 Classroom-Based Preparation Program; Employment**

Representative Lupe Diaz

Classifies candidates enrolled in a classroom-based preparation program as paid employees.

### **HB2060 School Requirements; Revisions**

Representative Travis Grantham

Allows a school district, district school or a charter school to satisfy any statutory requirement to post specified information on its website by making a link to the information available on its home page and consolidating information. Reorganizes the requirement that ADE develop a parental rights handbook by directing ADE to develop a handbook for parents of children enrolled in school districts and a handbook for parents of children enrolled in charter schools. Requires a charter school or governing board to maintain educational and teaching background and experience information for each teacher. Removes the requirement that a charter school or school district inform parents and guardians of the availability of the teacher background information and allows the school district or charter school to post the information on its website.

### **HB2456 ASDB; Continuation**

Representative Beverly Pingerelli

Continues the Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and the Blind for another four years.

### **HB2459 Schools; Governing Board Members; Employment**

Representative Beverly Pingerelli

Allows a school district to employ a person who served on the school district's governing board during the preceding two years in a position that provides services directly to students. Allows a school district to increase the prescribed prohibition period to more than two years.



**HB2460 Suspension; Requirements; K-4 Students**

Representative Beverly Pingerelli

Exempts a school district or charter school from being required to comply with prescribed criteria for the suspension of a pupil in kindergarten or the 1st-4th grades if the suspension does not exceed two days and the aggregate suspensions for the pupil do not exceed 10 days within a school year.

**HB2599 Interstate Compact; Military Children; Revisions**

Representative Michele Pena

Corrects a citation to federal statute in the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children.

**HB2620 Private Residential Facilities; Instructional Days**

Representative Teresa Martinez

Allows a private residential facility to offer at least 200 instructional days and increase its base level by 5% if it meets outlined requirements.

**HB2663 School Districts; Organizational Meeting; Deadline**

Representative Jennifer Pawlik

Makes changes to the dates in which a school district governing board is required to have an organizational meeting.

## Environment, Energy & Land Use

**SB1007 Nuclear Emergency Management; Appropriations; Assessments**

Senator John Kavanagh

Appropriates \$2,434,868 in FY 2024 and \$2,484,600 FY 2025 from the Nuclear Emergency Management Fund. Specifically includes a \$862,785 in FY 2024 and \$900,433 in FY 2025 to departments and agencies in Maricopa County that are assigned responsibilities under the Off-site Nuclear Emergency Response Plan. Also appropriates \$90,000 in both FY 2024 and FY 2025 to departments and agencies in the City of Buckeye that are also assigned responsibilities under the plan.

**HB2215 Hazardous Waste Manifest Resubmittals; Fees**

Representative Gail Griffin

Repeals the ability for the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality to require a person who improperly completes a hazardous waste manifest to properly complete and resubmit the manifest with a \$20 fee.



### **HB2216 Hazardous Air Pollutants Program**

Representative Gail Griffin

Allows the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality to establish a state program for the control of hazardous air pollutants.

### **HB2218 Power Authority; Projects; Energy Storage**

Representative Gail Griffin

Appropriates \$1,000,000 from the state general fund in FY 2024 to the Arizona Power Authority (APA). Requires the APA to encourage activities deemed feasible for the storage of electric power or energy. Allows the APA to store electric power for the purpose of making power available to marketing areas of Arizona.

### **HB2375 State Land Transfer; Bullhead City**

Representative Leo Biasiucci

Transfers 9.95 acres of state sovereign land from the Arizona State Land Department (ASLD) to Bullhead City. Requires the State Land Commissioner to issue a deed or patent to Bullhead City within 10 days after the general effective date. Requires that Bullhead City manage the state sovereign land for park and public recreation purposes in perpetuity.

### **HB2439 Vehicle Emissions Inspections; Enactment Date**

Representative Gail Griffin

Extends the date by which the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency must approve the proposed modifications to the vehicle emissions testing program protocols from July 1, 2023, to July 1, 2027. This bill contains an emergency clause.

### **HB2496 Transmission Lines; Definition**

Representative Gail Griffin

Expands the definition of transmission line to include five or more new structures, rather than a series of new structures, that span more than one mile in length as measured from the first structure outside of the substation, switchyard or generating site to which the line connects to the fifth structure. Excludes structures located on the substation, switchyard or generating site to which the line connects from the definition of transmission line.

### **HB2669 Prohibition; Biosolids; Land Application**

Representative Tim Dunn

Mandates the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) to require any land application of a substance containing sewage or septage to comply with ADEQ rules. Requires that biosolids combined with solid waste be regulated as solid waste.





# General Local Government

## SB1006 Municipal Notices and Ordinances; Posting

Senator John Kavanagh

Exempts municipalities' exhibits from publishing requirements if the words "exhibits on file at" and the location they can be found at, is on the bottom of the adopting ordinance

## SB1051 Census Adjustment; Population Threshold

Senator Thomas Shope

Increases the population threshold from 400,000 to 500,000 persons in which a county is subject to requirements related to rural planning areas and zones, transportation excise tax distribution, and program contracts in ALTCS. Removes the requirement that the county population be determined by the U.S. decennial census for ALTCS.

## SB1060 Animal Owners; Definition

Senator John Kavanagh

Modifies the definition of animal owner to exclude any person who keeps an animal at the request of an animal shelter and clarifies that a stray dog, by definition, must not be microchipped.

## SB1061 Public Officials; Home Addresses; Confidentiality

Senator Thomas Shope

Allows a public official to request the county Recorder, county Assessor, county Treasurer and ADOT protect their private information from public access. Requires the Recorder, Assessor and Treasurer to send a notice to a public official informing them of the order's expiration date six months before the order expires. Prohibits a person from knowingly releasing personal information of a public official on the internet if the release of the information poses an imminent and serious threat to the safety of the public official or their family.

## SB1103 Administrative Review; Approvals; Developments

Senator Warren Petersen

Outlines actions the legislative body of a county, city or town may authorize during the administrative review process of select functions by ordinance. Allows local legislative bodies to authorize administrative personnel to review and approve site plans, development plans, preliminary plats, land divisions, lot line adjustments, lot ties, plat amendments or final plats without a public hearing. Also allows local government personnel to review and approve design review plans based on objective standards without a public hearing. Clarifies that license applications are subject to municipal regulations relating to licensure.



### **SB1110 Recorded Documents; Property; Notification**

Senator Wendy Rogers

Mandates that each county Recorder provide a system that notifies persons or entities that a document was recorded in which they are named parties to the instruments. Allows the notice to be made promptly by email, text message or other similar means. This bill contains a delayed effective date of January 1, 2025.

### **SB1176 Health Professionals; Address; Confidentiality**

Senator Anthony Kern

Expands the list of eligible persons who can petition the superior court to prohibit the general public from accessing their records to include a certified nursing assistant or a registered nurse.

### **SB1188 Regulation; Permissible Consumer Fireworks**

Senator Javan Mesnard

Expands the time frame in which a local governing body may not prohibit the use of permissible consumer fireworks to include December 24 through January 3 and December 26 through January 4 of every year.

### **SB1194 State Veterinarian; Certified Rabies Vaccinator**

Senator Sonny Borrelli

Allows a certified rabies vaccinator who is not a licensed veterinarian to administer rabies vaccines to animals at a shelter or animal rescue located in a county with a population of less than 400,000 people or a census county division with less than 50,000 people if a licensed veterinarian is not available. Requires a licensed veterinarian to provide training and written certification to each person the veterinarian appoints to administer rabies vaccines. Exempts a licensed veterinarian who appoints a certified rabies vaccinator from liability for any action taken by a certified rabies vaccinator while administering a rabies vaccine. Requires the State Veterinarian to adopt rules to implement the requirements for training, certifying and overseeing certified rabies vaccinators

### **SB1270 Open Meetings; Capacity**

Senator John Kavanagh

Requires schools, school boards, executive boards and municipalities to provide adequate seating to accommodate the anticipated attendance of the deliberations and proceedings of a public body. Stipulates that entities are not required to relocate a meeting outside of the largest regular meeting room available. Requires that a meeting agenda include the time that the public will have physical access to the meeting place. Exempts meetings through technological devices from agenda posting requirements.



### **SB1432 Assured Water; Small Residential Developments**

Senator Justine Wadsack

Requires a municipality to provide water service through an intergovernmental agreement with a standpipe district for a maximum of three years to households that lack access to sufficient water and meet specified criteria. Requires the intergovernmental agreement to indemnify the municipality with respect to any actions taken or occurrences after the water is provided at the standpipe. Limits the receivable water from any standpipe district to not more than 750 residences and allows a municipality to reduce or suspend the amount of water provided if water becomes unavailable from a third party. The bill contains an emergency clause.

### **HB2016 Food Handler Certificates; Training; Exemption**

Representative David Cook

Prohibits a county from requiring a volunteer at a school activity or function where food is being handled or served to students to obtain a food handler certificate or identification card or participate in a food handler training course.

### **HB2019 Licensing; Permitting; Criteria; Clarity**

Representative Travis Grantham

Directs a local government that requires a license or permit for any free speech or assembly activity or any activity that change the use, appearance or density of a structure or land to specify the criteria, in clear and unambiguous language, for granting such license or permit. Requires that counties and municipalities approve or deny an application for such a license or permit within 60 days after a submittal is deemed administratively complete. Some exceptions.

### **HB2052 Counties; Advertising Contracts; Term; Notice**

Representative Tim Dunn

Removes requirement that a county Board of Supervisors regarding notices for bids for advertising, publications and printing services. Deletes the requirement for the notice to be sent via U.S. mail.

### **HB2373 Permits; Automated Permitting Platform**

Representative Leo Biasiucci

Allows a municipality or county to use an online automated permitting platform to verify code compliance to satisfy requirements relating to a solar construction permit. Allows a one-line or three-line electrical diagram if a qualified online permitting platform is used to verify code compliance. Defines qualified online automated permitting platform as a platform that is a web-based portal that automates plan review, produces code-compliant approvals and issues permits for residential solar energy systems and residential energy storage systems paired with residential solar systems in real time.



**HB2438 Board of Supervisors; Powers; Water**

Representative Gail Griffin

Allows the county board of supervisors to participate in water reuse and recycling programs as well as regional wastewater recharge projects and related infrastructure. Allows a county board of supervisors to establish a privately-funded program that provides financial assistance to property owners who are low-income or on a fixed income to deepen their wells or replumb their residence for a water delivery system.

**HB2547 Zoning Ordinances; Property Rights; Costs**

Representative Ben Toma

Requires the legislative body of a municipality to consider a housing impact statement before adopting any zoning ordinance or zoning ordinance text amendment.

**HB2809 Public Infrastructure Improvements; Reimbursements**

Representative Michael Carbone

Increases the aggregate cap paid to a city, town or county for public infrastructure improvements for the benefit of manufacturing facilities from \$100,000,000 to \$200,000,000.

## General State Government

**SB1010 Personal Floatation Devices; Rowing; Exception**

Senator John Kavanagh

Exempts children age 12 and younger from being required to wear personal flotation devices while in rowing shells being used for practice, training or competitive events if certain requirements are met.

**SB1067 Study Committee; Animal Control Standards**

Senator John Kavanagh

Creates the Joint Study Committee on Statewide Animal Control Standards and tasks the committee with researching the need for statewide consistency of animal control standards and submitting a report of its recommendations to the Governor, the Senate President and the Speaker of the House and the Secretary of State on or before December 31, 2023. The committee self-repeals on July 1, 2024.

**SB1130 Deferred Payments; Prohibition**

Senator Warren Petersen

Prohibits a state General Fund obligation from being deferred to another fiscal year.



### **SB1134 Appropriations; Named Claimants**

Senator John Kavanagh

Appropriates \$169,995.69 from the state General Fund and \$57,408.72 from other funds for the payment of claims against state agencies.

### **SB1210 Funeral Services; DHS; Advisory Committee**

Senator Steve Kaiser

Eliminates the Funeral Board and transfers the authority, powers, duties and responsibilities of the Funeral Board to the Department of Health Services (DHS). Eliminates the Funeral Board Fund and transfers unexpended and unencumbered monies to the Health Services Licensing Fund. Requires all civil penalties collected in accordance with Funeral Services statutes be deposited in the state General Fund and all fees and other monies collected be deposited in the Health Services Licensing Fund. Establishes an advisory committee to collaborate with and assist the Director of DHS in performing the duties in regulating funeral services.

### **SB1242 Board of Tax Appeals; Continuation**

Senator Javan Mesnard

Extends the State Board of Tax Appeals through July 2031.

### **SB1290 Inmates; Documentation; Workforce Reentry**

Senator Steve Kaiser

Requires that the Arizona Department of Corrections assist inmates in obtaining relevant documentation needed for post release employment.

### **SB1299 Inauguration; Expenses; Promotional Fund Account**

Senator Wendy Rogers

Requires the Governor, or Governor-elect, to deposit all monies raised or received in the state promotional fund account to pay for the costs of the Governor's inauguration events. Allows an individual to donate up to \$25,000 worth of monies, services or other things of value to pay for the costs of the Governor's inauguration events. Clarifies that donations made for the Governor's inauguration events are not campaign contributions and expenses.

### **SB1650 Auditor General; Duties; Access**

Senator Sonny Borrelli

Makes changes to the Office of the Auditor General audit processes, powers and duties. Changes Committee of References consideration criteria for continuation or termination of governmental agencies and information in sunset review reports.



**SB1716 Arizona Bred Horses; Races**

Senator David Gowan

Allows an Arizona bred horse race to be offered as an open race in which Arizona bred horses have preference for entry if the race does not fill with at least five Arizona bred horses.

**HB2011 State Board of Accountancy; Continuation**

Representative David Livingston

Continues the Arizona State Board of Accountancy for eight years.

**HB2208 Department of Liquor Licenses; Continuation**

Representative Justin Wilmeth

Continues the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control for eight years.

**HB2209 Economic Opportunity; Industrial Development Authority**

Representative Justin Wilmeth

Continues the Arizona Office of Economic Opportunity for four years and makes modifications to the Arizona Finance Authority board membership and duties.

**HB2214 Session Law; Font Color**

Representative Gail Griffin

Requires Legislative Council to use a font color other than black when preparing or revising temporary law for bills and amendments.

**HB2223 Liquor; Licensing; Processes; Procedures**

Representative Matthew Gress

Establishes a Microbrewery Festival License and makes various changes to liquor statutes.

**HB2225 ADOA; Alternative Routes Applicants**

Representative Matthew Gress

Requires the Department of Administration to evaluate state employee positions for those suitable for skilled through alternative routes applicants. Outlines additional administrative requirements.



**HB2293 Liquor; Purchase; Identification**

Representative David Cook

Adds a valid unexpired border crossing card, issued by the US government containing a photograph of the person and the person's date of birth, as a valid type of identification as proof of legal drinking age.

**HB2505 Outdoor Recreation Coordinating Commission; Continuation**

Representative Lupe Diaz

Continues the Arizona Outdoor Recreation Coordinating Commission for 8 years.

**HB2506 Arizona State Parks Board; Continuation**

Representative Lupe Diaz

Continues the Arizona State Parks Board for eight years.

**HB2507 Grain Research Council; Continuation**

Representative Lupe Diaz

Continues the Arizona Grain Research and Promotion Council for 8 years.

**HB2689 Revisers Technical Corrections; 2023**

Representative Travis Grantham

Corrects defective enactments and blends multiple enactments with conflicting effective dates.

**HB2826 Health Boards; AHCCCS; Continuation**

Representative David Livingston

Continues the Arizona State Board of Optometry, the Arizona State Board of Dental Examiners, the Arizona State Board of Massage Therapy, the Naturopathic Physicians Medical Board and the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System.

## Professions & Occupations

**SB1053 Veterinary Medicine; Electronic Means**

Senator Thomas Shope

Allows a veterinarian to use an audio-video communication medium to establish a veterinarian-client patient relationship and prescribe drugs under specified circumstances.



### **SB1078 Podiatric Medical Assistants; Radiation; Exemption**

Senator Thomas Shope

Exempts podiatric medical assistants from ionizing radiation certification requirements if they hold a valid certificate in podiatric radiology from a course approved by the Arizona State Board of Podiatry Examiners.

### **SB1168 Real Estate Appraisers; Licensure Classifications**

Senator Steve Kaiser

Expands the value threshold that state-licensed real estate appraisers can appraise complex one to four residential units from \$250,000 to \$400,000.

### **SB1218 Naturopathic Physicians Medical Board**

Senator Thomas Shope

Repeals the requirement for a naturopathic medical student to apply for a clinical training program certificate to be eligible to participate in a naturopathic medicine clinical training program. Eliminates certain powers of the Executive Director of the Naturopathic Physicians Medical Board relating to clinical training program certificates.

### **SB1226 Dental Board; Business Entities; Records**

Senator Thomas Shope

Requires the business entity member of the Arizona Board of Dental Examiners to be an owner or employee of the entity. Makes changes to the definition of unethical conduct and clarifies the requirements for a dental practice owner or registered business entity to follow when creating, maintaining, storing and accessing patient records.

### **SB1283 Dental Board; Annual Report; Website**

Senator Janae Shamp

Makes changes to the type of information that must be included in the Arizona Board of Dental Examiners' (Board) annual written report to the Governor and requires the Board to post the report on their public website.

### **SB1333 Database; Health Professionals; License revocations**

Senator Janae Shamp

Mandates that health professional regulatory boards report health professional license or certification revocations to the Department of Health Services (DHS) and that the information be included in a state database. Delays the effective date of the requirement that applicants for initial nursing care institution administrator licensure or assisted living facility manager certification submit a full set of fingerprints for a criminal background check from January 1, 2023, to on or before July 1, 2024.





### **SB1401 Animal Acupuncture; Certification; Requirements**

Senator Justine Wadsack

Allows an acupuncturist to treat animals if the acupuncturist is certified by the Acupuncture Board of Examiners and a national certifying body and complies with other specified requirements. Allows the Acupuncture Board of Examiners to determine procedures for applying for this certification and the certification fee.

### **SB1602 Dental Anesthesia; Cancer Screenings; Age**

Senator Janae Shamp

Outlines standards and reporting procedures for qualified anesthesia providers administering general anesthesia and sedation in dental offices and clinics. Requires the Arizona State Board of Dental Examiners Anesthesia and Sedation Committee to submit final recommendations to the Board to improve the general anesthesia and sedation permit requirements. This bill contains an emergency clause.

### **HB2010 Banking; Licensing; Fees**

Representative David Livingston

Makes various changes to statutes relating to licensure of financial institutions and professionals. Requires a consumer lender licensee and a premium finance company licensee to apply for license renewal as prescribed by the Deputy Director of the Financial Institutions Division of the Department of Insurance and Financial Institutions (DIFI). Requires consumer lender licensees to pay the renewal fee by June 30 of each year and premium finance company licensees to pay the renewal fee by December 31 of each year. Establishes late fees. Mandates that a license automatically expires if the Deputy Director does not receive the renewal application and fee by the last day of the month following the fee deadline. Allows a holder of an expired license to be issued a new license rather than a renewal license. Moves the deadline for license renewal for debt management companies is moved to June 30 of each year. Requires each dental insurer doing business in Arizona to file with DIFI an annual report on the dental loss ratio for the preceding calendar year.

### **HB2012 Repeal; Massage Therapy; Communication Proficiency**

Representative David Livingston

Removes the requirement that the Arizona Board of Massage Therapy adopt rules requiring communication proficiency to obtain a massage therapy license.

### **HB2043 Physician Assistants; Supervision; Collaboration**

Representative Selina Bliss

Permits physician assistants with at least 8,000 hours of clinical practice certified by the Arizona Regulatory Board of Physician Assistants to practice with a collaborating physician or entity without a supervision agreement. Allows a physician assistant with less than 8,000 hours of Board-certified clinical practice to work under a supervision agreement. This bill contains a delayed effective date.



### **HB2049 Cosmetology Licensure Compact**

Representative Tim Dunn

Adopts the Cosmetology Licensure Compact to allow cosmetologists to obtain a multistate license so they may practice of cosmetology in other states that belong to the compact. This bill contains a delayed effective date.

### **HB2199 Cosmetology Instructors**

Representative Justin Wilmeth

Provides license reciprocity if an individual has at least one year of instructor experience in another state or country, is a currently licensed instructor in cosmetology, aesthetics, nail technology or hair styling in another state or country; or the person is currently licensed in the aforementioned professions in another state or country with at least one year of instructor experience in one or any combination of the professions.

### **HB2473 Dental Hygienists; Scope of Practice**

Representative Steve Montenegro

Expands the scope of practice for dental hygienist to include dental hygiene assessment and dental hygiene treatment planning as components of a diagnosis and treatment plan developed by a dentist. Defines dental hygiene assessment and dental hygiene treatment planning.

### **HB2525 Barbering; Cosmetology; Salons; Unlicensed Employees**

Representative Laurin Hendrix

Allows a person to qualify for an aesthetician, nail technology or hairstyling license by participating in a Department of Economic Security approved or U.S. Department of Labor approved apprenticeship program that includes infection protection and law review instruction.

### **HB2550 Eyelash Technicians; Registration**

Representative Justin Wilmeth

Allows the Board of Barbering and Cosmetology to create and implement registration requirements for eyelash technicians.

### **HB2564 Hospitals; Physicians; Dispensing Opioids**

Representative Amish Shah

Allows hospitals to dispense a 12-hour supply of a schedule II-controlled substance to a discharged patient with an acute illness or injury after regular pharmacy hours if they are not within 50 miles of a 24- hour pharmacy.



# Property

## [SB1049 Homeowners' Associations; Betsy Ross Flag](#)

Senator John Kavanagh

Expands the list of flags a condominium unit owners' association and a planned community association may not prohibit from outdoor display to include any historic version of the American flag, including the Betsy Ross flag.

## [HB2145 Dude Ranches; Historical Markers](#)

Representative Tim Dunn

Makes various changes to the statutory requirements relating to the property tax valuation of guest ranches. Requires the Arizona Historical Society to issue historical markers for a dude ranch that is designated for inclusion on the Arizona Dude Ranch Heritage Trail Program.

## [HB2197 Wills; Electronic Signatures; Requirements](#)

Representative Justin Wilmeth

Allows the witnesses of an electronic will signing to be electronically present. Defines electronically present as two or more individuals who are in a different physical location and who are communicating by means of technology that enables all individuals to see and hear each other in real time to the same extent as if the individuals were physically present in the same location

## [HB2298 Planned Community Authority; Public Roadways](#)

Representative Neal Carter

Allows a homeowners' association to call a meeting to continue regulating public roadways no later than June 30, 2025 if their declaration was recorded before January 1, 2015.

## [HB2301 Homeowners' Associations; Political Activity](#)

Representative Neal Carter

Allows a condominium unit owners' association (COA) and a planned community association (HOA) to prohibit a person who is not accompanied by a unit owner or resident from entering the COA or HOA property.

## [HB2381 Mobile Homes; Recreational Vehicles; Fund](#)

Representative Matthew Gress

Increases various maximum payment amounts that a tenant can collect from the Mobile Home Relocation Fund for relocating a mobile home or recreational vehicle, if the tenant is required to move due to a change in use or



redevelopment of the mobile home park. The bill is retroactive to April 16, 2022 and contains an emergency clause.

### **HB2590 Seller Disclosure; Water; Solar; Batteries**

Representative Gail Griffin

Requires the seller's affidavit of disclosure for land divisions to contain applicable information on who hauls water to the property and the source of that water and whether the property has any battery energy storage devices. Additionally requires the seller to disclose in this affidavit information on the proper replacement and disposal of these devices.

### **HB2607 Board Members; Condominiums; Planned Communities**

Representative Barbara Parker

Clarifies that members of a board of directors of a condominium or a planned community association are to be removed from office if the board fails to call, notice and hold a special meeting on the removal of a board member within 30 days after receiving the petition that calls for removal of a board member.

## **Public Finance & Taxation**

### **SB1171 Conformity; Internal Revenue Code**

Senator Javan Mesnard

Conforms Arizona tax statutes to the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) as amended and in effect as of January 1, 2023, to reflect changes adopted by the U.S. Congress, including those provisions that became effective during 2022 with the specific adoption of all retroactive dates. Makes technical and conforming changes.

### **SB1189 Municipal Tax Code Commission; Continuation**

Senator Javan Mesnard

Requires the Department of Revenue (DOR) to incorporate changes to the Model City Tax Code (MCTC) that are necessary to conform the MCTC with a statutory change within thirty days of the effective date of the statutory change. Allows a city or town to adopt an amendment to the MCTC if the amendment is a result of a statutory change incorporated by DOR. Requires a two-thirds vote of the MTCC to adopt a proposed amendment to the MCTC that either repeals a model or local option that provides an exemption from taxation or which expands the types of business activities that are considered taxable. Continues the MTCC through June 30, 2027.



### **SB1190 Department of Revenue; Administration**

Senator Javan Mesnard

Permits the final date for mailing notices regarding property's full cash value and limited property value to be extended due to a state of emergency. Defines an audit as a review or examination of a taxpayer's accounts, financial information, books and records and any other document to ensure information is reported correctly on a return in accordance with this chapter and to verify the reported amount of tax is correct.

### **SB1191 Disbursements; Applicability; Definition**

Senator Javan Mesnard

Expands the list of permissible forms of deposits into an escrow account to include distributed ledger technology transfers.

### **SB1230 Tax Exemptions; Affidavit**

Senator Javan Mesnard

Provides procedures for a qualifying health community center, qualifying health care organization, hospital or other nonprofit entities to obtain an exemption letter for transaction privilege tax purposes and outlines requirements regarding property tax exemption for various entities.

### **SB1260 Small Businesses; Income Tax; Rate**

Senator Javan Mesnard

Reduces the Arizona small business income tax rate to 2.5% from 2.8% for taxable years beginning January 1, 2023. This bill contains a retroactivity clause.

### **SB1274 Computer Data Centers; TPT; Refund**

Senator Javan Mesnard

Requires a computer data center to file any claim for a refund of transaction privilege tax or use tax using the standard tax refund process and exempts those claims from the aggregate refund cap. This bill contains a retroactivity clause.

### **SB1473 Tax Corrections Act of 2023**

Senator Javan Mesnard

Authorizes the Department of Revenue (DOR) to disclose a taxpayer's confidential information to the Office of Economic Opportunity to perform their duties and obligations to or on behalf of the State. Requires a motor vehicle dealer to retain a copy of the nonresident registration permit to establish a Transaction Privilege Tax deduction for sales of motor vehicles to nonresidents that are used outside of Arizona. Repeals the Client County Equipment Capitalization Fund. Removes the requirement that a property tax notice of appeal be served on DOR. Subjects partners or shareholders of a business that is treated as a partnership or S corporation for



federal income tax purposes that consent to Arizona's entity-level tax to be taxed at the highest Arizona individual income tax rate. Adds shelter to the definition of services for the purpose of administering the Credit for Contribution to Qualifying Charitable Organizations.

### **SB1718 Private Activity Bonding**

Senator Steve Kaiser

Makes extensive changes to requirements and allocation percentages of the state ceiling for private activity bonds.

### **HB2066 Banks; Financial Institutions; Personal Information**

Representative Neal Carter

Directs banks and financial institutions to destroy all personal information that belonged to a former customer or client within 10 years of ending the business relationship, unless an applicable law requires a retention period that exceeds 10 years.

## **Public Health & Welfare**

### **SB1077 Jails; Mental Health; Evaluations; Treatment**

Senator Thomas Shope

Extends the definition of certain mental healthcare agencies to include facilities that are exempt from licensure by the Arizona Department of Health Services if they are accredited by either a national commission on correctional health care or an American correctional association.

### **SB1157 Hospitals; Discharge Planning; Patient Assessments**

Senator Thomas Shope

Requires assisted living centers and hospitals to provide and exchange written discharge plans with each other when discharging and transferring a patient. Prescribes standards and procedures for hospitals and assisted living facilities discharge plans. This bill contains a delayed effective date of January 1, 2024.

### **SB1186 Foster Care; Children; Parents; Rights**

Senator Ken Bennett

Applies the rights of foster care children and parents to kinship foster care children and parents and expands those rights. Outlines the rights of parents, guardians and custodians that are under investigation for an allegation of abuse or neglect or when a child is placed in the custody of the Arizona Department of Child Safety.



### **SB1205 Foster Children; Education; Best Interest**

Senator Steve Kaiser

Requires a child, the child's caseworker, the child's parent, guardian, custodian, caregiver or foster parent and representatives from the local education agency (LEA) to determine if it is in the child's best interest to remain in their school of origin within five days after entering foster care. Allows the Department of Child Services (DCS) to coordinate with and enter into necessary information sharing, data sharing and financial agreements with the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) and LEAs. Creates transportation and arbitration requirements for the best interest educational placement determination of a foster child.

### **SB1601 Breast Examinations; Cancer Screenings; Age**

Senator Janae Shamp

Directs corporations, health care services organizations, disability insurers, group and blanket disability insurers to provide coverage for a mammogram and digital breast tomosynthesis, magnetic resonance imaging or ultrasound at the age and intervals as recommended by the National Comprehensive Cancer Network.

### **SB1603 Hospital; Price Transparency**

Senator Janae Shamp

Directs the Arizona Department of Health Services (DHS) to annually verify each hospital's compliance with federal hospital price transparency regulations with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). Requires DHS to post a report on its public website containing the name of any hospital that has been found to be noncompliant with the federal hospital transparency regulations and has been penalized by CMS.

### **SB1710 State Hospital; Governing Board; Governance**

Senator David Gowan

Allows a petition for court ordered treatment to be accompanied by the affidavits of one physician and either one physician assistant who is experienced in psychiatric matters or a psychiatric and mental health nurse practitioner in counties with a population of less than 500,000 people.

### **SB1711 Ambulances; Emergency Medical Services**

Senator David Gowan

Requires the Arizona Department of Health Services (DHS) ambulance service criteria and procedures to include a condition that ambulances be staffed by at least one ambulance attendant who is an emergency medical technician, a licensed physician or a professional nurse and one who is either an EMT or an emergency medical responder while providing interfacility transport in any certificate of necessity. This bill contains a delayed effective date of January 1, 2024.



### **HB2042 Acute Care Services; Pilot Program**

Representative Selina Bliss

Extends the Acute Care Services at Home Pilot Program until January 1, 2027.

### **HB2166 DHS; Licensure; Group Homes**

Representative Tim Dunn

Requires behavioral-supported group homes operated in Arizona by a service provider and under contract with the Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES) to be licensed for health and safety by the Arizona Department of Health Services (DHS). Forbids DHS from accepting an accreditation report in lieu of a compliance inspection of a nursing-supported group home. This bill contains a delayed effective date of July 1, 2024.

### **HB2194 Drug Overdose Fatality Review Teams**

Representative Quang Nguyen

Reinstates the Drug Overdose Fatality Review Team within the Arizona Department of Health Services. This bill contains an emergency clause.

### **HB2213 Case Management; Remote Access; Requirements**

Representative Gail Griffin

Requires the Arizona Department of Child Safety (DCS) to provide direct remote access to its automated case management systems to various state agencies. Requires that DCS provide hard copies of records if those documents are not available via remote access.

### **HB2313 Child Placement; Relative Search; Notice**

Representative Rachel Jones

Requires that the Department of Child Safety (DCS) conduct a due diligence search if a child is taken in to temporary custody. Requires DCS to interview a child, a child's parent, a child's adult relatives and others when identifying appropriate kinship caregivers.

### **HB2346 Outpatient Treatment Centers; Exemption**

Representative Amish Shah

Exempts an outpatient treatment center (OTC) from licensure, supervision, regulation or control of the Arizona Department of Health Services (DHS) if it has the same direct or indirect owner as a licensed hospital, is staffed by licensed health care providers and provides notice to DHS of its decision to be exempt.





### **HB2432 Supplemental Appropriation; AHCCCS; Adjustments**

Representative David Livingston

Appropriates supplemental appropriations from the CHIP Fund and the expenditure authority to the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System for adjustments in formula requirements in FY 2023.

### **HB2446 Smart and Safe Fund; Distribution**

Representative Teresa Martinez

Expands the list of recipients who receive a portion of the Smart and Safe Fund monies relating to public safety to include joint powers authorities. Applies retroactively to January 1, 2021 and contains a Prop 105 clause.

### **HB2489 Prescriptions; Approval; Controlled Substance**

Representative Kevin Payne

Allows any FDA-approved compound, mixture or preparation that contains MDMA and is rescheduled by the U.S. DEA, to a schedule other than schedule I, to be prescribed in Arizona. Conditions the enactment of this legislation on the approval of an MDMA investigational product that is controlled under an issued federal interim final rule and published in the Federal Register. Requires the Director of the Arizona State Board of Pharmacy to notify the Director of Legislative Council in writing whether conditions were met by February 1, 2026.

### **HB2516 Child Abuse; Investigations; Forensic Interview**

Representative Barbara Parker

Requires a person who takes a child into custody because of an urgent circumstance to have the child forensically interviewed by a person who is trained in forensic interviewing pursuant to a protocol established in statute. Allows a person who takes a child into custody to have the child examined by a licensed physician or a licensed health care provider who specializes in child abuse.

### **HB2559 DCS; Federal Benefits; Dependent Children**

Representative Steve Montenegro

Requires the Arizona Department of Child Safety (DCS) to determine eligibility for benefits administered by the Social Security Administration (SSA) or the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for all children in their care and apply for those federal benefits on the children's behalf if eligible. Requires DCS to consult with the child's attorney when providing notice of any denial of benefits and appeal the denial if it is in the child's best interest.

### **HB2589 Emergency Medical Technicians; Military Reciprocity**

Representative Kevin Payne

Grants reciprocity, and certification to be an emergency medical care technician (EMCT), to a person who received comparable EMCT training while serving in the military. Exempts DHS from rulemaking requirements and contains an effective date clause to conform with an existing statutory enactment date.



### HB2624 AHCCCS; Redeterminations; Appropriation

Representative Leo Biasiucci

Requires the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) to issue decisions on redeterminations for all members who have not been redetermined for eligibility since December 1, 2022 and who were identified as factually ineligible through AHCCCS's auto-renewal process based on information provided electronically from federal and state databases that include financial and other eligibility information. Outlines restrictions and reporting requirements for AHCCCS. Includes an emergency clause.

## Salary, Benefits & Retirement

### SB1164 Workers Compensation; Fraud Investigations; Adjudications

Senator Steve Kaiser

Directs the Industrial Commission of Arizona (ICA) to establish a fraud unit to investigate fraudulent activities, statements or representations in connection with worker's compensation claims. Permits the fraud unit to investigate fraud allegations on either the receipt of a complaint or on the fraud unit's own motion. Specifies any allegation involving an unfair claim processing practice or bad faith by an employer, self-insured employer, insurance carrier or claims processing representative must be addressed in accordance with the unfair claim processing practice statutes. Allows the fraud unit to report violations of law to specified entities, if satisfied upon investigation that the fraudulent activities, statements or representations were made in connection with a workers' compensation benefits or payments claim, including the appropriate county attorney or the Attorney General for prosecution.

### SB1173 Public Retirement Systems; Plan Election

Senator Javan Mesnard

Adds that for employees hired beginning July 1, 2017 and that are hired or rehired by an employer under PSPRS or CORP, the employee's participation begins on the date the employee is hired or rehired. Changes the requirement that the late penalty for employer and employee contributions to the PSPRS board are to be compounded annually instead of daily. Allows employees to participate in the CORP or the PSPRS DC plan if they are a probation or surveillance officer hired on or after July 1, 2018. Reduces the time period after which a member retires that they must pay an alternate contribution rate from 12 to 6 months. Strikes the requirement that the PSPRS Board use a total asset amount comprised of the sum of the assets in the prefunding plan and the assets of the defined benefit pension will be used in the calculation of the unfunded pension liability and the annual actuarial required contribution amount in its preparation of the annual employer valuation report.



### **HB2008 ASRS; Contribution Prepayment**

Representative David Livingston

Modifies the Arizona State Retirement System's (ASRS) Contribution Prepayment Program and creates requirements for any prepayment agreement between ASRS and the state or any state agency. Requires that any prepayment amounts deposited with ASRS must be from an appropriation specifically for that purpose that is passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor and any prepayment amounts or accrued earnings used to reduce the employers pension contributions must be authorized for a specific fiscal year by legislation that is passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor. Removes the requirement for an employer that has entered into a prepayment agreement to begin amortizing prepaid contributions when the employer's net pension liability becomes zero or less. Allows an employer that has entered into a prepayment agreement to elect an actual rate of return of a short-term investment through ASRS.

### **HB2009 ASRS; Retirement Application; Changes**

Representative David Livingston

Allows members to change retirement application information within 60 days of the member's retirement date. Specifies that any changes made to the retirement application are retroactive to the members retirement date.

### **HB2015 Retirement Plans; Plan Election; Rehire**

Representative David Livingston

Allows a Tier 3 Corrections Officer Retirement Plan (CORP) or Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) member who is rehired by a new or former employer to make a new benefit plan election within 90 days of rehire in certain circumstances.

### **HB2028 PSPRS; Contribution Rates**

Representative David Livingston

Adjusts Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) employee contributions to 7.65% of their compensation effective beginning FY 2024. Requires PSPRS to consider the excess contribution rates collected when determining the employer contribution rates beginning in FY 2024.

### **HB2029 ASRS; Supplemental Deferral Plan; Participation**

Representative David Livingston

Allows a political subdivision that is not participating in the Arizona State Retirement System (ASRS) to enter into an agreement with ASRS to allow its employees to participate in an ASRS supplemental employee deferral plan (supplemental savings plan) and permits a political subdivision that allows its employees to participate in a supplemental savings plan to elect to join ASRS as prescribed for political subdivisions that have adopted a supplemental retirement plan.



### HB2433 Pensions; Domestic Relations Orders

Representative David Livingston

Requires an acceptable domestic relations order for the Arizona State Retirement System to be valued on the date of service. Sets the value of an EORP, PSPRS or CORP participant's benefit for the purposes of a domestic relations order at the value on the date of service.

## Special Districts

### SB1172 Fire District Bonding; Limitation

Senator Javan Mesnard

Prohibits the maximum principal amount of bonds issued from exceeding 120% of the districts statutory debt limitation when combined with the district's current outstanding general obligation debt amount. Requires the election order to include the current outstanding general debt amount and the statutory debt limitation of the district. Removes the ability of an elected chief and secretary treasurer to order an election.

## Transportation

### SB1097 Truck Routes; Designation

Senator Frank Carroll

Requires the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) or a local authority to demonstrate that a vehicle of legal size may not safely operate on a roadway before prohibiting those vehicles from operating on a major arterial street that connects two or more local jurisdictions. Allows a person to request the review of a route restriction with ADOT and requires local jurisdictions to conform to decisions made at the state-level.

### SB1098 Truck Routes; Signage

Senator Frank Carroll

Mandates that signs that prohibit the operation of or impose weight limitations on trucks or commercial vehicles to be uniform and designed by the Arizona Department of Transportation. Requires that the signs to be easily visible to the public, inform the public of any restrictions and either direct the public to the fastest route to leave the restricted route or inform the public of the distance that the route is restricted.



### **SB1102 Transportation Excise Tax; Maricopa County**

Representative Frank Carroll

Directs the Maricopa county board of supervisors to call a countywide election for the continuation of the county transportation excise tax. Prescribes the levy and distribution of the transportation tax if approved by the voters and outlines requirements for participants and agencies.

### **SB1340 Toll Roads; Conversion; Prohibition**

Senator Juan Mendez

Prohibits the Arizona Department of Transportation and a County Board of Supervisors from allowing the conversion of an existing publicly funded or maintained street or highway to a toll road.

### **HB2062 License Plates; Special Plates**

Representative Theresa Martinez

Establishes the Gila River Indian Community Special Plate, Ak-Chin Indian Community Special Plate, Pascua Yaqui Tribe Special Plate, Arizona Professional Soccer Club Special Plate and Fund and the Humanitarian Service Organization Special Plate and Fund. Outlines color and font requirements for all license plates.

### **HB2288 Roundabouts; Right-of-Way; Large Vehicles**

Representative David Cook

Allows the operator of a vehicle or combination of vehicles with a length of at least 40 feet or a width of at least 10 feet to deviate from their lane to the extent necessary to approach and drive through a roundabout if safe. Requires that the driver of a vehicle, when approaching or in a roundabout, yield the right of-way to a person driving a vehicle or combination of vehicles that are at least 40 feet long or at least 10 feet wide feet through a roundabout at the same time or close enough in time to present an immediate hazard. Clarifies that a person driving through a roundabout is not required to yield to the operator of a vehicle or combination of vehicles that are at least 40 feet long or at least 10 feet wide who are approaching a roundabout.

### **HB2292 Transportation; Vehicle Sales; License Providers**

Representative David Cook

Allows a motor vehicle dealer, a purchaser and any lienholder to rescind or cancel the sale of any motor vehicle if all parties agree. The documentation must be completed and submitted to the Arizona Department of Transportation within 15 business days. Allows a third-party driver license provider to perform administrative



functions or testing functions or both administrative and testing functions for the issuance and renewal of commercial driver licenses

## Veterans & Military Affairs

### SB1454 Veteran Suicide Prevention; Pilot Program

Senator Thomas Shope

Creates the Veteran Suicide Prevention program in the Arizona Department of Veterans Services (ADVS). Directs ADVS to contract with an experienced organization in developing and implementing veteran-relevant and evidence-based suicide prevention training. Requires the program to train participants to identify indicators of elevated suicide risk in veterans and provide emergency crisis referrals for veterans expressing or exhibiting symptoms of emotional or psychological distress. Instructs ADVS to submit an annual report to specified members of the legislature that includes information concerning the Program and whether changes are needed to increase effectiveness. Requires ADVS to submit a final report with a recommendation on whether the program should continue. Repeals the program on January 1, 2028

### HB2090 Emergency and Military Affairs; Continuation

Representative Kevin Payne

Continues the Department of Emergency and Military Affairs and the State Emergency Council for 8 years.

## Veto

### SB1001 Pronouns; Biological Sex; School Notifications

Senator John Kavanagh

Prohibits a school district or charter school employee or independent contractor from knowingly addressing a student under the age of 18 by a pronoun that differs from the pronoun that aligns with the student's biological sex or a first name that differs from the student's official school records without written parental permission. Allows an employee to address a student by a nickname and requires that a school district governing board or charter school governing body to adopt policies to implement these procedures and prohibitions.

Veto Message (In Part):

“As politicians across the country continue to pass harmful legislation directed at transgender youth, I have a clear message to the people of Arizona: I will veto every bill that aims to attack and harm children. I want to thank the young people that bravely testified against SB1001 at the legislature. To you, I promise to be an ally and to uplift your stories.”



### **SB1005 Unjustified Actions; Parental Rights**

Senator John Kavanagh

Prohibits a court from awarding attorney fees, expenses or damages to a governmental entity or official in a proceeding based on a violation of statutory parental rights or any other governmental action that interferes with or usurps the fundamental right of parents to direct the upbringing, education, health care and mental health of their children.

Veto Message (In Part):

“This bill does not protect parents’ rights but merely encourages litigation-no matter how frivolous-without consequence. Across the country and here in Arizona, schools and teachers have been maligned by bad actors who spread baseless theories, seeking to create conflict with teachers, school boards, and administrators.”

### **SB1009 Criminal Damage; Monuments; Memorials; Statues**

Senator John Kavanagh

Changes existing form of aggravated criminal damage involving facilities used for the purpose of burial or memorializing the dead to provide that a person can commit the offense by defacing, damaging or tampering with a public or private monument, memorial or statue.

Veto Message (In Part):

“State law already provides adequate tools to prosecute criminal damage to the items contemplated in this bill, including confederate monuments, and increasing the penalties will do little to deter such crime.”

### **SB1011 Municipalities; Partisan Elections**

Senator John Kavanagh

Allows for municipal candidate elections to be conducted as partisan or nonpartisan and contains a delayed effective date of January 1, 2024.

Veto Message (In Part):

“While this bill does not mandate municipalities to hold partisan elections, Arizona’s communities are simply not asking for their local elections to be partisan affairs.”



### **SB1021 Attorney General; Legislature; Legal Challenges**

Senator John Kavanagh

Mandates that the Attorney General (AG) defend the constitutionality of all laws passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor in any legal proceeding. Specifies that the AG must be relieved from defending the constitutionality of any law passed by the legislature if the AG provides notice to the Speaker of the House and President of the Senate at least 10 days before filing any pleading that the AG does not intend to defend the law.

Veto Message (In Part):

“The Attorney General, like other elected officials, swears an oath to support the Constitution and laws of Arizona and the United States. The litigation choices made by the Attorney General are therefore dictated not only by state law, but also by this allegiance to the Constitution and her ethical duties as an attorney. Unfortunately, the legislature has been known to pass laws that its own lawyers advise would not survive constitutional scrutiny. On occasion, the legislature has even passed laws intended to prompt litigation. Rather than change state law to require the Attorney General to defense laws even under such circumstances, I encourage the legislature to be more exacting in its deliberations to ensure fidelity to the Constitution.”

### **SB1024 Public Right-Of-Way; Unlawful Acts**

Senator John Kavanagh

Prohibits the erection of a habitation in a public street, highway, alley, lane, parkway, sidewalk or other public right-of-way. Defines habitation as tents, tarps, boxes or similar objects and specifies that this prohibition does not apply to commercial motor vehicles.

Veto Message (In Part):

“We need to address Arizona’s housing and homelessness crisis in a comprehensive manner. Rather than solving these issues in a meaningful way, this bill only makes them less visible. Now, more than ever, it’s important that we are clear-eyed about the challenges we face and the urgency required to overcome them.”

### **SB1025 Political Signs; Tourism Zones**

Senator John Kavanagh

Establishes minimum requirements for the designation of political sign-free zones by a municipality. Prohibits the zone from being larger than three square miles and stipulates the zone cannot exceed 10% of the total area of the municipality. Allows a municipality to establish one or more zones within these zones that allow political signs.





Veto Message (In Part):

“It is unclear what problem this bill aims to solve – Arizonans are not asking for more campaign signs in their communities.”

### **SB1026 State Monies; Drag Shows; Minors**

Senator John Kavanagh

Prohibits the use of state monies and federal monies passing through the state treasury by any person or entity, including any state-funded institution or facility, for a drag show targeting minors. Prohibits a person or entity in violation of the prohibition from receiving or spending any state monies for 36 months after the conviction. Defines drag show targeting minors as an in-person show or performance for entertainment in which a single adult performer or group of adult performers dress in clothing and makeup opposite of the performers' gender at birth to exaggerate gender signifiers and roles and engage in singing, dancing or a monologue or skit in order to entertain a target audience of persons under 18 years of age.

Veto Message (In Part):

“SB1026, SB1028, SB1030, and SB1698 are attempts to criminalize free expression and ostracize the LGBTQIA+ community both implicitly and explicitly, creating statutory language that could be weaponized by those who choose hate over acceptance. I have made it abundantly clear that I am committed to building an Arizona for everyone and will not support any legislation that attempts to marginalize our fellow Arizonans.”

### **SB1027 Carfentanil; Fentanyl; Minors; Penalties**

Senator Anthony Kern

Establishes knowingly manufacturing carfentanil, fentanyl or fentanyl memetic substances under any circumstance that causes physical injury to a minor who is under 15 years of age as a class 2 felony offense punishable as a dangerous crime against children (DCAC) and makes changes to existing sentencing provisions for certain narcotic drug offenses.

Veto Message (In Part):

“Last week I signed a bill continuing Arizona’s “Good Samaritan Law.” I fear that this bill, particularly Section 2, would undermine the purpose of that law. I encourage the legislature to send me a narrower bill that focuses on the manufacture of fentanyl.”



### **SB1028 Adult Cabaret Performances; Prohibited Locations**

Senator Anthony Kern

Prohibits a person or business from engaging in an adult cabaret performance on public property or in a location where the person knows or has reason to know that the performance could be viewed by a minor. Classifies a first violation as a class 1 misdemeanor and a second or subsequent violation as a class 6 felony. Allows counties and municipalities to enact and enforce ordinances that regulate the location of adult cabaret performances in a manner that is at least as restrictive as this legislation.

Veto Message (In Part):

“SB1026, SB1028, SB1030, and SB1698 are attempts to criminalize free expression and ostracize the LGBTQIA+ community both implicitly and explicitly, creating statutory language that could be weaponized by those who choose hate over acceptance. I have made it abundantly clear that I am committed to building an Arizona for everyone and will not support any legislation that attempts to marginalize our fellow Arizonans.”

### **SB1030 Sexually Explicit Performances; Regulation**

Requires a board of supervisors to adopt zoning ordinances to conserve and promote public health, safety, convenience and general welfare. Expands the list of establishments that must be regulated by the zoning ordinance to include establishments that conduct sexually explicit performances. Requires the ordinance to regulate the age and conduct of erotic entertainers to the same level found in alcoholic beverage restrictions and modifies the definition of Adult Oriented Business to include establishments that conduct sexually explicit performances.

Senator Anthony Kern

Veto Message (In Part):

“SB1026, SB1028, SB1030, and SB1698 are attempts to criminalize free expression and ostracize the LGBTQIA+ community both implicitly and explicitly, creating statutory language that could be weaponized by those who choose hate over acceptance. I have made it abundantly clear that I am committed to building an Arizona for everyone and will not support any legislation that attempts to marginalize our fellow Arizonans.”

### **SB1040 Public Schools; Restrooms; Reasonable Accommodations**

Senator John Kavanagh

Requires a public school to provide a reasonable accommodation to a person who is unwilling or unable to use specified facilities designated for their sex in a public-school building or multioccupancy sleeping quarters while attending a public school-sponsored activity.



Veto Message (In Part):

“SB1040 is yet another discriminatory act against LGBTQ+ youth passed by the majority at the state legislature. As I stated in my veto letter for SB1001, I will veto every bill that aims to attack and harm children.

### **SB1048 Campaign Finance; Reporting Threshold; Lobbyists**

Senator John Kavanagh

Increases the campaign finance reporting threshold to \$200 for the contributions from in-state individuals and requires specified individuals to inform the committees receiving the contributions of their lobbyist registration identification number in the Lobbyist Reporting System.

Veto Message (In Part):

“While I appreciate the provision aimed at adding transparency to donations from lobbyists, other provisions in the bill would reduce transparency in campaign finance and would likely apply to far more donors. Therefore, I believe that, in the aggregate, this bill does not benefit Arizona’s voters.”

### **SB1063 Food; Municipal Tax; Exemption**

Senator Sonny Borrelli

Prohibits a city, town or other taxing jurisdiction from levying a transaction privilege tax, sales, use, franchise or other similar tax or fee on the sale of food and certain beverage items intended for home consumption. Contains a delayed effective date of July 1, 2025.

Veto Message (In Part):

“From potential cuts to service-including public safety-to increased property taxes, it’s clear that this bill doesn’t actually eliminate costs for our residents. It simply moves those costs around. The bill, originally unveiled as a way to mitigate inflation, does not take effect for more than two years. It does nothing for the more than 800,000 Arizonians who use SNAP and WIC benefits for their groceries, as these constituents are already exempt from the tax.”

### **SB1066 Election Mailings; Third-Party Disclosures**

Senator John Kavanagh

Requires any nongovernmental person or entity that mails an official election-related document to disclose the words Not from a Government Agency in boldfaced print on the outside of the envelope and display the disclosure at a height that is at least 10% of the vertical height of the document.



Veto Message (In Part):

“After much consideration, I have vetoed SB1066. While I am generally supportive of disclosure in this context, I believe that the specific requirements around text size within this bill create an unreasonable burden on those who are trying to improve voting access in Arizona.”

### **SB1074 Tabulating Equipment; Standards; Source Codes**

Senator Sonny Borrelli

Prohibits electronic equipment from being the primary method for tabulating votes unless the equipment meets or exceeds the security standards set by the United States Department of Defense, the equipment is manufactured in the United States, and the source codes for the equipment are kept on file by the Auditor General. Allows the Auditor General to release the source codes for the electronic equipment to specified individuals for the purpose of verifying that the equipment is operating properly. Outlines the process in which a superior court can appoint a special master to review the source codes for any electronic tabulating equipment in any instance where the tabulation of votes is at issue

Veto Message (In Part):

“The election equipment required by the bill, as well as the problem it purports to solve, does not exist. This bill neither strengthens our democracy, nor ensures that Arizonans can better exercise their fundamental right to vote.”

### **SB1091 Prisoners; Transition Services; Noncontracted Entities**

Senator Anthony Kern

Requires the Arizona Department of Corrections, Rehabilitation and Reentry (ADCRR) to allow noncontracted entities to provide eligible inmates with transition program services and outlines requirements the noncontracted behavioral health services provider must fulfill in order to provide services to eligible inmates.

Veto Message (In Part):

“Unfortunately, this bill would result in less transparency and oversight of services provided to incarcerated people returning to society.”

### **SB1095 Early Ballot Envelope; Notice**

Senator Frank Carroll

Requires the return envelope containing an early ballot to include a specified statement regarding the potential for delayed election results.



Veto Message (In Part):

“I am concerned that this bill could have the effect of discouraging voter participation. Those concerns outweigh any potential benefits that this bill may present.”

### **SB1096 Firearms; Contracts; Prohibited Practices**

Senator Frank Carroll

Prohibits a public entity from entering into a contract of \$100,000 or more with a company to acquire or dispose of services, supplies, information technology or construction unless the contract includes a written certification that the company does not, and will not, discriminate against a firearm entity or firearm trade association.

Veto Message (In Part):

“This bill is unnecessary and, if enacted, could result in banks leaving Arizona’s market. This would limit competition and increase costs for local governments, costs which ultimately fall on taxpayers.”

### **SB1100 All-Terrain Vehicles; Definition**

Senator Frank Carroll

Modifies the definition of an all-terrain vehicle to require a recreational off-highway vehicle to have an unladen weight of 3,500 pounds or less, rather than 2,500 pounds or less. Modifies requirements related to indicia and vehicle taxes.

Veto Message (In Part):

“I encourage the Legislature to work with my administration to explore current challenges with Off-Highway Vehicles (OHV) and recommend mitigation strategies to minimize the impact and destruction of off-trails before increasing the weight limits. To accomplish this, I suggest working with the Off-Highway Vehicle Study Committee and/or the All-Terrain State Parks Advisory Group to study and propose administrative or legislative solutions.”

### **SB1101 Authorized Third Parties; ADOT**

Senator Frank Carroll

Prohibits the Director of the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) from prohibiting an Authorized Third Party (ATP) from printing an electronic certificate of title or a registration tab or windshield sticker. Allows an ATP driver license provider to perform administrative or testing functions, or both.



Veto Message (In Part):

“Allowing ATPs to print these security-enhanced certificates of title and registration tab stocks, outside of ADOT’s central distribution model, poses a significant public safety risk.”

### **SB1105 Early Ballots; Election Day Tabulation**

Senator Frank Carroll

Requires that counties provide for the on-site tabulation of voted early ballots for any elector who appears at their designated polling place or a voting center. Counties that tabulate election day ballots at a central location and do not otherwise tabulate ballots on-site at voting locations are exempted.

Veto Message (In Part):

“The requirements of this bill would be very difficult for election officials to implement, creating logistical challenges to the administration of free and fair elections in Arizona.”

### **SB1106 Social Media Platforms; Standards; Notification**

Senator Wendy Rogers

Allows, during the duration of candidacy, a social media platform to deplatform an individual that the platform knows to be a candidate, as allowed by federal law. Specifies that the duration of candidacy begins on the date of the candidate's qualification and ends on the date of election or the date the candidate ceases to be a candidate. Subjects an employee who violates social media platform standards to removal from state service, reduction in grade, debarment from state employment for up to five years, suspension, reprimand or a civil penalty of up to \$1,000. Requires a social media platform to publish the standards that the platform uses to determine how it will deplatform users.

Veto Message (In Part):

“This bill does not attempt to solve any of the real problems social media platforms create.”

### **SB1109 Prohibited Weapons; Muffling Device; Repeal**

Senator Wendy Rogers

Exclude devices intended to muffle the report of a firearm from the definition of prohibited weapon.



Veto Message (In Part):

“Gun silencers have long been prohibited weapons in Arizona, along with fully-automatic firearms and sawed-off shotguns. Ensuring the safety of all Arizonans is a priority of my administration. Legalizing silencers, or any other weapon that is currently on the “prohibited weapon” list, will make Arizonans less safe.”

### **SB1135 Spoiled Early Ballots; Election Day**

Senator John Kavanagh

Allows a voter to exchange their early ballot for a regular ballot at their polling place or a voting center in the county on election day and requires the County Recorder or officer in charge of elections to count the number of early ballots spoiled and exchanged for regular ballots, if practicable and in addition to the number of early ballots returned at voting locations on election day. Requires the County Recorder to provide each election board the name of inactive voters and allows an elector that is listed as inactive on the precinct register or electronic pollbook to vote at a precinct polling place if the individual affirms to an election official at that polling place that they continue to reside at the address indicated on the precinct register or electronic pollbook. Prohibits the state or its political subdivisions from being a member of any multistate voter registration or voter registration list maintenance organization that requires the state to provide the organization with voter registration records that include otherwise confidential information.

Veto Message (In Part):

“This bill would prohibit Arizona from remaining a part of the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC), which is an essential tool in ensuring accurate voter registration rolls in Arizona and across the county. It is unfortunate that many Republicans in the Legislature continue to fan the flames of false allegations of voter fraud, yet send to my desk a bill that would prevent Arizona from joining organizations that actually help improve the integrity of our elections. Arizonans deserve legislation that promotes free and fair elections, not the opposite.”

### **SB1146 Divestment; K-12; Abortion; Explicit Material**

Senator Jake Hoffman

Requires the State Board of Investment (BOI) to identify U.S. companies that donate to or invest in organizations that promote, facilitate or advocate for abortions for minors or for the inclusion of, or the referral of students to, sexually explicit material in grades K-12. Mandates that the BOI modify their investment policies and provide a copy to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House. Requires the State Treasurer to divest from the identified companies.



Veto Message (In Part):

“It is the State Treasurer’s responsibility to protect the best interest of taxpayer dollars and the state’s strategic investments. SB1146 needlessly politicizes decisions best made by the professional portfolio managers at the Treasurer’s office.”

### **SB1151 Community Property; Spousal Maintenance; Documentation**

Senator Anthony Kern

Outlines requirements for a court to assess the value of a business interest for purposes of calculating community share in a proceeding for dissolution of marriage, legal separation or annulment. Makes various changes to existing requirements for calculating child support.

Veto Message (In Part):

“While I applaud the sponsor’s efforts to find a compromise with his colleagues across the aisle, the bill’s provisions related to child support likely conflict with federal law.”

### **SB1162 Home-Based Businesses; Restrictions; Prohibition**

Senator Steve Kaiser

Requires a municipality or county to allow a home-based business as a use by right if certain conditions are met. Outlines purposes for which a municipality or a county may establish regulations on a home-based business.

Veto Message (In Part):

“While there is no doubt that more can be done to support small businesses in Arizona, this approach is far too broad. The bill would create challenges for public safety and code enforcement in neighborhoods.”

### **SB1166 Public Employers; Postsecondary Degree Requirements**

Senator Steve Kaiser

Prohibits public employers from rejecting applicants solely for not having a postsecondary degree and requires that public employers determine baseline requirements for jobs, including direct experience, certifications and courses. The bill contains a delayed effective of January 1, 2024.

Veto Message (In Part):

“Ensuring that employment with the State of Arizona is available to as many talented individuals as possible is of great importance to me. The State’s employees provide invaluable support to all Arizonans and it is my belief that we should ensure that all those that want to enter public service should have the opportunity to do so.”





### **SB1175 Registrations; Observers; Counting Procedures; Verification**

Senator John Kavanagh

Expands access to precinct registers and information derived from voter registration forms. Outlines procedures for a hand count audit if a political party provides an insufficient number of board workers to conduct the hand count audit. Allows political party challengers and observers to be designated for specified locations. The bill contains a delayed effective date of January 1, 2024.

Veto Message (In Part):

“This bill creates an unfunded mandate for both the State and Counties and, such as, I cannot support it.”

### **SB1180 Voter Registrations; Payment Prohibited**

Senator Ken Bennett

Prohibits a person from paying or receiving money or any item of value based on the number of voter registrations or voter registration forms collected or submitted.

Veto Message (In Part):

“It’s clear to me that this bill is an effort by the sponsor to make what he believes are necessary changes to law. I disagree; however, and do not believe that this bill is the right solution. I look forward to working with the sponsor and this bill’s supporters to find real solutions to the challenges facing our elections.”

### **SB1184 Municipal Tax Exemption; Residential Leases**

Senator Steve Kaiser

Prohibits a city or town from levying a tax on the business of renting or leasing property for residential purposes. Prohibits a county from levying a tax on the business of renting or leasing property for residential purposes. Requires that a landlord affected by the elimination of TPT in a city or town that levies TPT on the business of residential rentals to reduce the rent amount by an amount equal to the difference caused by the elimination of the tax by January 1, 2024 and repeals this requirement effective January 1, 2026. Stipulates that revenues collected from remote sellers must be accounted for separately when depositing TPT revenues into the GF. Requires municipalities to use monies from remote seller revenues for public safety before any other municipal purpose. Prohibits, as of January 1, 2024 a city, town or other taxing jurisdiction from levying a transaction privilege, sales, gross receipts, use, franchise or other similar tax on the business of renting or leasing residential property for residential purposes and repeals the statute that allows that taxation to occur. Excludes health care facilities, long term care facilities, hotels or other transient lodging businesses. States that the tax prohibitions apply regardless of whether the city or town has adopted the Model City Tax Code. Strikes the ability for cities or towns to fine or penalize a lessor for not paying TPT on residential rent. Directs the county treasurer to



distribute \$14,965,600 each month from the portion of TPT revenues to cities and towns that levied a residential rental TPT based on the city's or town's average monthly TPT collections. Contains a statement of legislative intent. Makes technical and conforming changes.

Veto Message (In Part):

“I have vetoed SB1184. I appreciate the legislature’s interest in addressing rising housing costs, particularly for renters. Unfortunately, this bill suffers from two important defects at this time. First, this bill lacks any enforceable mechanism to ensure relief will be provided to renters. As noted by the legislature’s own attorney, provisions in the bill that purport to require that tax savings be passed on to renters face challenges under both the state and federal constitutions. If we are going to promise relief, it’s important that we are able to ensure they actually receive it. Second, the bill includes an appropriation of roughly 270 million dollars over the next eighteen months. To approve of such an appropriation outside of a comprehensive budget agreement would be irresponsible. If the majority caucus is committed to such an appropriation, I expect that it will be brought to bipartisan budget negotiations for consideration.”

### **SB1201 Early Ballots; Signatures; Electronic Pollbooks**

Senator John Kavanagh

Prohibits the County Recorder or officer in charge of elections from using signatures on polling place or voting center e-pollbooks for signature comparisons.

Veto Message (In Part):

“Arizona’s current signature review requirements ensure that ballot affidavit signatures are reviewed by trained staff who compare the signatures in the voter’s record. Limiting which signatures may be reviewed without a legitimate security or accuracy concern only harms Arizona’s voters. Therefore, I am vetoing SB1201. As with so many others, this bill is a solution in search of a problem and would create real challenges for Arizona’s elections.”

### **SB1213 Legislative Audit Committee; Procedures Manual**

Senator Anthony Kern

Creates new requirement that the Elections Procedures Manual (EPM) be approved by the Joint Legislative Audit Committee in addition to the Governor and the Attorney General.

Veto Message (In Part):

“Arizonans are tired of the Legislature meddling with Arizona’s elections. SB1213 is yet another example of the kind of legislative interference that Arizonans have rejected, and it is for this reason that I have vetoed it.”



### **SB1234 Prohibition; Photo Radar**

Senator Wendy Rogers

Prohibits a local authority or agency from using a photo enforcement system to identify violators of laws or ordinances relating to excessive speed or failure to obey a traffic control device.

Veto Message (In Part):

“I’ve heard from local leaders and the law enforcement officers across the state about the impact this bill will have on the safety of Arizonans. Research indicates that photo radar cameras demonstrate effectiveness in changing driver behavior and decreasing fatal accidents, especially in vulnerable areas like school zones. This bill’s ban of phot radar would eliminate an important tool for law enforcement that allows for more efficient allocation of limited police resources.”

### **SB1236 Blockchain Technology; Tax; Fee; Prohibition**

Senator Wendy Rogers

Declares the regulation of the imposition of a tax or fee on a person or entity running a node on blockchain technology to be a matter of statewide concern and preempts further regulation by a city, town or county.

Veto Message (In Part):

“This bill broadly defines “blockchain technology” and prevents local policymaking concerning an emergent and potentially energy-intensive economic activity.”

### **SB1243 STOs; Individual Income Tax Credits**

Senator Javan Mesnard

Repeals the individual Credit for Contributions to Certified School Tuition Organizations and increases the cap on the individual Credit for Contributions to School Tuition Organizations. This bill contains a delayed effective date of January 1, 2024.

Veto Message (In Part):

“SB1243 enables excessive spending that forces taxpayers to pay for private school tuition and diverts much needed funding from our public schools. Over the last year, School Tuition Organization tax credits diverted over \$271,853,194 million away from the state’s general fund. Protecting taxpayer dollars and ensuring our state’s fiscal strength is a top priority and I am committed to making informed decisions that work for all Arizonans.”



### **SB1246 Election; Transportation Tax; Maricopa County**

Senator David Farnsworth

Directs the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors to call a countywide election for the continuation of the .495 cents of the current .5 cents county transportation excise tax. Prescribes the levy and distribution of the transportation tax if approved by the voters and outlines requirements for participants and agencies.

Veto Message (In Part):

“SB1246 fails to meet the everyday needs of Arizonans. Though a comprehensive effort, mayors and community leaders across Maricopa County put forth a plan to invest in highways and enhance transit that creates jobs, spurs economic growth, and leverages federal dollars. Instead, a minority of legislators unilaterally crafted a plan going against the public’s desires and weaponized the very roads on which everyday Arizonans rely to get to work and improve their transit experience. Moreover, this regressive plan jeopardizes not only Maricopa County’s economic vitality, but that the entire state, setting Arizona back for decades.”

### **SB1248 Scope of Practice; Process; Repeal**

Senator Thomas Shope

Removes the requirement that health professional groups proposing to increase the scope of practice of a state-regulated health profession must complete a statutory sunrise review. Modifies terms, delete terms, and makes technical and conforming changes.

Veto Message (In Part):

“Scope of practice expansions are serious matters that should be considered with a critical eye to preserve the health and safety of our constituents. Some expansions provide authority to prescribe dangerous and/or addictive substances, to perform medical procedures, or to practice medicine with less supervision. Some are much more mundane, but that does not mean that they should not be held to some level of scientific and public health scrutiny. Without the sunrise application process, provider groups could fast-track their priorities through the legislative process without adequate attention to why the change is necessary, or if it will impact communities with the greatest needs.”

### **SB1250 Employers; Vaccines; Religious Exemption**

Senator Janae Shamp

Requires employers to provide reasonable accommodations to an employee that requests a religious exemption from taking the COVID-19, influenza A or B, flu or U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) emergency use authorized vaccine. Prohibits employers from discriminating against an employee regarding employment, wages



or benefits based on vaccination status and from inquiring into the veracity of an employee's religious beliefs, practices or observances. Directs the Arizona Attorney General to investigate vaccine exemption complaints.

Veto Message (In Part):

“This bill is unnecessary, as legal protections for an employee’s religious beliefs already exist in federal employment law. This bill also threatens employers with a civil penalty and a hefty fine, which could be devastating for Arizona’s many small businesses.”

### **SB1251 Working Animals; Restrictions; Prohibition**

Senator Janae Shamp

Prohibits a city, town or county from enacting any ordinance, resolution or policy that prohibits or restricts a person from using a working animal in lawful commerce or for an animal enterprise. Defines working animal as an animal used primarily to perform a specific duty or function in commerce or for an animal enterprise. Excludes rabbits, llamas, cattle, pigs, sheep, goats, chickens or any other animal that is used primarily to produce food from the definition of working animal.

Veto Message (In Part):

“SB1251 is a solution in search of a problem. As the bill sponsor stated, no Arizona city, town, or county restricts rodeos or the use of working animals for agricultural or ranching operations. There are also no pending policy proposals to do so anywhere in Arizona.”

### **SB1252 Maltreatment Oversight Committee; Establishment**

Senator Janae Shamp

Creates the Independent Maltreatment Fatality and Near Fatality Oversight Committee to review fatalities and near fatalities resulting from abuse and neglect. Outlines Committee membership, powers, duties and confidentiality requirements. This bill contains a delayed effective date of July 1, 2024.

Veto Message (In Part):

“As a social worker, I understand the great importance of transparency and accountability in conducting thorough reviews of critical incidents and developing new policies or practices to better safeguard children at risk of abuse or neglect. However, the creation of an additional review committee ineffectively duplicates the work of existing oversight bodies, unnecessarily furthers mistrust of caseworkers, and may regrettably place additional burdens on traumatized or grieving families. My administration remains ready and willing to collaborate and improve our existing oversight processes to make them more useful for policy decisions.”



### **SB1253 Sex Offender Registration; School Notification**

Senator Janae Shamp

Requires a person who must be registered as a sex offender and who is the legal guardian of a student at a public or private school to provide notice of the person's registration status to the school's principal or administrator on an annual basis.

Veto Message (In Part):

“State law already outlines requirements for the registration of sex offenders with the Department of Public Safety and compliance with various ongoing notification requirements, including notifying school districts in which a sex offender lives. The DPS remains best-equipped to oversee all community notification.”

### **SB1257 Water Resources; Assistant Director**

Senator Warren Petersen

Requires the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) Director to appoint an Assistant Director to coordinate with the Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona (WIFA) and water users to work on projects that increase water supply and water storage capacity.

Veto Message (In Part):

“This bill creates an unnecessary statutory mandate for the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) to hire for a role that can already be satisfied by existing ADWR staff. Furthermore, the rigid parameters for the proposed Assistant Director would handcuff the individual's ability to effectively contribute to key agency priorities and functions.”

### **SB1262 Probation; Felony Violation; Rearrest**

Senator Anthony Kern

Requires a court to promptly issue a warrant for the rearrest of a person that has been charged with a felony offense that was committed during the person's probation term and that the court has not yet considered. Makes a person who is the subject of probation revocation proceedings pursuant to this requirement ineligible for release while the revocation proceedings are pending.

Veto Message (In Part):

“This bill raises due process concerns. I encourage the proponents to work with stakeholders in the interim and bring back a consensus proposal next session.”



### **SB1264 Officials; Political Action Committee Prohibition**

Senator Javan Mesnard

Prohibits an elected election officer or appointee of an elected election officer that oversees any aspect of an election from belonging to a Political Action Committee.

Veto Message (In Part):

“There are few, if any, examples of election-related issues created by elected election officers or their appointees being involved in political action commits.”

### **SB1265 Voting; Elections; Tally; Prohibition**

Senator Anthony Kern

Requires, for an election in Arizona, the candidate who receives the highest number of legal votes in an election to be declared elected. Prohibits a voting method or nomination process that includes the ranking of candidates or allows candidates to be eliminated through multiple rounds of tabulation.

Veto Message (In Part):

“This bill contains the same provisions as HB2552, which I have previously vetoed.”

### **SB1268 Annexation; Notice; Approval**

Senator Janae Shamp

Increases the percentage of real and personal property owners required to circulate and file petitions to the office of the county recorder for the purpose of extending and increasing the corporate limits of a city or town by annexation. Requires notice of the public hearing be sent by certified mail and for the governing body of the city or town to bear the cost of the mailing.

Veto Message (In Part):

“Annexation is an important and common practice for consistent, orderly, and successful development of Arizona’s communities. This bill undermines that and the voices of property owners who, when in a majority, wish to be annexed into the communities that surround them.”



### **SB1277 Unmanned Aircraft; Photography; Private Place**

Senator Anthony Kern

Prohibits a person to operate or use an unmanned aircraft or unmanned aircraft system to intentionally photograph, record or otherwise observe another person in a private place where the person has a reasonable expectation of privacy.

Veto Message (In Part):

“SB1277 will negatively affect and restrict the important work of broadcasters, newspapers, telecommunication providers and insurance providers in Arizona. Statute already protects Arizonans from the types of privacy violation that the sponsor is targeting. Relevant stakeholders have worked throughout this legislative session to find a compromise, but were not met with the same level of commitment. I encourage the sponsor to engage the proper stakeholders to find a solution that works for all Arizonans.”

### **SB1301 Misconduct Investigations; Time Limit; Applicability**

Senator John Kavanagh

Requires all law enforcement misconduct investigations for which notice of an allegation of misconduct was received prior to September 24, 2022, to be completed within one year of the general effective date. Misconduct investigations that are suspended due to an officer's incapacitation or unavailability and in accordance with a written waiver of the limitation are exempted.

Veto Message (In Part):

“This bill would unreasonably limit the time local law enforcement needs to adequately complete misconduct investigations. I look forward to continuing to work with the Legislature to find concrete legislative solutions that are responsive to the public and will provide local law enforcement with the tools they need to keep Arizona families and communities safe.”

### **SB1305 Race; Ethnicity; Prohibited Instruction**

Senator Javan Mesnard

Prohibits a public school, school district or state agency or an employee from providing or allowing any person to provide instruction that promotes or advocates for specified concepts relating to race or ethnicity. Creates a complaint process and civil penalty for violations.





Veto Message (In Part):

“It’s time to stop pushing students and teachers into culture wars rooted in fear mongering and evidence-free accusation. Bills like SB1305 serve only to divide and antagonize.”

### **SB1331 Schools; Parents; Firearm Possession**

Senator Janae Shamp

Prohibits the governing board of an educational institution from restricting a student's parent or legal guardian from carrying or transporting a firearm on the educational institution's property if the parent or guardian possesses a valid concealed weapons permit and specifies that this conduct does not constitute misconduct involving weapons.

Veto Message (In Part):

“Mandatory firearms safety training in schools is not the solution to gun violence prevention. This requirement could lead to immediate and long-term impacts on the health and wellbeing of students, teachers, and parents. Nor is it prudent to allow parents to carry concealed weapons on school campuses.”

### **SB1332 Cast Vote Record; Public Records**

Senator Janae Shamp

Declares that the cast vote record for every election held in Arizona is public record. Defines cast vote record as an electronic record of the voter's selections as captured by a tabulation device from a ballot or ballot image that cannot be linked to a specific voter.

Veto Message (In Part):

“Any bill that permits releasing the cast vote record must ensure that a voter’s privacy is protected.”

### **SB1391 Department of Environmental Quality; Counsel**

Senator Sine Kerr

Permits the Attorney General to serve as the legal advisor of and provide legal services to the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ). Allows ADEQ to employ legal counsel or make an expenditure or incur indebtedness for legal services.



Veto Message (In Part):

“The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality currently receives effective and efficient legal representation from the Attorney General, and it is my understanding that this problem this bills seeks to address does not exist.”

### **SB1408 Electronic Applications; Human Smuggling**

Senator Justine Wadsack

Makes it unlawful for a person to use a telephone or computer application or program to knowingly assist in the smuggling of human beings and classifies a violation as a class 2 felony. A person convicted of a violation is not eligible for suspension of sentence, probation, pardon or release on any basis, with certain exceptions.

Veto Message (In Part):

“This bill is yet another attempt by the majority to criminalize organizations and individuals who aim to support immigrants and refugees. I implore the majority party to work with stakeholders to provide real solutions to support our border communities.”

### **SB1410 School Districts; Parent Complaints; Reporting**

Senator Justine Wadsack

Requires a governing board to create a mechanism to receive and investigate parent complaints for alleged violations of a parent's or student's rights. Outlines reporting requirements relating to parent complaints for governing boards and the Arizona Department of Education.

Veto Message (In Part):

“Various avenues already exist to provide parents opportunities to raise concerns and file complaints. Without further justification on the purpose of collecting this data at the state level, SB1410 is an unnecessary mandate on school districts.”

### **SB1413 Homeless Encampment; Removal**

Senator Justine Wadsack

Requires a county, city or town, upon notice of the existence of a homeless encampment, to notify the owner to remove any structures from the location. Defines homeless encampment as one or more structures where one or more persons are regularly using the area as an indefinite place of domicile or residence. States that persons who violate this prohibition are guilty of criminal trespassing or drug offenses as prescribed.



Veto Message (In Part):

“People become and remain unsheltered for a variety of reasons. This legislation addresses none of those root causes, offers no pathways to assistance, and effectively criminalizes experiencing homelessness. I invite you to join me in pursuing more productive solutions that respect human and constitutional rights.”

### **SB1428 Political Subdivisions; Gun Shows; Preemption**

Senator Justine Wadsack

Proscribes an Arizona political subdivision from prohibiting a gun show from occurring within the subdivision.

Veto Message (In Part):

“This bill needlessly restricts the authority of cities and towns to make decisions about how to keep their communities safe.”

### **SB1435 Attorney Licensing; Supreme Court**

Senator Justine Wadsack

Prohibits the Supreme Court from requiring an attorney to be a member of any organization in order to become or remain a licensed attorney in Arizona. Requires the Supreme Court to license attorneys in Arizona.

Veto Message (In Part):

“The State Bar of Arizona is best equipped to license attorneys. The bill would strip that authority from the Bar and place it within the Arizona Supreme Court, which is in opposition to this measure.”

### **SB1455 Office Vacancy; Discharge of Duties**

Senator Thomas Shope

Decreases, from 3 months to 45 days, the consecutive amount of time that a public officer may cease their duties before the office is deemed vacant.

Veto Message (In Part):

“While I appreciate the sponsor’s intent, I do not believe that the changes proposed by this bill are needed at this time.”



### **SB1471 Ballot Tabulation; Hand Count Comparison**

Senator John Kavanagh

Mandates that the officer in charge of elections for a county with a population of 2 million people or more to randomly select 400 ballots from four election precincts in the county from the ballot test decks used for logic and accuracy testing for the 2022 general election and recount all races. Allows the officer in charge of elections for a county with a population of 400,000 persons or more to elect to participate in the hand count comparison. Requires the recount to include the use of duplication boards, adjudication boards and other functions generally used or required in ballot tabulations. Requires that hand count boards consist of volunteers who are members of the three largest political parties in Arizona and that the recount teams include a member of at least two different political parties on each team. This bill contains a delayed effective date of September 1, 2023.

Veto Message (In Part):

“The 2022 election is settled. It’s time to move on and start working to solve the problems faced by everyday Arizonans.”

### **SB1500 Government Investments; Fiduciaries; Pecuniary Benefits**

Senator Frank Carroll

Requires a fiduciary to only consider pecuniary factors when evaluating an investment or discharging the fiduciary's duties with respect to a plan and outlines plan voting of ownership interests and proxy voting. Outlines requirements and prohibitions relating to the State Treasurer's investments.

Veto Message (In Part):

“Politicizing decisions best made by the state’s investment professionals can harm our state’s long-term fiscal health.”

### **SB1523 General Appropriations Act; 2023-2024**

Senator John Kavanagh

Appropriates monies for the operation of the state government in FY 2024. Appropriates the following sums from the GF to ADOA in FY 2024 for counties: \$7,150,650 for equal distribution to counties with a population under 900,000; \$500,000 for distribution to Graham County; \$3,000,000 for equal distribution to counties with a population under 300,000 to supplement pension payments; and \$7,000,000 for distribution to counties to establish a coordinated reentry planning services program. Appropriates the following sums that are non-lapsing through June 30, 2025, to subaccounts of the Automation Projects Fund in FY 2024: \$20,647,800 from the HRIS



Subaccount to replace the HRIS; and \$19,369,400 from the Department of Revenue Subaccount to implement the integrated tax system modernization project that meets outlined minimum specifications.

Veto Message (In Part):

“Today I vetoed SB1523, along with twelve other FY2024 budget bills that were transmitted to my office. This purely-partisan budget says that we can’t invest in our state now and invest in our future. It says that we can’t address the challenges of today and save for the challenges of tomorrow. It says that as Democrats and Republicans, we can’t disagree with each other and work together in the best interest of the state. I reject these false choices because I’m an optimist, particularly when it comes to Arizona. I’m confident that we can work together on a budget that addresses our state’s housing crisis, lowers costs, prepares our workforce, and invests in public education.”

### **SB1524 Amusements; 2023-2024**

Senator John Kavanagh

Contains provisions relating to amusements needed to implement the FY 2024 budget. Continues for FY 2024, as session law, ADG's regulatory assessment of 0.5% on the amounts wagered on live and simulcast races from in-state and out-of-state wagering handled by a commercial racing permittee.

Veto Message (In Part):

“Today I vetoed SB1523, along with twelve other FY2024 budget bills that were transmitted to my office. This purely-partisan budget says that we can’t invest in our state now and invest in our future.”

### **SB1525 Capital Outlay; Appropriations; 2023-2024**

Senator John Kavanagh

Makes capital appropriations to state agencies in FY 2024. Additionally, the miscellaneous portion allows ADOA to spend up to 5% of the amounts appropriated to it for project management. Prohibits all other monies from being spent for personal services of employee-related expenditures of state employees, excluding any services provided as part of the inmate construction program for correctional facilities.

Veto Message (In Part):

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### **SB1526 Environment; 2023-2024**

Senator John Kavanagh

Contains provisions relating to the environment needed to implement the FY 2024 budget. Authorizes the Arizona Water Protection Fund Commission to grant to ADWR up to \$336,000 of its fund's unobligated balance for administrative costs in FY 2024. Authorizes ADEQ to use up to \$6,531,000 from the Underground Storage Tank Revolving Fund in FY 2024 for administrative costs and to remediate sewage discharge issues in Naco and other border areas of Arizona. Allows monies appropriated to the Arizona Navigable Stream Adjudication Commission from the Arizona Water Banking Fund to be used for legal fees in FY 2024. Limits to \$15,000,000 the amount of corporate income tax monies transferred to WQARF in FY 2024. Directs ADEQ to charge vehicle emissions testing fees in FY 2024 that do not exceed the fees charged in FY 2023 for testing in Area A. Exempts ADEQ from rulemaking requirements until July 1, 2024 for setting vehicle emissions testing fees. Authorizes ADA to continue, increase or lower existing fees charged in FYs 2022 and 2023 in FY 2024 for services provided in that fiscal year. Contains a legislative declaration involving revenues generated from ADA fees. Exempts the ADA from rulemaking requirements until July 1, 2024 for setting fees.

Veto Message (In Part):

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### **SB1527 Health Care; 2023-2024**

Senator John Kavanagh

Contains provisions relating to health care needed to implement the FY 2024 budget. As session law, sets the annual county Arizona Long Term Care System (ALTCS) contributions for FY 2024 at \$366,205,400 million and: Outlines each county's contribution; Requires the State Treasurer to recover the cost of any funding that was not provided; and Requires the State Treasurer to deposit monies received into the ALTCS fund. As session law, requires the counties' share of the state's contribution to comply with federal maintenance of effort requirements. As session law, sets the FY2024 county acute care contributions at \$43,733,700 and: Outlines each county's contribution; Outlines payment processes and requirements; Requires the State Treasurer to recover the cost of any funding that was not provided by a county from other funds owed to that county, excluding the Highway User Revenue Fund; and States that the Legislature intends that the Maricopa County contribution be reduced in each subsequent year according to changes in the GDP price deflator. As session law, continues to exclude the Proposition 204 administration costs from the county expenditure limitations.

Veto Message (In Part):

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### **SB1528 Higher Education; 2023-2024**

Senator John Kavanagh

Contains provisions relating to higher education needed to implement the FY 2024 budget. As session law for FY 2024, authorizes each dollar raised by the surcharge on student registration fees assessed pursuant to AFAT to be matched by less than \$2 appropriated by the Legislature. As session law for FY 2024, states STEM and workforce programs state aid and operating state aid for CCDs are as specified in the General Appropriations Act.

Veto Message (In Part):

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### **SB1529 Human Services; 2023-2024**

Senator John Kavanagh

Contains session law provisions relating to human services needed to implement the FY 2024 budget. As session law, requires DES to screen and test each adult recipient who is eligible for TANF cash benefits and who DES has reasonable cause to believe engages in the illegal use of controlled substances. As session law, specifies that any TANF recipient who tests positive for the use of a controlled substance that was not prescribed for the recipient by a licensed health care provider is ineligible to receive benefits for a period of one year.

Veto Message (In Part):

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### **SB1530 K-12 Education; 2023-2024**

Senator John Kavanagh

Contains provisions relating to K-12 education needed to implement the FY 2024 budget. Contains a legislative intent clause relating to classroom spending. Incorporates two conflicting statutes relating to district additional assistance into one statute. Makes technical changes. Makes conforming changes.

Veto Message (In Part):

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### **SB1531 Local Government; 2023-2024**

Senator John Kavanagh

Contains provisions relating to local government needed to implement the FY 2024 budget. States, as session law, that for FY 2024, a county with a population of less than 250,000 people: May meet any county fiscal obligation, up to \$1,250,000, from any source of county revenue designated by the county; and must report to the director of JLBC by October 1, 2023 whether the county met its fiscal obligation using a different revenue source and the specific source and amount of revenues intended for use in FY 2024.

Veto Message (In Part):

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### **SB1532 State Budget Implementation; 2023-2024**

Senator John Kavanagh

Contains provisions relating to state budget implementation needed to implement the FY 2024 budget. Requires, as session law, any unrestricted federal monies received by the state beginning July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 to be deposited in the GF. Stipulates that these monies must be used to pay essential government services; and contains a retroactivity clause of July 1, 2023. Stipulates, as session law, that the Legislature is not required to appropriate monies to or transfer monies from the Fund through FY 2026. States, as session law, that for FY 2024 the Fund is not limited to 10 percent of the GF revenue for the fiscal year. Prohibits the State Treasurer from transferring any surplus monies from the Fund to the GF. Requires the Attorney General to deposit \$77,250,000 received from the settlement agreement in State of Arizona, ex rel. Mark Brnovich, Attorney General v. Google, LLC, No. CV2020-006219 in the GF by July 1, 2023.

Veto Message (In Part):

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### **SB1533 State Buildings; Management; 2023-2024**

Senator John Kavanagh

Contains provisions relating to the management of state buildings needed to implement the FY 2024 budget. As session law, maintains the COSF rental rates for state buildings in FY 2024 at: \$17.87 per square foot for office space; and \$6.43 per square foot for storage space.





Veto Message (In Part):

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### **SB1534 Taxation; 2023-2024**

Senator John Kavanagh

Contains provisions relating to taxation needed to implement the Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24) budget. Limits, as session law, the total amount of fees charged for all counties, cities, towns, councils of government and regional transportation authorities to \$6,597,200 in FY24 for the ITSPF. Limits, as session law, the total amount of transfers from the 0.6% educational sales tax to \$800,000 in FY24 for the ITSPF. Limits, as session law, the total amount of transfers from the 16% recreational marijuana tax to \$178,100 in FY24 for the ITSPF.

Veto Message (In Part):

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### **SB1535 Transportation; 2023-2024**

Senator John Kavanagh

Contains provisions relating to transportation needed to implement the FY 2024 budget. Converts the session law requirement that ADOT submit the following annual reports to the JLBC into statutory law: Progress in improving MVD wait times and vehicle registration renewal by mail turnaround times by July 31; Expenditures for an information technology system using ADOT’s dedicated portion of an authorized third-party electronic service partner’s fee retention by February 1; and ADOT’s share of fees retained in the prior fiscal year by an authorized third-party electronic service partner by August 1. Prohibits the use of HURF monies for projects that reduce the capacity for motor vehicle travel.

Veto Message (In Part):

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### **SB1565 Ballot Processing; Electronic Adjudication; Limitation**

Senator Frank Carroll

Prohibits the use of machines, devices, firmware or software that contain artificial intelligence or learning hardware, firmware or software for an election in Arizona.



Veto Message (In Part):

“I believe that there are opportunities to work together to tackle the challenges facing elections in Arizona. This bill, instead, attempts to solve challenges that do not currently face our state.”

### **SB1583 Internet Sex Offender Website; Offenses**

Senator Sine Kerr

Expands the list of sexual offenses that require a level one offender to register on the internet sex offender website. Specifies that a level one sex offender must have been 18 years old or older at the time of the offense in order to be included on the internet sex offender website. Requires the internet sex offender website to include offenders of any child sex trafficking offense committed on or after August 9, 2017, if the victim is under 12 years old or the offender was sentenced for a DCAC. Requires offenders of listed sexual offenses to be included on the internet sex offender website, whether the offense was completed or preparatory.

Veto Message (In Part):

“State law already requires offenders that are deemed the most dangerous to be published on the Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS) Sex Offender Information website. DPS will continue to ensure this information is readily available to the public. I look forward to continuing to work on legislative solutions to keep Arizona families and communities safe.”

### **SB1588 Criminal Justice Data Collection; System**

Senator John Kavanagh

Requires the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission (ACJC) to implement the State, County and Municipal data system on ACJC's website in a format that is easily accessible to the public. Requires law enforcement agencies to report specified identifying information for alleged offenders, victims and agencies or service providers, as well as other relevant data points for specific events and results. Requires prosecuting agencies to report specified identifying information for defendants, victims and agencies, as well as other relevant data points for specific events and results.

Veto Message (In Part):

“While I am supportive of the underlying legislation, this bill has unfortunately fallen victim to political games. At the final hour, a nongermane amendment was made which I cannot support. Additionally, without an appropriation the bill represents an unfunded mandate on ACJC. I encourage the sponsors and supporters of the original language to continue advocating for the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission data collection system.”



### **SB1595 Early Ballots; Identification; Tabulation**

Senator Javan Mesnard

Outlines additional requirements for an early ballot to be counted and valid. Requires a voter to present valid identification by the prescribed days after an election for a ballot that was delivered by a voter's agents or a voter who does not provide sufficient identification. Removes the requirement that the period of early voting must end at 5:00 p.m. on the Friday preceding the election if the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections is able to revise precinct registers or other elections materials in a timely manner.

Veto Message (In Part):

“This bill fails to meaningfully address the real challenges facing Arizona voters.”

### **SB1596 Polling Places; Office Spaces; Appropriation**

Senator Javan Mesnard

Requires a state, county, city, town or school district office to provide sufficient space for use as a polling place for any election when requested by the officer in charge of elections and removes the authority of the county BOS to use voting centers in place of specifically designated polling places.

Veto Message (In Part):

“This bill creates an unfunded and untenable mandate for schools and communities. This bill once had an appropriation, demonstrating that it needs funding to be viable. However, it was not included in the budget, and as such, I cannot support it.”

### **SB1597 Early Ballot On-Site Tabulation; Requirement**

Senator Javan Mesnard

Requires Maricopa and Pima counties to provide a minimum of one polling location in each Legislative District that allows for the on-site tabulation of voted early ballots no later than the 2024 general election.

Veto Message (In Part):

“On-site tabulation of early ballots presents significant logistical and cost challenges for election administrators that are left unresolved by this bill. As a result, I have vetoed SB1597.”



### **SB1598 Federal Candidates; Observers; Elections**

Senator Javan Mesnard

Allows a candidate for federal office to designate a representative who may act as an observer at a counting center. Outlines requirements relating to the behavior of party representatives, challengers and observers.

Veto Message (In Part):

“As it is not clear what problem this bill is attempting to address or if any such problem exists, I cannot support it.”

### **SB1600 Infants; Born Alive; Requirements**

Senator Janae Shamp

Requires any infant who is born alive to be treated as a legal person under Arizona laws and have the same rights to medically appropriate and reasonable care and treatment. Requires any health professional present to take all medically appropriate actions to preserve the life and health of an infant who is born alive.

Veto Message (In Part):

“This bill is uniformly opposed by the medical community, and interferes with the relationship between a patient and doctor. It’s simply not the state’s role to make such difficult medical decisions for patients. As a candidate I promised to veto any bill that interferes with the reproductive rights of Arizonans.”

### **SB1611 Public Entities; Contracts; Prohibition**

Senator Anthony Kern

Prohibits a public entity from mandating that a company implement an environmental, social or governance standards policy as a condition of entering into or renewing a contract. Also prohibits a public entity from adopting a procurement or investment policy that results in inducing or requiring a company to implement an environmental, social or governance standards policy

Veto Message (In Part):

“I do not believe that tying the hands of the State’s procurement and investment professionals is in the best interests of the people of Arizona.”



### **SB1658 Critical Infrastructure; Prohibited Agreements**

Senator Wendy Rogers

Prohibits a business or government entity in Arizona from conducting business with a company if the company would be able to access or control critical infrastructure in Arizona and is owned or controlled by citizens or the government of, or headquartered in, China, Iran, North Korea or Russia. Companies determined by the federal Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS) to have no unresolved national security concerns are exempted from this bill.

Veto Message (In Part):

“This bill creates a presumption that all citizens of certain counties are enemies of the state. It would broadly disqualify many Arizonans who are dual citizens and productive members of our economy. Moreover, the bill’s language would jeopardize business entering the Arizona market, a significant tailwind in our economy as the US’s top state for foreign-direct investment, especially from our close partners in Taiwan. In cases where there are national security concerns, the federal government is actively evaluating and intervening to protect our national interests, and the State of Arizona regularly engages with federal officials to evaluate potential threats. I look forward to working with the legislature to protect and advance opportunities for all Arizonans and continued international investment.”

### **SB1696 Sexually Explicit Materials; Government; Prohibition**

Senator Jake Hoffman

Prohibits the state, a state agency, city, town or county, or their contractors, from exposing minors to sexually explicit materials. Violations of this bill are a class 5 felony.

Veto Message (In Part):

“While I agree that not all content is appropriate for minors, this bill is a poor way to address those concerns. The sponsor has stated that this bill was aimed at preventing a specific action from reoccurring, while in reality it is written in such a vague manner that it serves as little more than a thinly veiled effort to ban books.”

### **SB1698 Unlawful Exposure; Minors; Sentencing; Reporting**

Senator Justine Wadsack

Creates the offense of unlawful exposure to an adult oriented performance or business and classifies a violation as a class 4 felony. Defines adult oriented performance as an in-person show or performance that includes a person who appears in a state of nudity or seminude, a person whose performance is characterized by the exposure of specific anatomical areas or specific sexual activities or a performance that is harmful to minors. Mandates that a person convicted for unlawful exposure to an adult oriented performance or adult oriented



business register as a sex offender. Requires any person who reasonably believes that a minor who has been exposed to an adult performance immediately report the incident to a peace officer, the Department of Child Safety or other appropriate entity.

Veto Message (In Part):

“Intolerance has no place in Arizona, despite the legislature’s frequent attempts to pass legislation that says otherwise. SB1026, SB1028, SB1030 and SB1698 are attempts to criminalize free expression and ostracize the LGBTQIA+ community both implicitly and explicitly, creating statutory language that could be weaponized by those who choose hate over acceptance. I have made it abundantly clear that I am committed to building an Arizona for everyone and will not support any legislation that attempts to marginalize our fellow Arizonans.”

### **HB2056 Dry Washes; Permit Program Exemption**

Representative Lupe Diaz

Exempts a dry wash, arroyo, swale, gully or rill or other similar feature that is characterized by low volume, infrequent or short duration flows from the Dredge and Fill Permit Program.

Veto Message (In Part):

“This contradiction between state and federal law threatens the delegation of primary enforcement authority for the Clean Water Act that Arizona has received from the U.S Environmental Protection Agency, creating a risk that regulatory programs would be removed from Arizona’s control and handed back to the federal government.”

### **HB2094 Mobile Food Vendor; Operation; Rules**

Representative Kevin Payne

Allows a food vendor to operate on private residential property if the vendor has written permission and the owner remains on-site while the vendor operates, does not serve the general public and is not the property owner. Prohibits a vendor from operating between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. and requires a vendor to remove all trash and other items from the residential property. Instructs the director of the Department of Health Services (DHS) to modify rules to allow a mobile food unit to request an exemption from the commissary or other servicing area requirements if the mobile food unit is already sufficiently equipped to meet all health and safety standards without a commissary. Allows DHS to designate licensing inspections for a mobile food unit without a commissary or servicing area agreement to the county health department where the vendor resides. Clarifies that a city, town, or county is not precluded from requiring licensure for a mobile food vendor if their licensing system requires a fingerprint clearance card.



Veto Message (In Part):

“There are provisions of this bill that could have significant negative public health impacts; including potentially increasing the risk of food-borne illness. While the provisions within this bill related to food trucks operating in residential areas warrant future discussion, they do not outweigh the public health risks this bill creates.”

### **HB2108 Unemployment; Requirements; Disqualifications; Shared Work**

Representative David Livingston

Modifies the requirements that an unemployed individual must meet in order to be eligible for Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits. Requires the Department of Economic Security to cross-check the validity of UI benefit claims against prescribed data sets.

Veto Message (In Part):

“This legislation creates additional barriers for workers and unnecessary costs for the State. The Department of Economic Security (DES) has made significant progress in reducing fraudulent Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims, and will continue to implement and right-size these practices. Far too many Arizona workers have struggled to access UI. They deserve a reliable, timely, and easy-to-navigate system – and we seek to accomplish that through the UI modernization currently underway. This counterproductive legislation undermines these efforts.”

### **HB2210 School Board Member; Access**

Representative Justin Wilmeth

Requires that a member of a school district governing board have at least the same level of access to school district office facilities and staff as any employee of the school district office.

Veto Message (In Part):

“HB2210 is an overcorrection for an issue that is occurring in a limited number of school boards across the state.”

### **HB2212 Criminal Damage; Trespassing; Critical Facilities**

Representative Gail Griffin

Establishes liability for aggravated criminal damage if a person interferes or prevents the performance of a normal function of utility infrastructure or property or the intended course or path of any utility service.

Veto Message (In Part):

“This bill will do little to deter threats to our critical facilities. What’s more, this conduct is already covered by several state and federal laws, making this bill unnecessary.”



### **HB2252 Motor Vehicle Manufacturers; TPT; Exemption**

Representative Justine Wilmeth

Establishes the 30-day permit as a type of required registration that a nonresident may obtain for purchasing an unregistered vehicle in Arizona for removal to the purchaser's state of residence. Requires a nonresident to apply to the motor vehicle dealer, pay fees, provide evidence of ownership and submit to an inspection to obtain the permit.

Veto Message (In Part):

“While I understand and support the goals of the legislation, there is potential for unintended consequences from this legislation that would have a significant fiscal impact on Arizona. I am committed to working with legislators and stakeholders to find a solution with stronger guardrails that achieves our shared goals of boosting our economy while protecting our state’s fiscal health.”

### **HB2254 Rulemaking Regulatory Costs; Legislative Ratification**

Representative Justin Wilmeth

Prohibits a rule from becoming effective until the legislature enacts legislation to ratify the rule if it is estimated to increase regulatory costs more than \$500,000 within 5 years or have an adverse impact on economic growth. Mandates that an agency submit the proposed rule to the legislature as soon as practicable.

Veto Message (In Part):

“As I made clear by vetoing SB1255, the rulemaking process that state agencies follow is rigorous, transparent, and effective.”

### **HB2297 Fraudulent Schemes; Artifices; Jurisdiction**

Representative Neal Carter

Clarifies that not all of the acts necessary for a person to be prosecuted for fraudulent schemes and artifices need to have occurred within Arizona or a single political subdivision of Arizona.

Veto Message (In Part):

“This bill will lead to confusion where none currently exists. Existing state law adequately outlines the jurisdictional issues addressed in this bill.”





### **HB2305 Ballots; Signature Verification; Observance**

Representative Cory McGarr

Makes various changes to ballot observation. Requires a county recorder and other officer in charge of elections to allow representatives of the two largest political parties to observe each stage of the signature verification process for early, provisional and conditional provisional ballots. Requires the county recorder and county officer in charge of elections to maintain election board worker and employee documentation in the form of a log at each stage of the signature and affidavit verification process.

Veto Message (In Part):

“This bill creates unnecessary burden for election administrators and meaningful privacy concerns for Arizona voters. For these reasons, I have vetoed HB2305.”

### **HB2308 Secretary of State; Election; Recusal**

Representative Rachel Jones

Prohibits the Secretary of State (SOS) from performing any actions pertaining to election operations in an election in which the SOS is a candidate, except for the SOS's constitutional duty to certify the statewide canvass.

Veto Message (In Part):

“The Secretary of State is elected by the people of Arizona to serve as, among other roles, the state’s chief election officer. There is no reasonable basis to believe that Arizonans should not trust the Secretary of State to do their job impartially.”

### **HB2309 Law Enforcement; Sovereign Authority**

Representative Rachel Jones

Declares that it is the public policy of Arizona to protect Arizona's sovereign authority against federal laws, treaties, orders, rules, regulations, actions and programs that are inconsistent with the authority of state and local law enforcement agencies. Allows the legislature or any member to direct the Attorney General to provide a written opinion determining the constitutionality of any federal law, treaty order, rule, regulation, action or program that is alleged to be inconsistent with or contrary to the authority of state and local law enforcement agencies. Requires the laws of Arizona to be interpreted and construed to protect Arizona's sovereign authority against federal actions.



Veto Message (In Part):

“HB2309 is an unnecessary attempt to limit the federal government’s power to enact laws and regulations that affect and support Arizonans. The bill will create ambiguity within law enforcement and conflict for federally funded and administered programs within Arizona.”

### **HB2312 Woman’s Shelters; Male Employees; Liability**

Representative Rachel Jones

Prohibits a facility that does not allow a biological male employee to be in the presence of a woman or the woman's minor children who are living in the facility from being liable for gender discrimination if the facility's sole purpose is to provide a safe and stable shelter to women or women with minor children. Expands the definition of facility to include a women's shelter, women's halfway house and sex trafficking rehabilitation center for women.

Veto Message (In Part):

“Arizonans who choose to work in domestic violence shelters and services are among our most qualified, dedicated public servants who are hired and retained for individual skills, merits, and employment histories regardless of their sex. They deserve the freedom to live their lives without laws targeting them for their gender identify. Instead of improving or facilitating access to the resources that victims need, this misguided and unnecessary legislation merely allows providers to discriminate on the basis of sex.”

### **HB2319 Elections; Rule of Construction**

Representative Alexander Kolodin

States that the Legislature finds that public confidence in elections is best maintained by maximizing transparency and providing a rule of construction for interpreting statute as it relates to the conduct of elections.

Veto Message (In Part):

“This bill adds unnecessary language into statute and does not solve any of the real challenges facing election administration.”

### **HB2322 Early Ballots; Signatures; Guidelines; Challenges**

Representative Alexander Kolodin

Designates the Signature Verification Guide as the minimum requirements for comparing the signatures on a voter's early ballot envelope with the signature on the voter's registration record. Requires that signatures that



cannot be verified be rejected and exempts early ballots tabulated on-site at a voting center or polling place from the requirements relating to signature verification.

Veto Message (In Part):

“The standards in this bill are already several years old, and are more appropriately included as part of the Election Procedures Manual required by ARS 16-452, or as ongoing guidance developed by the Secretary of State in consultation with county election officials.”

### **HB2332 Firearms Safety; Training; Schools**

Representative Selina Bliss

Requires school districts and charter schools to provide one or more age-appropriate firearms safety training sessions to students in grades 6 through 12. Outlines requirements and prohibitions for the firearms safety training, instructors and excusing students from the training. Contains a delayed effective date of July 1, 2024.

Veto Message (In Part):

“Mandatory firearm safety training in schools is not the solution to gun violence prevention. This requirement could lead to immediate and long-term impacts on the health and wellbeing of students, teachers, and parents.”

### **HB2377 Public Officers; Lobbying; Prohibition**

Representative Leo Biasiucci

Prohibits a public officer from engaging in lobbying and exempts a public officer engaging in lobbying when acting in their official capacity from the prohibition.

Veto Message (In Part):

“In its current for, this bill creates meaningful first amendment concerns through its definition of lobbying. For this reason, I have vetoed HB2377.”

### **HB2379 Hotel; Motel; Vouchers; Homeless; Prohibition**

Representative Matthew Gress

Prohibits a city, town, county or the Arizona Department of Housing (ADOH) from requiring a hotel or motel to participate in a program that houses homeless individuals or families in an unoccupied guest room through the use of a housing voucher.



Veto Message (In Part):

“Hotels and motels in Arizona have never been required to accept a voucher to house someone, and no proposal to do so is under consideration here.”

### **HB2394 Firearms; Sovereign Authority**

Representative Austin Smith

Clarifies that federal firearm measures that may not be enforced if inconsistent with Arizona law include any tax, levy, fee or stamp imposed on firearms, firearm accessories or ammunition not common to all other goods and services and that might reasonably be expected to create a chilling effect on the purchase or ownership of those items by law-abiding citizens.

Veto Message (In Part):

“This bill exempts the firearm industry from the same basic regulation to which all other industries are accustomed.”

### **HB2415 Active Early Voting Lists; Removal**

Representative Leo Biasiucci

Decreases the number of consecutive election cycles in which a person may fail to vote an early ballot and remain on the AEVL from two election cycles to one election cycle.

Veto Message (In Part):

“Arizona’s active early voting list is secure and convenient for voters.”

### **HB2416 Electronic Applications; Government Employees; Prohibition**

Representative Matt Gress

Requires the Arizona Department of Administration (ADOA) and the Arizona Department of Homeland Security (AZDOHS) to establish state information technology standards for state agencies and contractors. Additionally, requires that each public institution of higher education establish information technology standards. Includes guidelines.

Veto Message (In Part):

“Protecting the state’s security and privacy are of the utmost importance as a safeguarding that data to reduce cybersecurity risks. As such, in April I issued Executive Order 2023-10 to protect the stat’s cybersecurity interests, starting with removing TikTok on all state-owned and state-issued devices and personal devices used for state



work. Additionally, the Executive Order requires the Departments of Administration and Homeland Security to create a plan to prohibit access to TikTok, and annually evaluate other applications that may pose cybersecurity threats.”

### **HB2427 Domestic Violence; Pregnant Victim; Sentencing**

Representative Matthew Gress

Creates criminal liability for aggravated assault if the person commits assault knowing or having reason to know that the victim is pregnant and the assault constitutes a domestic violence offense. Makes various changes to sentencing provisions for domestic violence offenses against pregnant victims.

Veto Message (In Part):

“Current law already allows for the court to consider the pregnancy of a victim as a factor in sentencing. Indeed, Arizona’s leading advocacy organization for victims of domestic violence has said the bill ‘will do nothing to deter domestic violence offenses or support pregnant victims.’”

### **HB2428 Private Universities; Arizona Teachers Academy**

Representative Matt Gress

Allows a degree-granting private education institution to implement a Teachers Academy. Caps a Teachers Academy scholarship that a degree-granting private institution provides to an eligible student at the remainder of the average in-state tuition and fees charged by Arizona public universities, minus all other financial aid. Expands the definition of eligible postsecondary institution to include a degree-granting private institution that participates in the Teachers Academy.

Veto Message (In Part):

“While I agree with the importance of addressing the state’s teacher shortage and value the role the private universities are playing to educate aspiring teachers in the state, this bill does not include an appropriation to support its implementation.”

### **HB2437 Transmission Lines; Applications; Exceptions**

Representative Gail Griffin

Exempts a transmission line and its associated right-of-way located on land that is owned by the owner of the transmission line from filing with the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) for an application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility.



Veto Message (In Part):

“HB2437 diminishes the authority and statutorily-given purpose of the Power and Line Siting Committee by exempting from review an unknown number of projects while having an uncertain impact on electric generation of Arizona’s overall power grid.”

### **HB2440 Electric Energy; Power Companies; Priorities**

Representative Gail Griffin

Requires public power entities and public service corporations to prioritize reliable and affordable electric service when conducting infrastructure planning and investments.

Veto Message (In Part):

“The Arizona Corporation Commission’s (ACC) rate-making authority is defined in statute and bolstered by a significant body of case law that already compels the ACC to consider reliability and affordability in decision-making. HB2440 is unnecessary and creates regulatory uncertainty in instances where affordability and reliability may be at odds.”

### **HB2441 Standpipe Service; Continuation; Emergency**

Representative Gail Griffin

Requires a city or town that provides water service in a county with a population of more than 1,500,000 persons to execute a treat and transport agreement with one or more third parties for a period of at least three years, treat and transport water to a standpipe and allow use of the standpipe for water to be hauled to residences that are outside the city's or town's water service area if outlined conditions are met. This bill is an emergency measure.

Veto Message (In Part):

“This bill fails to provide an immediate solution, as it passed without an emergency clause on the eve of a month-long adjournment which will only cause continued delay. Instead, I call upon you to take action and send HB2561 to my desk – a bipartisan solution that was voted out of the House with supermajority support, an emergency clause for immediate effect, and language addressing the long-term issue of wildcat development.”

### **HB2442 Temporary Non-Expansion Area**

Representative Gail Griffin

Allows the designation of a temporary non-expansion area (TNA) in any location not included in an active management area (AMA) or an irrigation non-expansion area (INA) to be locally initiated by petition by the



Director of the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR), and prescribes petition, public meeting and election processes. If a sufficient number of signature are collected, the Director of ADWR is required to hold a public meeting to describe the boundaries of the proposed TNA and the effect of a TNA if established.

Veto Message (In Part):

“Today I vetoed HB2442, which purports to address rural groundwater depletion through the establishment of “temporary non-expansion areas” (TNA). Unfortunately, HB2442 would do very little to preserve the groundwater supplies that Arizonans rely upon.”

### **HB2444 Natural Resource Conservation Districts; Revisions**

Representative Gail Griffin

Establishes the Natural Resource Conservation District (NRCD) Fund and the NRCD Fund Commission.

Veto Message (In Part):

“When Natural Resource Conservation Districts focus on preventing soil erosion, promoting soil health, and eradicating invasive species, they make our state a better place. However this bill would create a new Commission, requiring substantial administrative support from the State Land Department, without providing any funding to this agency.”

### **HB2469 Sovereign Authority; Border; Health Crisis**

Representative Steve Montenegro

Declares that the trafficking of fentanyl across the Arizona border is a public health crisis and requires the Department of Health Services (DHS) to take any action permissible to address the fentanyl crisis. States that it is Arizona's public policy to protect the state from drug cartels and declares that the federal government's failure to secure the Arizona border from an unlawful invasion is dangerous and unprecedented. Declares that overdose deaths involving synthetic opioids are primarily driven by fentanyl and defines drug cartels and their activities.

Veto Message (In Part):

“Fentanyl is a major threat to our communities and has claimed the lives of too many Arizonans. My heart goes out to families and loved ones of those lost to overdose. As a government, it is our duty to ensure the safety of our communities. We do that by maximizing hard reduction efforts, ensuring people have access to affordable, high-quality health care, combating stigmatization of mental and behavioral health conditions, breaking down barriers to accessing opioid antagonists, and by investing in a robust public health infrastructure that will sustain that response well into the future. The bill does not address any of those issues, not does it acknowledge the chronic underfunding of our health department and other government services.”



### **HB2472 Social Credit; Use; Prohibition**

Representative Steve Montenegro

Prohibits the State of Arizona from requiring a bank or financial institution to use a social credit score when the bank or financial institution evaluates whether to lend money to a customer.

Veto Message (In Part):

“This bill is overly vague and should not be codified into law. It does not define “social credit scores,” nor do these systems exist anywhere in the United States. If intended to protect against unfair lending practices, this bill is redundant with federal law and The Equal Credit Opportunity Act of 1974, 12CF 202.2 (“Regulation B”), which already outlaws discriminatory lending and provides clear parameters for credit decisions.”

### **HB2474 School Immunizations; Exclusions**

Representative Steve Montenegro

Prohibits any vaccine that has been issued an FDA emergency use authorization from being required for school attendance in Arizona.

Veto Message (In Part):

“Vaccines are vitally important for the health and wellness of our state. This bill will undermine public trust in vaccines approved by the Federal Drug Administration.”

### **HB2477 Electoral College; Support**

Representative Steve Montenegro

Declares the Legislature's support for the electoral college.

Veto Message (In Part):

“This bill, which solely expresses legislative opinion and does not make or change substantive policy, would be better served as a House Resolution.”

### **HB2502 Child Support; Date of Pregnancy**

Representative Matt Gress

Authorizes a court to consider the retroactive application of child support to the date on which a pregnancy was positively confirmed by a licensed health care professional, when applicable.





Veto Message (In Part):

“This bill, guised as an effort to support families, directly threatens the reproductive rights of Arizonans. I implore the sponsor to work with stakeholders to create policy that will actually support Arizonan families and children.”

### **HB2509 Food Preparation; Sale; Cottage Food**

Representative Travis Grantham

Expands the foods that meet the cottage food exemption if they meet certain requirements. Maintains current cottage food program guidelines and adds sale requirements.

Veto Message (In Part):

“This bill would significantly increase the risk of food-borne illness by expanding the ability of cottage food vendors to sell high-risk foods. It fails to establish sufficient minimum standards for inspection or certification of home-based food businesses, and could limit the ability of ADHS to investigate food-borne disease outbreaks. Nor does it provide a strong enough mechanism to ensure home kitchens are free of hazardous chemicals, rodent or insect infestation, or that equipment and storage of temperature-sensitive foods are adequate, functioning, or even existent.”

### **HB2530 Substance Exposure; Pregnant Women; Neglect**

Representative Rachel Jones

Requires DCS, upon receiving a communication involving substance use by a pregnant woman, to provide the caller with the contact information for AHCCCS and to transfer the call to AHCCCS, if possible. Instructs health care professionals to refer a pregnant woman to substance use services and supports to facilitate maternal and infant safety on a finding of the woman using alcohol, or a dangerous or narcotic drug.

Veto Message (In Part):

“This legislation unnecessarily expands the role of the Department of Child Safety (DCS) in decisions and actions that should be handled between a pregnant person and medical professionals. I respect and share the sponsor and proponents’ goal of expanding access to voluntary substance use treatment services for pregnant people. Yet to do this, we need to make these services available, affordable, and accessible. This also includes building trust in and right-sizing any potential involvement of DCS through broad community conversations on policy governing mandated reporting, hotline procedures, and statutory neglect. The legislation lacks these elements.”



### **HB2535 Private Property; Wells; Regulation; Prohibition**

Representative Austin Smith

Prohibits a well, and any buildings or structures supplied by that well, located in an unincorporated area from being subject to municipal regulation, if a municipality annexes the area containing the well.

Veto Message (In Part):

“This bill would preclude local communities from exerting any oversight over groundwater wells that may be connected to a municipal system or that impact our precious drinking water aquifers. Prohibiting a municipality from requiring even the most basic of safety standards and regulations for groundwater wells threatens the safety and quality of drinking water that public utilities provide to residents and businesses throughout Arizona.”

### **HB2539 School Choice; Failing Schools; Notice**

Representative Beverly Pingerelli

Creates the Arizona School Choice Program (Program) in the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) and outlines its duties. Directs the Program to implement a public awareness program that informs the public about a student's ability to choose any Arizona public school, directs the public to informational resources that explain school choice options and instruct the public how to request enrollment for students. Requires the Program to develop and annually update a handbook of specified school choice options that are available to students in kindergarten through the 12th grade. Requires the Program to develop the failing school notification form and the school choice notification letter. Mandates that the Program with operating a centralized hotline to respond to school choice questions and details requirements for the hotline.

Veto Message (In Part):

“HB2539 does nothing to improve the educational outcomes at low performing schools. HB2539 places an unfunded mandate on the Arizona Department of Transportation and requires the department to carry out tasks it is not equipped to do.”

### **HB2544 Arizona Manufactured; Modified Firearms**

Representative Lupe Diaz

Declares that a personal firearm, a firearm accessory or ammunition that is modified in Arizona and that remains within the borders of Arizona is exempt from federal law or federal regulation.



Veto Message (In Part):

“This bill would expand an existing nullification law that protects firearms “made in Arizona” from federal laws and regulations. Not only does this limit the ability of federal law makers and federal law enforcement agencies from enacting regulations that promote public safety, it could lead to ambiguity and confusion when state and federal laws diverge.”

### **HB2545 Public Health Emergency; Sovereignty; Limitations**

Representative Cory McGarr

Prohibits the state or any political subdivisions from using any personnel or financial resources to enforce, administer or cooperate with a public health emergency order based on an agreement or recommendations from an international government organization. Requires that the Governor secure legislative approval before issuing a public health emergency order that lasts for more than seven days.

Veto Message (In Part):

“This bill would severely limit the ability of the state to respond in times of crisis. It unnecessarily politicizes what are often life or death situations, and adds an irresponsible burden of regulatory loopholes for the state to jump through during an emergency health threat. It is our shared constitutional duty as government employees to preserve the health and welfare of Arizonans. My administration will always follow the guidelines of scientific and epidemiological experts when it comes to safeguarding our state against emergent threats, and I refuse to allow the legislature to play political games at the expense of human lives.”

### **HB2552 Voting; Elections; Tally; Prohibition**

Representative Austin Smith

Prohibits certain entities from using a voting method or nomination process that includes the ranking of candidates or allows candidates to be eliminated through multiple rounds of tabulation. Requires the person who receives the highest number of legal votes in an election to be declared elected.

Veto Message (In Part):

“Ranked choice voting is an election process that is used successfully elsewhere in the country. As it is not currently utilized in Arizona, this bill is unnecessary.”



### **HB2560 Images; Voter Lists; Records; Contest**

Representative Ben Toma

Requires a county recorder to transmit a list of eligible voters, excluding personal identifying information, to the Secretary of State (SOS). The SOS is required to post the information on a secure website at least 10 days before a primary and general election. Requires the SOS to digitally publish a list of all persons who voted in an election, unaltered images of all ballots and a sortable cast vote record. Outlines requirements for a person accessing the voter lists, ballot images and cast vote record.

Veto Message (In Part):

“While I understand this bill is intended to further transparency in the election process, it could create serious problems. First, this bill threatens anonymity and privacy – core tenants of free and fair voting in our democracy. It also opens the door to the spread of additional election mis- and dis-information, which there is far too much of already. Finally, it places a burdensome, unfunded mandate on our election officials, who already face a multitude of challenges going into the 2024 election cycle. I do not doubt that this bill is well-intentioned, but it is clear to me that it creates more harm than good for Arizona’s election officials and voters.”

### **HB2586 ADOT Dynamic Message Signs**

Representative Neal Carter

Requires the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) to only display messages directly related to transportation or highway public safety on ADOT's dynamic message signs. Allows ADOT to display amber alerts, silver alerts, blue alerts and reminders to vote.

Veto Message (In Part):

“Current federal law prescribes specific standards regarding all traffic control devices installed on any street, highway, or private road open to public travel, by which the Arizona Department of Transportation abides. The current standards allow State and local highway agencies the flexibility to display safety messages, transportation-related messages, emergency homeland security messages, and more.”

### **HB2613 Voting Equipment; Requirements; Origin**

Representative Steve Montenegro

Prohibits the Secretary of State from certifying a vote recording and vote tabulating machine unless 100 percent of the machine's components are sourced from and manufactured in the United States. The bill contains a delayed effective date of January 1, 2028.



Veto Message (In Part):

“This bill could create a situation where Arizona’s election administrators are no longer able to procure certifiable voting and tabulating equipment. It should be clear how catastrophic that would be for the successful administration of elections in Arizona.”

### **HB2617 Carrying of Firearms; Constables**

Representative Selina Bliss

Allows a constable or deputy constable to carry a firearm, both on and off duty and in the same manner as other certified peace officers, if the constable or deputy constable is in compliance with the Arizona Peace Officer Standards and Training Board (AZPOST) firearms requirements.

Veto Message (In Part):

“One of my top priorities as Governor is keeping Arizona families safe. Constables are already able to carry firearms during the performance of their duties. I am concerned that this bill would have expanded the authority of constables to carry a gun while off-duty whereby some constables may choose to view themselves as having a “duty to respond” when they are off duty.”

### **HB2618 Decommissioning; Solar and Wind; Standards**

Representative Gail Griffin

Allows a city, town or county to adopt zoning standards, site specific conditions and permitting requirements and procedures for solar and wind energy power plants within its jurisdiction. Requires the owner of a solar or wind energy power plant to comply with the procedures adopted by the county, city or town where the plant will be located.

Veto Message (In Part):

“HB2618 encourages an inconsistent statewide patchwork of regulations for renewable energy projects and would have a deep chilling effect on renewable energy deployment in Arizona. It creates additional regulatory confusion for businesses, negatively impacting Arizona’s ability to attract, retain, and grow a renewable energy ecosystem in our state and create good-paying jobs for everyday Arizonans. I invite the Legislature to join me in identifying consistent and predictable solutions to renewable energy permitting and decommissioning regulation.”



### **HB2623 Unclaimed Property; Information; Registration**

Representative Leo Biasiucci

Allows a registered unclaimed property locator to receive unclaimed property account information from the Department of Revenue (DOR) and enter into agreements to locate unclaimed property for owners at a fee of not more than 20% of the unclaimed property value.

Veto Message (In Part):

“HB2623 directs the Arizona Department of Revenue to provide sensitive information on taxpayers to third party entities. This commercial purpose is an abuse and misuse of public records. Protecting the personal privacy of Arizonans is a priority to my administration.”

### **HB2667 Disruption; Educational Institution; Concealed Weapon**

Representative Rachel Jones

Prohibits a university, college or community college a governing board from barring a person from lawfully possessing a concealed weapon under a valid permit or transporting or storing a firearm in the person's car or motorcycle on university, college or community college campus.

Veto Message (In Part):

“Ensuring the safety of our students is a responsibility that belongs to all of us. Our colleges and universities are places where our students should feel welcome and safe. This bill would allow concealed weapons to be carried or stored on campus, which could lead to greater anxiety among students, staff and faculty. It may also lead to increased risk on campus and other unintended consequences. We cannot set a precedent that allows guns on campus.”

### **HB2675 Drug Cartels; Terrorist Organizations**

Representative Steve Montenegro

Declares that drug cartels are terrorist organizations and requires the Arizona Department of Homeland Security (AZDOHS) to do everything within its authority to address the threat that drug cartels pose.

Veto Message (In Part):

“Labeling drug cartels as terrorist organizations to deploy state resources is not a real solution and is not a state function. Under current state law, “terrorist organization” means any organization that is designated by the United States department of state as a foreign terrorist organization.”



### **HB2691 Elections; Ballot Chain of Custody**

Representative Justin Heap

Requires the county board of supervisors (county BOS) to provide a chain of custody record, that includes the time and signature of an election's supervisor, for every ballot that begins at the printing location and continues through the transportation, storage and delivery to the county recorder and voting location. Requires ballot boxes to be locked with a tamper evident seal.

Veto Message (In Part):

"I am eager to work with the Legislature to advance legislation that strengthens our elections. This bill, unfortunately, does not advance that goal."

### **HB2722 Elections; Option; Full Hand Count**

Representative Gail Griffin

Allows the county recorder or any person who is designated by the county board of supervisors to count all or any portion of the ballots in an election by hand.

Veto Message (In Part):

"Hand-counting ballots is unquestionably less accurate and more time consuming than machine tabulation. Arizona voters deserve to know that their votes are being counted accurately and efficiently."

### **HB2754 Criminal Liability; Enterprises**

Representative Rachel Jones

Includes nongovernmental organizations in the definition of an enterprise for purposes of criminal liability and subjects an enterprise to criminal liability for the offense of participating in a human smuggling organization.

Veto Message (In Part):

"This bill has unintended consequences for organizations that support immigrants."

### **HB2757 Court of Appeals; Retention Election**

Representative Ben Toma

Requires judges of the Arizona Court of Appeals to be elected for retention on a statewide basis at the general election next preceding the expiration of the judge's term in office, rather than on a county basis. Specifies that all otherwise eligible registered voters in Arizona are eligible to vote in statewide judge retention races.



Veto Message (In Part):

“Allowing voters statewide to vote on whether to retain all Court of Appeals judges regardless of the judge’s Division assignment, while retaining the Division structure, would unfairly dilute the votes of those Arizonans most directly impacted by each Division’s judges. I urge the Legislature next session to take a more holistic look at the organization of the Court of Appeals, including its retention election rules, and craft more comprehensive improvements for Arizonans. HB2757, standing alone, is not the right approach.”

### **HB2759 Nonprofits; Facilitation; Trafficking Offenses; Penalties**

Representative John Gillette

Prohibits the Arizona Corporation Commission from incorporating a corporation if an officer, director or trustee has been convicted of specified trafficking offenses. Subjects a person who facilitates, rather than just engages in, trafficking offenses to civil liability to the person trafficked.

Veto Message (In Part):

“While this bill aims to protect victims of trafficking, stakeholders agree that it could further harm them. As previous legislatures have recognized, it is not uncommon for victims of trafficking to be charged with crimes related to their victimization. This bill unfortunately does not take this into account.”

### **HB2786 Teacher Training; Parental Notification; Requirements**

Representative Justin Heap

Requires a school district governing board to provide specific information in electronic form and requires a governing board and charter school governing body to adopt procedures for parental notification of and access to teacher and administrator training as outlined.

Veto Message (In Part):

“Under HB2786, school districts and charter schools would be at risk of violating copyright law.”

### **HB2802 Fentanyl Sales; Manufacture; Sentencing; Testing**

Representative Matt Gress

Establishes sentencing ranges for persons convicted of possession of a narcotic drug for sale, the possession of equipment or chemicals for the purpose of manufacturing a narcotic drug, manufacture of a narcotic drug or the transportation for sale of a narcotic drug if the offense involves a single unit dose that contains two or more milligrams of fentanyl. Establishes and defines a drug-free neighborhood zone and outlines penalties and fines if found in violation.





Veto Message (In Part):

“This bill would criminalize substance use disorder. Instead of locking up people who are suffering from the effects of the opioid epidemic, we must prioritize treatment and risk reduction.”

## Resolutions to the Secretary of State

### SCR1006 Death Benefit; Assault; First Responders

Senator David Gowan

The 2024 general election ballot is to carry the question of whether to amend state statute to levy a surcharge of two percent on every fine, penalty and forfeiture imposed and collected by the courts for criminal offenses and on traffic-related civil penalties from July 1, 2025 through December 31, 2032, and to deposit the monies from the surcharge in the newly established State Supplemental Benefit Fund. This resolution contains a severability clause.

### SCR1015 Initiative; Referendum; Signatures; Legislative Districts

Senator Javan Mesnard

The 2024 general election ballot is to carry the question of whether to amend the state Constitution to require statewide initiative measures to obtain signatures from 10 percent of the voters from each legislative district, instead of from the entire state, for a statewide measure, and from 15 percent of the voters of each legislative district, instead of from the entire state, for an amendment to the state Constitution.

### SCR1041 School Districts; Expenditure Limit; Authorization

Senator Sonny Borrelli

The Legislature authorizes the expenditure of local revenues by school districts in excess of the expenditure limitation prescribed in the state Constitution in FY2023-24. This authorization is effective only on the approval of this resolution by at least 2/3 of the members of each house of the Legislature by roll call vote.

### HCR2001 School District Expenditures; Authorization

Representative David Cook

The Legislature authorizes school districts to spend local revenues in the amount of \$1,385,809,642 in excess of the expenditure limitation prescribed pursuant to the state Constitution in FY2022-23. This authorization is effective only on the approval of this resolution by at least 2/3 of the membership of each house of the Legislature by roll call vote on or before March 1, 2023.



### HCR2033 Primary Elections; Eligible Candidates

Representative Austin Smith

The 2024 general election ballot is to carry the question of whether to amend the state Constitution to require the direct primary election for partisan offices to be conducted in a manner so that each political party that has qualified for representation on the ballot must be permitted to nominate for each office a number of candidates equal to the number of positions to be filled for that office in the ensuing general election, and all otherwise eligible candidates who are so nominated must be placed on the ballot in the next ensuing general election. The direct primary election law enacted by the Legislature supersedes any contrary or inconsistent provision of any charter, law, ordinance, rules, resolution, or policy of any city.

### HCR2039 Governor; Emergency Powers

Representative Joseph Chaplik

The 2024 general election ballot is to carry the question of whether to amend the state Constitution to terminate the emergency powers granted to the Governor during a state of emergency either 30 days after the date on which the state of emergency is proclaimed, unless the Legislature extends the emergency powers by concurrent resolution, or by proclamation of the Governor terminating the state of emergency, or by concurrent resolution of the Legislature declaring the emergency powers granted to the Governor to be at an end. Does not apply to a state of war emergency or an emergency arising from a flood or fire. If at least 1/3 of the members of each house of the Legislature sign a petition requesting a special session of the Legislature for the purpose of terminating or altering the emergency powers granted to the Governor during a state of emergency and designating the date of convening, the Governor is required to promptly call a special session to assemble on the date specified. The subjects that may be considered at such a special session are limited to emergency powers granted to the Governor during a state of emergency.

