



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA CITIZENS CLEAN ELECTIONS COMMISSION

Location: Citizens Clean Elections Commission

1616 West Adams, Suite 110

Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Date: Thursday, March 24, 2022

Time: 9:30 a. m.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the Commissioners of the Citizens Clean Elections Commission and the general public that the Citizens Clean Elections Commission will hold a regular meeting, which is open to the public on March 24, 2022. This meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m., at the Citizens Clean Elections Commission, 1616 West Adams, Suite 110, Phoenix, Arizona 85007. The meeting may be available for live streaming online at <https://www.youtube.com/c/AZCCEC/live>. You can also visit <https://www.azcleaselections.gov/clean-elections-commission-meetings>. Members of the Citizens Clean Elections Commission will attend either in person or by telephone, video, or internet conferencing. **This meeting will be held virtually.** Instructions on how the public may participate in this meeting are below. For additional information, please call (602) 364-3477 or contact Commission staff at ccec@azcleaselections.gov.

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The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

- I. Call to Order.
- II. Discussion and Possible Action on Commission Minutes for February 24, 2022.
- III. Discussion and Possible Action on Executive Director's Report, Enforcement and Regulatory Updates and Legislative Update.
- IV. Discussion and Possible Action on election and voting administration issues including funding and policy with Coconino County Recorder Patty Hansen.
- V. Discussion and Possible Action on CV2021-007328, The Power of Fives, LLC v. Sloan et al.
- VI. Discussion and Possible Action on 2022 legislative bills on the topics of elections, voting, administration, campaign finance.
- VII. Discussion and Possible Action on E-Qual electronic system for candidate petitions, candidate qualifications for the ballot and qualifying contributions for participating candidates.
- VIII. Public Comment
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- IX. Adjournment.
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Dated this 22nd day of March 2022
Citizens Clean Elections Commission
Thomas M. Collins, Executive Director

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THE STATE OF ARIZONA
CITIZENS CLEAN ELECTIONS COMMISSION

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING

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1 VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING BEFORE THE CITIZENS
2 CLEAN ELECTIONS COMMISSION convened at 9:31 a.m. on
3 February 24, 2022, at the State of Arizona, Clean
4 Elections Commission, 1616 West Adams, Conference Room,
5 Phoenix, Arizona, in the presence of the following
6 Board Members:
7 Mr. Damien Meyer, Chairperson
8 Mr. Mark Kimble
9 Ms. Amy Chan
10 Mr. Galen Paton
11 Mr. Steve Titla
12 OTHERS PRESENT:
13 Thomas M. Collins, Executive Director
14 Paula Thomas, Executive Officer
15 Mike Becker, Policy Director
16 Gina Roberts, Voter Education Director
17 Avery Xola, Voter Education Specialist
18 Julian Arndt, Executive Support Specialist
19 Kara Karlson, Assistant Attorney General
20 Kyle Cummings, Assistant Attorney General
21 Lisa Marra, Cochise County Election Director
22 Cathy Herring, Staff
23 Rivko Knox, Member of the Public
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1 PROCEEDING
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3 CHAIRMAN MEYER: Good morning. I'm Damien
4 Meyer, Chairperson for the Commission this year.
5 Item -- Agenda Item I is to call the meeting
6 to order. It's 9:30 a.m. on February 24th of 2022.
7 I'd like to ask audience members to please
8 keep their microphones on mute, please. And with that,
9 we will take attendance.
10 Commissioners, please identify yourselves for
11 the record.
12 COMMISSIONER CHAN: Amy Chan.
13 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Mark Kimble.
14 COMMISSIONER PATON: Galen Paton.
15 CHAIRMAN MEYER: All right. Commissioner
16 Titla.
17 COMMISSIONER TITLA: Yeah, Steve Titla.
18 CHAIRMAN MEYER: All right. Good morning,
19 Commissioner Titla. Good to see you.
20 COMMISSIONER TITLA: Yeah, good morning.
21 Thank you.
22 CHAIRMAN MEYER: So we have all five
23 Commissioners present.
24 Next, we'll go to Agenda Item No. II, which
25 is possible action on the minutes for our January 27,

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1 2022 meeting. Is there any discussion of those
2 minutes?
3 COMMISSIONER CHAN: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to
4 move that we approve the minutes as written.
5 CHAIRMAN MEYER: Thank you, Commissioner
6 Chan.
7 I have a motion to approve the minutes. Is
8 there a second?
9 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Commissioner Kimble. I
10 second.
11 CHAIRMAN MEYER: Thank you.
12 We have a first and second. All in favor of
13 approving the minutes for the January 27, 2022 motion
14 -- or, motion -- I will do a roll vote here.
15 Commissioner Chan.
16 COMMISSIONER CHAN: Aye.
17 CHAIRMAN MEYER: Commissioner Paton.
18 COMMISSIONER PATON: Aye.
19 CHAIRMAN MEYER: Commissioner Kimble.
20 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Aye.
21 CHAIRMAN MEYER: And Commissioner Titla.
22 COMMISSIONER TITLA: Aye.
23 CHAIRMAN MEYER: All right. And I vote aye
24 as well. Motion carries 5-0.
25 Moving along here, Agenda Item No. III is

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1 discussion and possible action of Executive Director's
2 Report. Tom, please share the good news.
3 MS. HERRING: Tom, you are still muted.
4 MR. COLLINS: I didn't want to become a meme,
5 but apparently that was unavoidable.
6 Mr. Chairman, thank you, Members. Thanks all
7 for being here.
8 CHAIRMAN MEYER: Tom, can you up your volume
9 just a little bit? I don't know if anyone else is
10 having trouble hearing him, but...
11 MR. COLLINS: I don't know. I think we're
12 going to...
13 MS. HERRING: It may be the microphone on
14 your headphone, Tom, if you want to just hold it closer
15 to you if you're using headphones.
16 MR. COLLINS: All right. Is this different?
17 CHAIRMAN MEYER: Much better.
18 MR. COLLINS: Okay. Great.
19 Thank you, Members, Mr. Chairman. Being 45
20 is rough.
21 I just wanted to let you all know, in case
22 you don't, but I'm sure you do, there's voting ongoing
23 in local elections right now. The election day is
24 March 8th.
25 You can see from the report that Gina and

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1 Avery and Alec and -- have been working hard to
2 continue to do outreach with a variety of different
3 folks around the state. Notably, I think, Gina has
4 worked with the AARP on voter education videos. Avery
5 met with the Mohave County Voter Registration
6 Supervisor, and we've also met with Yuma County, so we
7 are -- and then Gina and Avery both continue to be
8 involved, on an ongoing basis, with the Intertribal
9 Council in an effort to ensure we're communicating to
10 voters throughout the state. So that is ongoing and
11 we're excited about that.

12 Real quickly, on the legal front, you may
13 recall from last month that the Court of Appeals had
14 ruled in our favor two to one on the case called Legacy
15 Foundation Action Fund versus Clean Elections. The
16 Legacy Foundation Action Fund filed its petition for
17 review to the state Supreme Court on Friday, and our
18 response is due next month. I think that those are
19 sort of the highlights.

20 We have -- we did get approval on -- on the
21 rule amendment we did in December with the Governor's
22 Regulatory Review Council adjusting the definition of
23 family member, so that is in effect now.

24 Unless there's any questions from the
25 Commission, I think -- the other thing that -- well,

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1 that concludes the report. Thank you.

2 COMMISSIONER CHAN: Mr. Chairman.

3 CHAIRMAN MEYER: Commissioner Chan.

4 COMMISSIONER CHAN: I just wanted to mention
5 that I understand Avery won -- was awarded an honor
6 from the Arizona Commission of African American
7 Affairs, and I just wanted to recognize him for that.
8 I mean, we can all see, I mean, what an incredible team
9 member he's been since he joined us. Feels like -- I
10 don't know if he's the newest team member. It still
11 feels like he's so new, and yet he does so much to, you
12 know, help the voters of our state. And I'm just
13 really impressed with his work and I was really excited
14 for him, to see that he had won this award, so I just
15 wanted to recognize that in case the rest of the
16 Commissioners weren't aware.

17 And I don't know if Avery wants to tell us a
18 little bit about that or not, but I don't want to put
19 him on the spot.

20 MR. XOLA: Sure. Yeah. Yeah.

21 Chairman, Members, thank you, Chairman Amy.
22 Yeah, it was an award for public service. I do a lot
23 of things with the African American Legislative
24 Council, you know, volunteer my time, and I'm always
25 trying to give them like voter education updates and

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1 things like that and I always -- you know, I'm
2 reliable, so they recognize it. So it was really cool
3 to be recognized, and I do enjoy working with them.
4 Thank you.

5 CHAIRMAN MEYER: Congratulations, Avery. We
6 really appreciate it.

7 And I was actually going to ask -- this is
8 kind of a question for both Gina and Avery. Can you
9 kind of tell us what type of reception do you get at
10 many of these events you attend as far as, you know,
11 your voter education? What are you hearing from the
12 voters about elections, concerns, compliments? Just
13 could you give us a couple minutes of what you're
14 hearing out there?

15 MR. XOLA: Sure, Chairman. Really what I
16 hear is a lot of voters just want basic information.
17 They want to know where to go vote. They want to know
18 if they -- you know, how do I register. They want to
19 know like the basic rules and policies that go with
20 voting. That's the typical engagement that I get. And
21 so that's why I think it's important for me to be out
22 there in the public and in the community to talk them
23 through some of these questions, because a lot of times
24 they may not know like who to ask for these resources.

25 CHAIRMAN MEYER: Do -- do you find that

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1 people know who the -- who the -- are aware of the
2 Citizens Clean Elections Commission, or are people
3 hearing about it for the first time oftentimes when you
4 speak to them?

5 MR. XOLA: It depends, Chairman. It depends.
6 A lot of times it's new. If I'm working with an
7 organization, typically they have heard of us. If I'm
8 talking to just your average person, voter on the
9 street, maybe they -- usually they may not have heard
10 of us. But, again, that's why it's important for me to
11 engage and I kind of, you know, give them the rundown
12 of what we do.

13 CHAIRMAN MEYER: Gina, anything to add?

14 MS. ROBERTS: Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, I
15 think Avery captured that really -- kind of the same
16 thoughts that I had. I will just add that I think in
17 regards to, you know, when we're out there, the need
18 that is expressed is a need for voter education.

19 There's often a lot of talks about -- you
20 know, whether it's voter suppression or barriers or
21 challenges to voting or election security concerns,
22 whatever those concerns are that a voter typically has
23 in regards to elections, it really ultimately ends up
24 with them saying, we need more voter education on this.
25 So I -- my takeaway from practically 99 percent of all

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1 the interactions that I have is that more education is
2 the solution and the need that voters are asking for.
3 And then I will say, in regards to being
4 aware about Clean Elections, I do agree with Avery too.
5 If it's an organization, yes, they know about Clean
6 Elections. If it's your average voter, it really just
7 depends. But I will say the average voter, I think, is
8 very aware of our tools.
9 So they know the Voter Education Guide, they
10 know the debates, and they know that they're likely,
11 you know, being directed to our website. It's just --
12 and this is one of the things that we do work on in our
13 communications plan is branding, making that connection
14 to these tools are coming from Clean Elections, a
15 nonpartisan voter education agency for voters. So I
16 would say they are more aware of our tools than they
17 are necessarily our name.
18 CHAIRMAN MEYER: Thank you.
19 Any of the other Commissioners have any
20 questions, comments on the Executive Director Report?
21 (No response.)
22 CHAIRMAN MEYER: Okay. Hearing none, I had a
23 question, Tom. On Page 2 there's this Arizona Supreme
24 Court has convened a task force to address ethical
25 issues in governmental representation. Can you tell us

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1 a little more about that? I clicked the link and saw
2 the press release, but is there -- is there any more
3 you can share with us beyond that?
4 MR. COLLINS: Mr. Chairman, yes. And I
5 apologize if -- I thought the administrative order was
6 attached to the press release, so I apologize if I
7 didn't include that.
8 So -- but nevertheless, they're -- the Court
9 convened this task force, chaired by Justice
10 Montgomery, to look at some of the ethical issues
11 relating to governmental representation. The
12 membership is, in my view -- you know, the Committee is
13 a lot of folks who you may know, Mary O'Grady, Pat
14 Sallen, people who have real expertise in ethics and
15 government, and then there's an assortment of -- of
16 other attorneys and judges from other institutional
17 roles.
18 I believe its -- that the -- you know, that
19 the goal would try to be to find some way to mitigate
20 some of the issues that have been raised over the
21 course of the last few years respecting the role of the
22 governmental institutions that provide advice to
23 clients -- you know, particularly the AG's Office and
24 the County Attorney's Offices, their role is to provide
25 advice to government agencies, but also they have a

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1 civil, and in some cases criminal, enforcement role.
2 And, you know, the ethical rules, as they exist now,
3 are perhaps not clear enough in the view of some in
4 terms of how those rules apply.
5 Obviously, I think it, you know, kind of
6 inevitably becomes -- is hard to separate this from the
7 fact that, you know, we had an ethical charge filed --
8 or, I don't know what the right word is -- complaint, I
9 think, filed by the Secretary of State and the Board of
10 Regents against the AG's Office. So I think that that
11 -- that, you know, whatever changes the task force
12 recommends as far as clarifying those rules, I think
13 that that is -- is the -- is the end -- end goal of
14 that.
15 CHAIRMAN MEYER: Okay. All right. Unless
16 any other Commissioner has any questions, I will go
17 ahead and move to Item No. IV. Anyone else have any
18 issues, questions?
19 (No response.)
20 CHAIRMAN MEYER: Okay. Item No. IV on the
21 Agenda is discussion and possible action on the 2021
22 Annual Report. I know the report was circulated with
23 our meeting packet. Any Commissioners have any
24 questions or comments on the draft? I know I shared a
25 few thoughts with Paula and Tom and Gina this morning,

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1 but I'll open the floor for other Commissioners.
2 (No response.)
3 CHAIRMAN MEYER: All right. Okay. Unless
4 there's any other discussion, which I hear none, I'll
5 entertain a motion to approve the 2021 Annual Report.
6 COMMISSIONER CHAN: Mr. Chairman, I move we
7 adopt the 2021 Annual Report.
8 CHAIRMAN MEYER: Thank you, Commissioner
9 Chan.
10 Is there a second?
11 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Commissioner Kimble. I
12 second.
13 CHAIRMAN MEYER: Okay. We have a first
14 and -- a motion and a second to approve the 2021 Annual
15 Report.
16 I guess, real quick, I should stop. I did
17 ask for just a couple really nonsubstantive changes to
18 be made to this. I think Avery's name was misspelled
19 in here, and maybe to just be a little more formal in a
20 couple spots. Is there any objection with that from
21 the other Commissioners? I guess I want to make a
22 clear record here.
23 COMMISSIONER CHAN: I have no objection.
24 CHAIRMAN MEYER: So, I guess, can we approve
25 it in substance, then, or how do we do that, Tom, or

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1 anyone else?
2 MR. COLLINS: Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, I
3 think that your motion is fine. I --
4 CHAIRMAN MEYER: I'm being too formal here?
5 Okay. We have a first and second. All
6 right. We'll call the -- we'll call the roll. And
7 again, for the record, this is on the motion to approve
8 the 2021 Annual Report that was circulated with our
9 meeting packet.
10 We're going to start with Commissioner Chan.
11 How do you vote?
12 COMMISSIONER CHAN: I vote aye.
13 CHAIRMAN MEYER: Commissioner Paton.
14 COMMISSIONER PATON: Aye.
15 CHAIRMAN MEYER: Commissioner Kimble.
16 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Aye.
17 CHAIRMAN MEYER: Commissioner Titla.
18 Was that an aye, Commissioner Titla?
19 (No response.)
20 MS. HERRING: Commissioner Titla, you are
21 muted. If you are wanting to speak, you can just come
22 off mute.
23 (No response.)
24 CHAIRMAN MEYER: Well, I will vote aye while
25 we're waiting for him, so that's 4-0.

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1 Commissioner Titla, if you can hear us,
2 you're -- you're on mute.
3 (No response.)
4 CHAIRMAN MEYER: All right. Well, just in
5 the interest of everyone's time, I'm going to move to
6 Agenda Item IV. If he comes back on, we'll get his
7 vote on that motion then. Either way, it's going to
8 carry, but we'll clean the record up then.
9 So Agenda Item V, discussion and possible
10 action on legislative bills on the topics of elections,
11 voting, administration, and campaign finance.
12 Following up on our discussion from last month, staff
13 has invited Lisa Marra, I hope I pronounced that right,
14 Lisa Marra, the Cochise County Election Director and
15 the President of the Election Officials of Arizona, to
16 discuss some of the pending election administration
17 bills in the legislature and how they may affect
18 voters. Tom is going to give us some brief context and
19 then, Commissioners, we're hoping to have an open
20 discussion on some of these issues.
21 So I will first welcome Ms. Marra. Thank you
22 so much for joining us.
23 And then, Tom, I'll turn it over to you to
24 lead this discussion. But thank you. Go ahead, Tom.
25 MR. COLLINS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman,

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1 Members. And thank you, Lisa, for being here.
2 I want to do two quick things by way of
3 introduction. First, I want to introduce Lisa Marra,
4 who has been the Elections Director in Cochise County
5 for -- I want to say since -- well, for several years.
6 She had -- she start -- was a -- has worked in a
7 variety of County and City offices. She was the -- she
8 was a grant writer at City of Bisbee, then moved to the
9 County, then was responsible for community relations
10 and legislative affairs and government relations for
11 Cochise County, before starting as the Elections
12 Director.
13 And in her capacity as Elections Director,
14 she's been, you know, one of the most, I think,
15 effective advocates for election officials in their
16 role as nonpartisan administrators of election
17 processes and -- as well as, with her background in
18 community relations and public relations, you know,
19 having an eye towards the kinds of voter education
20 activities that I think we all think are very
21 important.
22 So we certainly sprung this on Lisa as an
23 invitation, but we were thrilled that she was willing
24 to come and talk to us a little bit about -- so the
25 timing on this is based on the fact that this week, as

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1 we're speaking, the legislature is in the process of
2 third reading bills from the House to the Senate and
3 the Senate to the House. The timing here is that we
4 believe, and, I think, frankly, are hopeful, that a lot
5 of the election bills that are -- that have been thrown
6 out there will not advance much farther than this. You
7 know, there's a moment of truth for these bills on the
8 floor of the House and Senate, and -- and so that's our
9 hope.
10 What -- what we talked about last month was
11 how the Commission can better engage on these issues.
12 And in talking to Lisa, and I'll turn it over to her in
13 a second, and then obviously I think we -- I know that
14 she would like and I know that we also are hoping to
15 have more discussion than presentation. But, you know,
16 Lisa sort of looked at the different themes of the
17 bills that are out there, what we're -- what the
18 counties are seeing because, you know, in most ways,
19 the rubber meets the road for election administration
20 at the County Election Departments and the County
21 Recorder Offices.
22 So we're very happy that Lisa was willing to
23 come talk with us on such short notice, but we think
24 the timing was ideal. And so really thank you, Lisa,
25 for being here.

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1 I don't know if -- Lisa, if you want to start
2 or if you want me to ask you a kickoff question. I
3 really don't -- I guess I should have asked you that
4 earlier.

5 MS. MARRA: Well, thank you, Mr. Chairman,
6 Commissioners, Director Collins. Thank you very much
7 for the invitation.

8 Can everybody hear me okay? We had some
9 problems with that in the beginning.

10 (No response.)

11 MS. MARRA: Okay. Great. Technology, got to
12 love it.

13 So, first of all, I really want to say thanks
14 to all of you for the good work you do and the amazing
15 staff you have. The messaging that you put out, the
16 website, that is the go-to for us and it is so helpful.
17 Vendors love it because they can find out exactly which
18 jurisdictions are having elections. And so I know
19 Avery and Gina have that up every -- every election
20 cycle, and I'm so grateful for that.

21 So it is timely right now with legislation.
22 And I will say that the election officials work with
23 AACo, the Arizona Counties Association, and they also
24 work with the recorders, because as you all know, most
25 voters don't know, it's two entirely different things.

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1 So election directors are appointed by a board of
2 supervisors, because supervisors, in any legislation,
3 have some specific duties. Recorders are elected, and
4 they also have specific duties. So I'm very much a fan
5 of having them separate, because that works in this
6 county. Some counties -- I think Yuma right now may be
7 the only one where it's sort of combined, where
8 elections is under the recorders.

9 But I think that separation of powers is
10 really important here in our county and for voters,
11 because as Director Collins said, it's not partisan for
12 us. We have the easiest job in the world, believe it
13 or not, because it's about law. And it doesn't matter
14 about party for us. It's really about the voters and,
15 if you're an eligible voter and you want to vote, that
16 we connect you to vote in a way that's convenient and
17 works for you and that the elections are run cleanly
18 and safely and fairly. So it's a very easy job these
19 last few years.

20 So I will say, and I get laughed at now for
21 saying this, but I have always said that Arizona is a
22 leader when it comes to election law. And honestly,
23 other states wish they were Arizona. And I know it's
24 met with laughter lately, but it is true. We have
25 really good, sound laws. We have really good processes

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1 in place. We've had 30 years, three decades, of
2 successful vote by mail. So we had a lot of good
3 things. The procedures manual is an amazing tool for
4 election officials. That's put out by the Secretary of
5 State, but it's really for us, because we run
6 elections, so it's a very helpful tool.

7 So I'll start out with just some basic
8 themes, and they're the themes that we've had the last
9 two years, three years. We actually started this
10 battle in 2019 with misinformation and disinformation,
11 which has been so harmful, and it continues today. And
12 it honestly does nothing except undermine voter
13 confidence, and that is so problematic to this great
14 state.

15 So some of the things we're looking at, the
16 same that we've looked at the last few years, is to
17 eliminate early voting, which I don't know why we'd do
18 that when we've done it successfully and we're a leader
19 in this state for doing that, to eliminate vote
20 centers. Vote centers, as you know, are -- we used to
21 be more precinct-based and you were assigned to a place
22 you had to vote on election day.

23 Voters really prefer vote centers, where you
24 can vote anywhere in the county. And we're a very
25 large geographical spread-out county here, 6,200 square

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1 miles. So it is very common for a voter to live in one
2 area and drive 30 to 40 minutes and they'll go through
3 three or four jurisdictions. So they get the choice on
4 where to vote on election day.

5 We also see the increase in early voting
6 every year. So our in-person goes down every year,
7 because people are choosing to vote early by mail or in
8 person. We are right about 80 percent of our voters in
9 Cochise County choose to vote early by mail, and
10 statewide, last I checked, it was about 89 percent. So
11 let's remember my original comment about -- it's about
12 the voters and what works for them.

13 So some other themes we're seeing are to
14 eliminate drop boxes, which voters love drop boxes.
15 Sometimes they don't want to use the mail service.
16 Maybe they don't trust their postal worker. Most of
17 them want to save the County postage, and it does in
18 the thousands. And drop boxes are safe and secure, so
19 that's another issue that we're fighting.

20 We've gone -- we've really gone back with
21 technology, because as all you know, technology is real
22 heavy (unintelligible) used to be, but this push to go
23 back to counting ballots by hand is just not -- it's
24 mind boggling, really, because there's no way humans
25 can count 20 to 30 to 50 races on a ballot accurately

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1 and in the time that we look at.
2 And then I think one of the biggest things
3 that -- they also want to eliminate machines in
4 general, right, so I don't know how that works. If you
5 don't have machines, you don't have cell phones. We
6 wouldn't be having this conversation right now without
7 that technology.
8 One of the biggest things that concerns
9 election officials right now is the push to tie the
10 ballot to the voter, and that is problematic for many,
11 many reasons. First, this little thing called the
12 Constitution, that I'm very fond of. It's also a
13 privacy thing.
14 And I cannot tell you the phone calls that we
15 get as election officials, and every election there's
16 some new thing that we get calls about. And in 2020 I
17 can't tell you the dozens and dozens of calls we got,
18 from men and women, and the question was: Are you sure
19 my spouse won't find out how I voted? And that was --
20 you know, the first couple times we were like, that's a
21 unique question. And I'm sure my husband and I have
22 probably ruled out each other over the years voting.
23 But that was disturbing that people thought that you
24 could find out how people voted. Now, it's no secret
25 if you did vote, right, and we'll talk about that as we

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1 get into a bill, but how you vote is your business.
2 It's private, it's confidential, and that's really
3 important to keep that.
4 So working with AACo, the Arizona Association
5 of Counties, we sponsor a bill pretty much every year,
6 and we like to say we're proud of the fact it's the
7 most boring bill. So this year it's Senate Bill 1460,
8 and it's an omnibus cleanup bill. It's old language.
9 It's things that are out of date we find in the
10 statute. And it's a very boring bill, but so
11 important, and we're so grateful to Senator Shope for
12 sponsoring it for us again, so we obviously are
13 supporting that.
14 I wanted to start out with a few things we
15 are supporting or that we're neutral on, which is --
16 neutral is really important, before I started saying
17 all the things we're opposed to. We're not opposed to
18 everything. I get a lot of pushback lately that we're
19 opposed to audits and we're opposed to security, and
20 that is absolutely not true. We are so fond of audits.
21 That's why we do hundreds of them along the process
22 from the beginning of the election until way past the
23 end of the election, because we like audits.
24 So another one that we're supporting is
25 Senate Bill 1477. That's sponsored by Senator

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1 Townsend. And that's where the Clerk of the Court can
2 give the Secretary of State monthly felony reports, so
3 it helps Recorders clean up voter rolls. Because voter
4 rolls are really important.
5 And then House Bill 2378, sponsored by
6 Representative Pawlik, is that the Secretary of State
7 can't settle suits that materially impact us without
8 consulting with us first. Again, that's really
9 important as we look at some of these settlements that
10 are made on a state level.
11 We're neutral right now on two bills, both
12 sponsored by Senator Mesnard, Senate Bill 1259 and
13 Senate Bill 1411. Basically, they have to deal with
14 recounts, changes in the number for hand counts, and a
15 ballot tracking system for all counties. Now, we know
16 we have the state site where voters can go in and check
17 their status, check if their ballot has been received
18 back, that kind of thing; expanding on that would be
19 great, because we know when ballots are mailed to
20 people, we know when we get them back. And when they
21 come back, they go through the Recorder's process,
22 signatures are verified, and then they come to
23 Elections to early boards to start processing and to
24 count them.
25 So we got a lot of calls again last year from

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1 people that were -- they said, the President told me to
2 call and find out exactly when you counted my ballot.
3 So we give the date that the Recorder's Office got it,
4 because that's the date -- if they accept it, then it's
5 counted. I don't know the exact date and time I
6 counted your ballot. I don't know the exact time I
7 counted my ballot, and I have been voting early by mail
8 for almost those 30 years safely and securely.
9 But, again, one of those audits we talked
10 about, you can know how many ballots are mailed, how
11 many they get back, exactly how many we tabulate, and
12 they match a hundred percent. I'll tell you, banks
13 write off millions of dollars every year because it's
14 easier for them. And they don't want people
15 questioning that, because then you would think your
16 money is not safe at the bank, and it is. So we
17 balance out to every single ballot because of those
18 audits, because that's one of the great things about
19 Arizona.
20 So I'll move into some of the bills that I'm
21 just going to say are problematic, and we'll go in
22 themes. So I've broken into election security. Part
23 of the thing with bills, as all you know, because I'm
24 sort of the preaching to the choir, you're experts in
25 this, mirror bills, right, one in the House, one in the

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1 Senate, pretty much exactly the same thing. And now
2 we're in the happy cycle of strikers and amendments.
3 So strikers could come up that have nothing to do with
4 the bill, so that makes it a little confusing as far as
5 tracking some of these numbers, but I'll do the best I
6 can. And then, obviously, you know how to get ahold of
7 me if I can ever be of service any other way.
8 So the one that I'm focused on most is Senate
9 Bill 1120, and that has to do with the ballot paper
10 countermeasures that I'm sure you all heard about. And
11 that's where it has a holographic foil seal and all
12 these things that supposedly make it secure. And, you
13 know, when we talked about those themes originally,
14 eliminating drop boxes, eliminating early voting,
15 eliminating vote centers, there is absolutely --
16 CHAIRMAN MEYER: I'm sorry to interrupt,
17 Ms. Marra.
18 Is everyone hearing her okay? It's a little
19 bit of a strain. Can everyone hear okay?
20 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Well, the volume is
21 fine, but it's -- I'm having trouble hearing every
22 word. It just sounds like the audio is filtered
23 through several feet of cotton or something.
24 CHAIRMAN MEYER: It's a little muffled. Is
25 there a -- maybe talk a little slower or -- I was

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1 following along, and then I started losing a little bit
2 more.
3 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Yeah, I'm getting the
4 gist of it, but I can't say I've understood every word.
5 And as long as you stopped us here for a
6 minute, Mr. Chairman, Lisa, are you amenable to, after
7 you mention some of these bills, letting us weigh in
8 and question you about them before you get to the end?
9 MS. MARRA: Absolutely, Commissioner.
10 Absolutely.
11 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Okay. I don't know
12 what to say about sound. I'm getting it, but I don't
13 know that I'm getting every word.
14 CHAIRMAN MEYER: Okay. Well, let's try --
15 let's try again here, and hopefully it will improve.
16 And maybe if you could talk just a tick slower it would
17 be helpful, Ms. Marra. Thank you.
18 MS. MARRA: Okay. I'll try that. And volume
19 is up. I apologize, Mr. Commissioner and Chairman.
20 It's that technology down here. So I will try to speak
21 a little slower and maybe a little louder.
22 And yes, we'll stop after each bill, so after
23 we go through some of the things in the ballot
24 countermeasure bill, which is Senate Bill 1120.
25 Some of the biggest issues with wanting to

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1 put this in place so quickly is that it's not tested on
2 the tabulators. We don't know if they're going to be
3 able to read it. While it's true tabulators read the
4 timing marks, we don't know what a metal seal is going
5 to do with that. You've probably heard discussion
6 about there's only one paper supplier right now, they
7 normally do currency. Currency, as we know, is one
8 size. A dollar bill is the same size as a 50 dollar
9 bill, a hundred dollar bill. Ballots are all different
10 sizes.
11 This bill requires every ballot be 22 inches.
12 90 percent of the counties here can't count a
13 22-inch ballot. The equipment only counts a
14 21-inch ballot. And many small jurisdictional
15 elections only require a 10-inch ballot; so why we
16 would go through that extra paper doesn't make any
17 sense.
18 So while we're not opposed to security, not
19 opposed to a watermark uniformly printed on the ballot,
20 having all these things in the paper is problematic.
21 There are 17 points in this bill that say we
22 have to verify. We don't know how to verify if some of
23 these things were really input into the paper. There's
24 a black light provision, so that's doable. But let's
25 remember, election equipment has to be certified by the

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1 EAC, the Election Assistance Commission, and the State.
2 So anything we do that may require something different,
3 the election equipment has to go back.
4 So that one is problematic for several
5 reasons. One of them is because it is a bill that ties
6 the ballot to the voter. They want a unique
7 number that only the voter knows so they can track
8 that ballot, and that's the start of the tying it to
9 the voter.
10 So that's basically the gist of that bill.
11 If there are any questions, I'd be happy to answer
12 them.
13 COMMISSIONER CHAN: Mr. Chairman, Lisa.
14 CHAIRMAN MEYER: Go ahead, Ms. Chan.
15 COMMISSIONER CHAN: I just -- you know, I
16 like to ask the question that I used to hear former
17 Senator Tom Smith ask, which is: What is the problem
18 that is trying to be solved with -- I mean, I think you
19 explained the ones that you support and that AACo
20 supports well. I'm just curious about -- because to
21 me -- and this is without being involved with your
22 organization, so I may be coming at it from the wrong
23 point of view, but to me that 1120, the ballot paper
24 countermeasures with all the, you know, built by the --
25 put together by the currency printers, is a response to

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1 a nonexistent problem, one that is just a conspiracy,
2 that's a -- that's a lie, in my opinion. Well, I think
3 it's been proven to be a lie. And I was just curious
4 whether you have additional information or whether it
5 is a solution that has no problem. Does that make
6 sense? Is it -- is that where that bill is coming
7 from, do you know, if you're comfortable?
8 MS. MARRA: Commissioner, it is a good
9 question. And no, there really isn't any proof to
10 support any of this. We're still hearing the claims
11 that thousand of ballots, Korean ballots, bamboo
12 ballots, were put in, and that's absolutely false.
13 While there might be different weights of paper, that
14 isn't necessarily the issue, because you're going to
15 have that. Ballot-on-demand printers that we use on
16 election day -- we are all electronic machine voting in
17 Cochise County on election day, so you use an
18 ExpressVote machine that has a thermal thin ballot
19 card.
20 So lots of different paper, but there's
21 absolutely no proof that thousands of ballots were
22 printed and mailed in. And let's go back to even if
23 somebody did print one and send it in, only one ballot
24 can be counted per voter, you can't accept any more,
25 and those have to tie in with the audit number. So it

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1 is just not a problem that -- that needs to be fixed,
2 so thank you for that question.
3 COMMISSIONER CHAN: Thank you.
4 COMMISSIONER TITLA: Chairman.
5 CHAIRMAN MEYER: Yes, go ahead.
6 COMMISSIONER TITLA: Chairman.
7 CHAIRMAN MEYER: Commissioner Titla, go
8 ahead.
9 COMMISSIONER TITLA: Yeah. Yeah, thank you.
10 Earlier I couldn't vote because I heard you, but
11 somehow I was -- I was muted, I tried to unmute myself.
12 So I vote aye in that prior vote.
13 CHAIRMAN MEYER: All right.
14 COMMISSIONER TITLA: At any rate --
15 CHAIRMAN MEYER: Thank you for clearing that
16 up. Just for the record, that's a 5-0 vote to approve
17 the 2021 Annual Report.
18 I think, Commissioner Titla, you were going
19 to make some further comments. Go ahead.
20 COMMISSIONER TITLA: Yeah. Yeah, thank you.
21 Regarding the report by the young lady here, I think
22 it's a good report, and I have confidence in the state
23 election system. And I think that a lot of these bills
24 are based upon conspiracy-type theories that really
25 have no basis in fact, and I think that what they do is

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1 they suppress the voters in the state. A lot of them
2 are limiting the ability of people in the state to
3 vote. We should be opening up the process so that more
4 citizens can vote.
5 And I think that that may be relevant to the
6 findings, in fact, of the Clean Elections Act, because
7 in 16-940(A) it talks about the findings and
8 declarations of the Clean Elections Act and it talks
9 about that the intent of this Act is to create a clean
10 elections system, and then it says that it's done to
11 encourage citizens' participation in the political
12 process and will promote freedom of speech under the
13 U.S. and Arizona and Constitutions.
14 So my question, maybe not to the young lady,
15 but to the Clean Elections Commission or to our counsel
16 is: Do we have any recourse against these seemingly
17 unconstitutional bills based upon our findings and
18 declarations in the Clean Elections Act? That's my
19 question. Thank you.
20 CHAIRMAN MEYER: Tom, you're muted, but do
21 you want to go ahead and respond to that?
22 MR. COLLINS: Well, sure. Mr. Chairman,
23 Commissioner Titla, yeah, think that the -- the answer
24 to your question is that the Commission has express
25 authority to make recommendations to the legislature,

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1 which not all agencies actually have, although all
2 agencies do, in fact, lobby. So we actually have that
3 authority, and so -- so the Commission is clearly
4 empowered by statute to ensure that the Act is
5 administrated properly, that voters are able to obtain
6 information, that voters are able to participate in the
7 election process.
8 I would just make a quick note to everyone
9 just to understand this, that, you know, the Clean
10 Elections Act provides for voter interaction with
11 candidates and the election system at every moment of
12 the election cycle, from the qualifying period where
13 candidates are out soliciting \$5 contributions, to the
14 debates and Voter Education Guide that we provide
15 candidates and voters an opportunity interact, to --
16 you know, and I know it's a secondary issue in this
17 context, but to the campaign finance reports that allow
18 folks to -- voters to have information on who's
19 advocating for their vote on a time-sensitive basis
20 throughout the election cycle.
21 So the Commission's role in elections is
22 statutory, mandatory, explicit, and so for those
23 reasons I think that the Commission is certainly
24 entitled to make its views known on these kinds of
25 matters.

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1 COMMISSIONER TITLA: Okay. Thank you.
2 CHAIRMAN MEYER: Okay. Let's turn this back
3 over -- well, I know Ms. Marra had asked if there were
4 any questions about the bill she was just discussing.
5 If there are any more questions on that, fire away;
6 otherwise, we'll let Ms. Marra get back to her -- her
7 reporting. Any other questions from the Commissioners?
8 (No response.)
9 CHAIRMAN MEYER: Okay. Thank you, Ms. Marra.
10 Go ahead.
11 MS. MARRA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman,
12 Commissioners. So the next bill we'll touch on is
13 House Bill 2239, and that bill prohibits electronic
14 adjudication. We talked originally about technology,
15 and we should use the technology that we use. It's
16 important. It saves time. It saves money. It's
17 efficient, effective, safe, and secure.
18 So right now most counties have systems that
19 can do electronic adjudication. Where that comes into
20 play is most often in voter intent. If you get UOCAVA
21 ballots, you know, from overseas, out of state, those
22 have to be duplicated because the machines will not
23 read the fax paper or whatever paper they're on, they
24 won't. So that has to be duplicated by a board of two
25 people of opposite parties. There's a whole system in

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1 place outlined in statute and the procedures manual.
2 So if there's a voter intent issue, where
3 voters make a mistake, happens all the time, they're
4 supposed to get a new ballot, but many times they
5 don't. And they'll draw a line through it, they'll X
6 it out, they'll make their choice very clear, and so
7 these are things that can be adjudicated automatically
8 while the ballots are being tabulated. Huge time
9 saver, because we don't have to stop and duplicate. If
10 one -- one race on a ballot with 30 things on it has to
11 be duplicated, the whole ballot is duplicated, not just
12 that one race, because it has to be an identical match.
13 So this is a huge benefit to counties, especially when
14 you look at Maricopa with millions of voters. I have
15 about 85,000 registered voters; they have several
16 million.
17 So that's really important, and, you know,
18 eliminating that is just going to cause more hands on
19 the ballot. Why would we want more duplication where
20 we have more of a chance for human error and it
21 destroys the chain of custody. We didn't talk about
22 that in the very beginning, but that's one of the
23 biggest audit checkpoints we have is the chain of
24 custody. And so the more people that are touching
25 those ballots, hands on ballots, that destroys those

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1 chains of custody.
2 So, again, we've got to use the technology we
3 have. I just wanted to get that bill on your radar.
4 And if anybody had questions on that process, I'm happy
5 to answer.
6 (No response.)
7 CHAIRMAN MEYER: I don't see any questions.
8 Go ahead. Thank you.
9 MS. MARRA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman,
10 Commissioners. So continuing the election security,
11 there are two bills, there's House Bill 2780, House
12 Bill 2023, and those have to deal with posting
13 the ballot images online and the cast vote record
14 online and making them searchable.
15 So, again, ballots are protected. Ballot
16 images are protected just like paper ballots. They
17 aren't subject to public records requests. A couple
18 years ago when the legislature put this law into effect
19 that they had to be treated the same as paper ballots
20 and protected, that was almost unanimously accepted,
21 and now we want to put them online.
22 I don't have an issue with that. People are
23 like, well, what are you trying to hide? I don't have
24 an issue with that, but I have an issue with voter
25 security in this time of all the cyber crimes we have,

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1 the hacking we have. People sign their ballots, people
2 write on them. That's something we should probably
3 start doing more education on: Do not sign
4 your ballot. If you make a mistake, do not initial
5 that mistake. I told you the phone calls we had last
6 year. I had many, many, many ballots with things
7 written on them. They explained their vote. I can't,
8 in good conscience, vote for any of these people, and
9 here is why, and they signed it. Please don't sign
10 your ballot.
11 So that -- posting those ballot images
12 online, making them searchable, that's sort of a, you
13 know, a vendor thing. I don't know how that would work
14 out. But those ballot images are never going to match
15 what your voter registration numbers are because of
16 secure voters, right. Secure voters are not listed in
17 the totals of the voter registration, so they're never
18 going to match. So, again, people being able to change
19 the ballot images, it's just problematic because it's
20 not going to solve anything. It's not going to appease
21 anybody who thinks that there's corruption. It's just
22 not going to make a difference.
23 Let me tie in another one, and then we'll ask
24 a question, since they're closely related. So Senate
25 Bill 1572 has to deal with posting the voter

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1 registration list before the election and after the
2 election online. I think that's very dangerous. It's
3 no secret who's registered to vote. Your party is no
4 secret. All those things are available. The parties
5 automatically get them every quarter from the
6 Recorder's Office. There are things in statute on what
7 they can and can't do with that information. Your
8 birthday, that's protected. But if you voted in an
9 election or didn't vote, that's public record.
10 So if we post these lists online prior to the
11 election, again, we have no idea where that info is
12 going, we have no idea who's getting that information.
13 If it's sent to a party or it's a public records
14 request and they purchased the voter list, like many
15 candidates do, then we at least know who has access.
16 So we post it online to say, all these people
17 are registered. After the election they want it posted
18 online who voted and who didn't vote. With all the
19 canvassing and door-to-door stuff that we had in the
20 past, that's very dangerous to just open that up to
21 have people know who did or didn't vote. So that's --
22 those are some real things that have security issues
23 that concern me, and I would be happy to answer any
24 questions about any of those.
25 COMMISSIONER PATON: Hello, this is

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1 Commissioner Paton. Hello.
2 CHAIRMAN MEYER: Go ahead, Commissioner
3 Paton.
4 COMMISSIONER PATON: Hi. I just -- I guess
5 maybe I have a question, or it's kind of a statement, I
6 guess. But is there a way that your organization of
7 the counties could do like a press conference or
8 something about these concerns? Because we all hear --
9 a lot of this is hysteria about all these bills coming
10 out, and your common sense way of explaining these, and
11 you're a professional, as well as these other
12 recorders, I think it would alleviate a lot of, you know,
13 speculation about what's going on in the elections.
14 And, I mean, really, I think, most of these
15 -- you know, the Governor is not going to sign most of
16 these things. But the average person, if they heard
17 something like you're talking about, they would -- it
18 would ease their worries.
19 I think a lot of these spring out of the
20 delay, though, of when we have our elections and we
21 don't know who wins for weeks and weeks. That's where
22 -- that birthed a lot of this, I believe, in the past
23 two, three, four elections. And also, if you could
24 speak to that, how we could make it to where we
25 wouldn't have such a long lag. And I suspect a lot of

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1 that is because of the early ballots that are brought
2 in the day of the election. So that was kind of
3 meandering, but anyway...
4 CHAIRMAN MEYER: So, Ms. Marra, do you want
5 to tackle that, unpack that, if you can, and give us
6 your thoughts?
7 MS. MARRA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman,
8 Commissioners. Thank you for those kind words. I
9 appreciate that. We do work really hard to -- to
10 ensure safety, and I could not do this job if I didn't
11 believe it was safe and secure. It's not the short
12 hours I work here, because I work 60 hours a week when
13 it's nonelection. It's not the huge pay and certainly
14 not the adoration of the public, because they don't
15 trust any of us anymore, and that's really unfortunate.
16 So we see a lot of that they trust their county, but
17 it's every other place.
18 So I'm grateful that I have that integrity in
19 our county, and we do speak a lot about that more on an
20 individual basis. We speak through AACo a lot of times
21 because, keep in mind, I have a department of two
22 people. And I do four elections every year whether
23 they're, you know, big elections or not. So we're a
24 very tiny department.
25 One of the challenges with election

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1 officials, election directors like myself, we are not
2 elected, right. We're appointed. We're at-will
3 employees. So while I'm more vocal than most about
4 some of these things, it puts some people on the spot
5 having to be very vocal. Recorders, on the other hand,
6 are elected, and so they certainly can do whatever they
7 think or feel at the time. So we do make more of a
8 united effort, but, again, we work pretty much through
9 AACo and work with legislators on this.
10 And I do -- I should have said this in the
11 beginning, because many of the sponsors are actually
12 working with Jen Marson and Megan and Ryan at AACo and
13 they're -- they're understanding some of our concerns.
14 If they had reached out to some of us in the very
15 beginning, that would have been helpful, because we
16 could have headed off some of these things and put them
17 on the right track. Because, again, Recorders don't do
18 elections, and we don't do voter registration. So
19 going to the right person is important. And, again, we
20 follow the law. We don't make the law, we don't
21 enforce the law, but we're going to follow the law.
22 So we're very vocal on the request to speak
23 system, which is also something I encourage everybody
24 to do. Whether you're a Commissioner or just the
25 general public, those things are important and more

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1 people reaching out directly with their legislators.
2 Regarding the one comment about voters and,
3 you know, that they might be upset by some of this
4 stuff, I thought so too, because it's killing me. But,
5 there's also a fair percentage of people out there who
6 say, I don't care if anybody knows how I voted. I
7 don't care if you know I voted. And that, to me, is
8 even more dangerous than this, because is that a really
9 good thing right now, for people to know how you voted?
10 So thank you for those suggestions, and we'll
11 keep trying to do some outreach and educate people on
12 some of these bills. But I think you're right, I think
13 a lot of them won't -- won't move forward a whole lot.
14 Again, people -- elected people, they're
15 working for their constituents, right, so these are the
16 claims they're hearing. Even though there's no proof
17 of these things being issues, they're still getting
18 hammered about that.
19 So do we have any other questions about those
20 couple bills?
21 MR. COLLINS: I wanted to ask one quick
22 question that kind of dovetails on what Commissioner
23 Paton asked, if that's okay.
24 CHAIRMAN MEYER: Go ahead, Tom. Yeah.
25 MR. COLLINS: So, Mr. Chairman,

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1 Commissioners, and Lisa, one of the things that
2 Commissioner Paton mentioned, and I think this is a
3 good -- maybe a good time -- I know Commissioner Chan
4 has a -- has an out here in about 45 minutes, so I
5 wanted to get this question asked now, since the time
6 arose.
7 So on the issue of communicating to the
8 public about the concerns of election officials -- the
9 first question is -- obviously is for Lisa, but then
10 obviously for the Commissioners in general. You know,
11 I think that the issues that Lisa has identified here
12 all go to -- they go to security and they go to a kind
13 of a, if you will, a sand-in-the-machine kind of
14 quality to many of these bills, which will, as a
15 result, I think it's clear, lead to an exacerbation of
16 the issue that Commissioner Paton identified, which is
17 we know that this is a time-intense process, we know
18 that that itself causes confidence issues. All of
19 these proposals taken together, they have an
20 ideological cast to them, obviously.
21 But, Lisa, I guess the question is: Do you
22 -- do you think and do you think that...
23 CHAIRMAN MEYER: Tom, we lost you. Right
24 after you said, "do you think," and we were all on the
25 edge of our seats, you went silent.

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1 MS. HERRING: We have no audio from you, Tom.
2 MR. COLLINS: Oh.
3 CHAIRMAN MEYER: You're back. You're back.
4 MR. COLLINS: Long story short, Lisa, do you
5 think it would be helpful to have the Commission try to
6 help communicate the concerns that election officials
7 have, which are, frankly, not ideological, but
8 administrative and -- to the broader public? Because I
9 think these issues -- I just wanted to add, I think all
10 of these issues, this grist in the mill issue, is going
11 to result in an exacerbation of the time it takes to
12 count and resolve elections, which is a core issue that
13 Commissioner Paton identified.
14 MS. MARRA: So Mr. Chairman, Commissioners,
15 Director Collins, yes, I think that would be helpful.
16 And it's interesting that you brought up the
17 early ballots that are dropped off on election day and
18 sent in late, because they do have some bills about
19 that. There are some solutions, I say lightly, and
20 then we've got another bill where they want to
21 eliminate counting early and make us start counting on
22 election day. Because it goes back to they don't want
23 early voting, for the most part; they want everybody
24 voting on election day.
25 We'll talk a little bit in some of these

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1 bills too about tabulation on election day. Most
2 counties are central count. That means they don't
3 count the ballots cast at those voting centers or
4 polling locations. They bring them back and count
5 them.
6 In Cochise County we have 17 vote centers,
7 and we tabulate at each vote center. That works for
8 us. Our board spent a million dollars a couple years
9 ago -- 2015, actually, now -- to put this new system in
10 place. Because you may have remembered, Cochise had
11 some serious issues in 2012 and 2014, so we've
12 eliminated those, gratefully. But we tabulate so we
13 get results pretty quickly. It is those dropped off
14 early -- and again, we do, and Clean Elections does a
15 great message with this as well, you know, vote it,
16 sign it, return it. And that's important, because
17 that's why it's an early ballot. That's the whole
18 point.
19 We also, in the past couple years, have had a
20 big issue with people, because they were told this on a
21 national level, request their early ballot, but then go
22 vote in person too. So if they requested that early
23 ballot and voted it, that got counted, and they went to
24 vote in person, they had to vote a provisional. So we
25 saw so many more provisional ballots because of that

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1 misinformation.
2 So should voters return that ballot?
3 Absolutely they should. And that's why drop boxes are
4 important, because many voters choose to do that
5 instead of mailing them.
6 So I don't know if that answered your
7 question, but hopefully it hit some of the highlights.
8 And as we go into some of these other bills, you'll see
9 that it's problematic. You know, we used to have seven
10 days to count before the election. Then it went to 10,
11 which was so great, because the more people are voting
12 early, you need that time to count.
13 And then now, last year, it went to there's
14 no time. You can start counting and tabulating as soon
15 as they're processed and received, which is wonderful,
16 because we should have, and we do have, almost all the
17 early ballots that we have received counted on election
18 night. So those results are released first and those
19 pretty much take care of all that. So it's the late
20 earlies that we have to count afterwards.
21 COMMISSIONER PATON: Tom.
22 CHAIRMAN MEYER: Commissioner Paton --
23 COMMISSIONER PATON: Tom.
24 CHAIRMAN MEYER: -- do you have another
25 question?

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1 COMMISSIONER PATON: Yeah. Yeah. Well,
2 maybe -- maybe we could send like a video crew to
3 different election officials and they can speak maybe
4 to a couple things each to give real information about
5 what they see at their county and we could put it on
6 our website and maybe give it to the Public
7 Broadcasting System or something like that so that we
8 can get real -- real information from these
9 professionals and maybe it would alleve the -- some of
10 the hysteria that we see.
11 CHAIRMAN MEYER: All right. If I can just
12 speak up, I mean, I appreciate what you're saying,
13 Commissioner Paton, but let's -- let's be honest here.
14 No one in 2016, when Trump won, was complaining about
15 our election security, okay. A lot of this stuff about
16 security is, frankly, nonsense, and our leaders know
17 it, okay. So they've -- a lot of this hysteria has
18 been knowingly created.
19 So I guess my question is: Ms. Marra, do you
20 believe -- in 2020 were there security issues with our
21 election in 2020?
22 MS. MARRA: Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, no.
23 In Arizona, and across the country, it was the safest
24 election we'd ever had.
25 CHAIRMAN MEYER: So I agree with Commissioner

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1 Paton that, you know, it would be great for the
2 Commission to, you know, do some of these PR things
3 that you're -- that you're suggesting. That's
4 wonderful. But until our leaders who are spreading
5 this disinformation stop and acknowledge that our
6 elections are safe and secure and this security
7 business is nonsense, okay, then we're going to keep
8 having the hysteria, and no amount of PR or videos or
9 press conferences that we do will change that.
10 And this goes back to what Commissioner Titla
11 was saying about a lot of this is fueled by conspiracy
12 theories that we know are purely conspiracy theories.
13 So we will continue to educate and we will continue to
14 do what we're doing, but until our leaders act like
15 leaders and stop the misinformation and disinformation,
16 we're going to keep -- we're going to keep fighting
17 that. So that's all I'll say about that.
18 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Mr. Chairman.
19 Mr. Chairman.
20 CHAIRMAN MEYER: Go ahead, Mr. Kimble.
21 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Okay. I just -- I
22 think that was very well said, Mr. Chairman. And while
23 I'm all for issuing statements and holding press
24 conferences, I don't know who we're talking to. I
25 don't think it does any good to talk to the

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1 legislators. I think the ones who are proposing this
2 have minds that cannot be changed. If we talk to the
3 general public, we may win some converts, but they're
4 not the ones passing these bills. So I -- I think it's
5 a very frustrating system. And I'm all for doing
6 everything we can to try to address some of the
7 misinformation, but I think there's been a lot done in
8 the past year and a half and we haven't gotten very
9 far. Thank you.
10 COMMISSIONER CHAN: Mr. Chairman.
11 CHAIRMAN MEYER: Go ahead, Commissioner Chan.
12 COMMISSIONER CHAN: I want to, you know, give
13 credit to Commissioner Paton for saying what he said,
14 because I do think that he is seeing it from the
15 viewpoint of a lot of the voters. And I -- you know,
16 sometimes I feel like we do such an incredible program
17 it almost feels like our resources aren't in question.
18 I worry about our bandwidth, as far as our programs.
19 I agree with everything Commissioner --
20 Mr. Chairman, that you said. I agree with what
21 Commissioner Kimble said. My personal feeling is that
22 this is a cynical ploy to get voters to vote for the
23 liars, you know. There's always been a bit of a seed
24 here, even when I was working in elections in 2009,
25 '10, '11, and '12, and then I left in 2013, the

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1 Secretary of State's Office, that, you know, there
2 would be people claiming different things about what
3 they'd seen, and we always asked for follow-up and who
4 can we talk to. And there was like one case where we
5 were able to talk to somebody about it, and it amounted
6 to nothing.

7 I think what I would like to say is a couple
8 things. Commissioner Paton has more confidence in the
9 Governor as being a backstop to crap than I do, and I
10 respect him for that, frankly, because maybe I need to
11 adjust my world view. I worry that a lot of these
12 could get out of the legislature and cause, you know,
13 kind of chaos and overwhelm our election offices, you
14 know, having to not do electronic adjudication or not
15 having machines involved at all, I think, is one of the
16 proposals I heard. I don't know if Lisa touched on
17 that specific one, because I think it's different from
18 just no electronic adjudication. It would be basically
19 hand counting ballots. You know, if any of those were
20 to get out of the legislature, it would grind our
21 elections to a halt.

22 And so I think -- I don't -- I guess my
23 point -- sorry. Let me -- let me bring it back to
24 where I was going to start and didn't start there.

25 Maricopa County Elections and Recorder have

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1 conducted a master class in doing just what
2 Commissioner Paton suggested, which is videos, Tweet
3 streams, you know, or Tweet threads about the reality
4 of what they're facing, and they've also debunked every
5 single point of the fraudit, I call it the fraudit.

6 And I think that if they -- I don't know how successful
7 they've been in converting anybody to -- who is a
8 follower of the leaders, who I don't view as real
9 leaders, because I don't think they're telling the
10 truth about elections, but I don't know how successful
11 Maricopa County has been.

12 It's like we're all in our little silos and
13 our tunnels. And I like to think I'm on the side of
14 reality, and I don't understand those who believe in
15 these conspiracy lies. But as I said, I think Maricopa
16 County has conducted a master class. We could probably
17 take what they've done and put it up on our website for
18 a start. And if other counties wanted to add to it,
19 they could. But, again, I just don't know how
20 successful it will be with our current climate.

21 So, having said that, I'm sorry that was a
22 little bit long. Thank you.

23 CHAIRMAN MEYER: Thank you, Commissioner
24 Chan.

25 Tom, go ahead.

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1 MR. COLLINS: Sorry. Mr. Chairman,
2 Commissioners, I just wanted to -- and I hope you can
3 hear me. I apologize for my technology issues.

4 CHAIRMAN MEYER: No, we can hear you loud and
5 clear.

6 MR. COLLINS: I want to -- I know we need to
7 get back -- I want to make sure we get as much time
8 with Lisa as we can. I want to say, to bring all of --
9 all five of your discussion points together, my own
10 view is that there is an untapped reservoir of people
11 out there who do not have the kind of information they
12 need to have, and they are people who are not engaged,
13 frankly, through social media and some of these other
14 places where this discussion is happening both in terms
15 of the conspiracy stuff and some of the rebuttal.

16 And what I think -- and I think the audience
17 for that, more broadly, is, in fact, folks who are not
18 engaged in this at all, but who are alienated by being
19 associated with the conspiracy theorists, and therefore
20 are instinctively going to recoil from correction. I
21 think that's a real issue for election officials and
22 folks who work in voter education going forward.

23 I think that the way to go about addressing
24 that is to communicate better. And we can implement
25 this on a small scale, I'm working on something along

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1 these lines, how to communicate to voters who are not
2 involved in this stuff on a day-to-day basis how the
3 practical concerns that Lisa has identified will make
4 things work less well, to take this out of the realm of
5 who has what views on what things and into the realm of
6 where these administrative tasks exacerbate or create
7 issues that don't exist.

8 I think that's a practical thing. I think
9 that it -- I think it should be done in a forum that is
10 distinct from the -- quite frankly, what I think is the
11 negative echo chamber of Twitter. I think that Twitter
12 is a terrible place to do voter education, generally,
13 and I think that it drives way too much of the
14 discussion in the state of Arizona about these issues,
15 that's my honest opinion, because it is alienating to
16 those who are not in that particular mode of
17 communicating.

18 So the goal here, I think, should be to try
19 to find ways to communicate the County Association and
20 the County Election Director viewpoint on the
21 practicalities of this to a broader audience that is
22 not engaged in conspiracy thinking or, frankly,
23 anything else relating to this, but to understand the
24 practical impacts of this kind of legislation if it
25 were to pass.

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1 Because, you know, to Commissioner Chan's
2 point and Commissioner Paton's point, it is, in fact, a
3 discussion that currently is only being had for
4 purposes of decision making by people -- it essentially
5 comes down to, and this is just a fact, the Senate
6 President, the Speaker of the House, and the Governor,
7 those are the people who are in a position to make the
8 decisions about how these bills proceed. So how do you
9 develop tactics that make sure the public is aware of
10 the implications of those decisions in a way that
11 creates an environment -- which is what we try to do as
12 staff for you all, quite frankly, is try to create an
13 environment where you all can make the best most
14 informed decision possible. That, I think, is a role
15 that we can help assist with.

16 CHAIRMAN MEYER: Thank you, Tom. And I know
17 that's -- and we've had that conversation and, you
18 know, that -- it's an excellent point and it's also
19 sort of a -- it's a challenge to bring those practical
20 issues you're talking about into the forefront with
21 everything else that's flowing around -- that's out
22 there. But you're a hundred percent -- I agree with
23 you a hundred percent on that.

24 So I think -- Ms. Marra, I do think we can go
25 back to you. I think we diverged off the path there.

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1 But I know -- I think you have a list of bills; I'm not
2 sure how far you are. But could we turn this back over
3 to you?

4 MS. MARRA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman,
5 Commissioners. And I don't mind at all. I'm grateful
6 that no one required me to do a PowerPoint and sit here
7 for two hours talking. So the whole goal, when Tom and
8 Gina reached out, was to have a conversation and
9 dialogue, so this is wonderful.

10 And it is challenging with messaging, because
11 people that aren't on social media, we can't reach
12 them. Lots of people don't read newspapers because
13 they don't want to pay for subscriptions anymore. In a
14 rural county, we don't have a news station, so we get
15 news from Tucson. Very confusing for people.

16 So I'll talk about a few more themes.
17 Observers, political parties, that's a huge theme in a
18 lot of different bills right now. One of them -- I'll
19 just pick one, because there are many. HB 2289, they
20 want more observers, political party observers, they
21 want them closer to us. There were some challenges
22 last year, you know, in 2020 with COVID and having
23 them, you know, right in the -- we were all concerned
24 about COVID, so some issues with that.

25 But they want them closer to us. They want

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1 them more engaged in every process. We can't test the
2 machine, we can't program the machine, we can't remove
3 a thumb drive from the machine, which is how we test
4 and program, without them being present. Many times we
5 do that work -- you know, we'll start it at 3:30 in the
6 afternoon because we have a free hour. I mean, these
7 aren't things that can be planned out in smaller
8 places. We just -- we get by with what we can get by
9 with with a small staff.

10 They want them closer to be able to see to
11 make sure we're doing the right thing. How do they
12 know the right thing? I find it interesting that
13 political -- poll workers, not political, but poll
14 workers have to be trained under statute before every
15 election, so we do. It's a two- to four-hour training.
16 There's a handbook. There's absolutely no training for
17 political observers, and that's always bothered me,
18 because we get them in our county.

19 And I am fortunate as a Director, I have good
20 relationships with both parties in this county. The
21 Libertarian party is not recognized in this county, but
22 on a State level, you know, they are. But we have a
23 great working relationship, and that's important. Some
24 counties don't have that.

25 But they need training. Every year I get

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1 questions from observers who are like, well, my party
2 chairman is going to make me an observer, but what am I
3 looking for? I personally find that a conflict of
4 interest for me to train them. I give them access to
5 the full worker handbook so they know the basic rules,
6 75-foot limit, what's a provisional ballot, the ID
7 required.

8 But there should be some training by them,
9 and not by the party specifically. I'm an advocate of
10 the Secretary of State, the Attorney General, maybe
11 it's a Clean Elections thing, I don't know, but, you
12 know, like an hour-long training just so that they know
13 these rules. I don't want to train them, again,
14 because I think it's a conflict of interest, and me,
15 frankly, I don't have the time. But what if I'm the
16 bad actor and I'm teaching them wrong, right? Because
17 everything I think of now, we look at how we defend it
18 in court. So those are significant things. But lots
19 of stuff about observers, but nothing about training,
20 so that's something we should look at.

21 Any questions on that, or would you like me
22 to move on to the next one? There's a lot of head
23 shaking.

24 CHAIRMAN MEYER: Any questions from anyone?
25 (No response.)

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1 CHAIRMAN MEYER: All right. Thank you.
2 MS. MARRA: We had one bill that I believe
3 has failed, but remember, we talked about strikers,
4 Senate Bill 1010, and that required school board
5 elections to become partisan elections. Now they're
6 nonpartisan, right, so they just have a November
7 election. I'm not talking about a party issue. That
8 isn't my issue with this. My issue is a money and
9 logistics issue.
10 School board members are not paid. So if you
11 turn it into a partisan election, that would force them
12 into two elections, right. They'd have to have a
13 primary in August and the November general election.
14 In our county, we have very few of those elections,
15 they're canceled and appointed, because the same
16 number or less than number of candidates apply, fill
17 out the paperwork, and run. So we don't have a lot of
18 those. They have a lot more in Maricopa County, and
19 it's a lot more prestigious to serve on some of those
20 boards perhaps.
21 One of the other big issues is, if a person
22 resigns now as a school board member, the county school
23 superintendent looks for a replacement. They look for
24 a qualified candidate. They do interviews, they have a
25 process, and they fill that seat. If it's a partisan

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1 election and a partisan person resigns, then they've
2 got to find a partisan person to replace them. It's
3 incredibly hard now in these areas to find people, and
4 so that's a problem. And the fact that, you know,
5 people change their registration before they run for
6 office. So I didn't see that really solved anything.
7 Like I said, last time I checked, it had failed. But
8 that cost to schools to do two elections is problematic
9 to say the least.
10 So I'll move on to a couple things and then
11 wrap up so we can answer more questions. We talked a
12 little bit before about tabulating on site, which my
13 county does, but we spent a lot of money on that
14 equipment, and it also takes a huge amount of space in
15 my warehouse to store it. It takes a long time to test
16 it and program it. And that works for my county, but
17 that might not work for every county. Maricopa and
18 Pima -- I think Maricopa tabulates at some vote centers
19 on election day. Pima does not right now.
20 So one of the bills, Senate Bill 1362, forces
21 all counties to tabulate ballots on election day at
22 every location. On face value that sounds good, right,
23 because you'd get results quicker. And to Commissioner
24 Paton's comment, that is an issue.
25 But think about the back side of that, not

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1 only the cost, but there is some security concerns.
2 Where would Pima County store that kind of equipment?
3 I mean, that's -- it's just problematic. The time it
4 takes to test the equipment, to program it -- I have
5 over 200 pieces of equipment that we have to test and
6 program every time, so --
7 It's also a huge cost consideration. A lot
8 of these bills are coming out with appropriations, but
9 most of them don't have a dollar amount in them. So
10 that's great for a one-time, but what happens next year
11 and the year after that and the year after that?
12 So that was one thing, right, tabulating on
13 site on election day. And then we had a striker come
14 out on a bill that said we can't start tabulating to --
15 until it gets to election day. States that do that,
16 that's a nightmare, because then you've got how many
17 millions of early ballots that can't be -- that would
18 delay results so much.
19 I think another big issue we had with people
20 is in 2020 -- every state was different, right. And
21 we've been doing vote by mail for 30 years here. Some
22 states hadn't done that, and so they had to gear up
23 quickly to do that, and that caused all kinds of
24 hardships and problems, but that wasn't the case here.
25 So we talked a lot about paper ballots and

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1 hand counts only; there's a lot of bills with that.
2 But again, people -- that's just not going to happen.
3 They're not going to be able to count that many races
4 that accurately.
5 We talked about audits --
6 CHAIRMAN MEYER: So --
7 -- so --
8 I'm sorry, Mr. Chairman.
9 CHAIRMAN MEYER: So I have a -- just a
10 counting question. And I guess do we count, here in
11 Arizona, any differently or substantially differently
12 than other states? Because one observation I have is I
13 understand people want results quickly, but, you know,
14 we're a state where it's close elections and you have
15 to count all the ballots before you know that. And,
16 you know, there's only a half dozen states in the
17 country that are like that, you know. California or
18 Texas, I mean, you don't have to count all the ballots
19 before you know who wins because it's so, you know, one
20 way or the other.
21 So that's just a reality of Arizona is we
22 have, you know, close elections and you have to count
23 them all before you can declare a winner. So is that
24 reality just something we have to deal with and we just
25 have to wait on the counting, or do we count

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1 differently than other states and we could improve on
2 that? And I realize that's probably a county-by-county
3 issue, but can you speak to that at all?
4 MS. MARRA: Thank you for that question,
5 Mr. Chairman, Commissioners. I think you're right,
6 across the country it's just different everywhere.
7 It's always surprising to me how many states don't have
8 vote by mail or early voting at all anyway. So I think
9 getting those early ballots returned quickly and
10 promptly is a huge factor, but you're right, many of
11 our races are close.
12 So it's hard to say about other counties.
13 There are a couple like mine that do the tabulation on
14 vote centers. But remember, I only have 17 vote
15 centers. Pima County just went to the vote center
16 model, which was huge for them, huge, such a great
17 benefit to the voters. Because, remember, it's
18 supposed to be about the voters. They may look at
19 doing some tabulation, which would probably speed up
20 some of their result time, but I think we're doing
21 everything we can at this point. Like I said, to start
22 counting on election day -- I think Pennsylvania does
23 that, and that just delays it even further. So I don't
24 know that that's helpful.
25 But we've improved a whole lot in the fact

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1 that we have so many more early voters than we do
2 election day voters, getting those ballots returned
3 quickly so that we can get them counted. And we still
4 fight the messaging with people. We get those calls
5 every election. People are like, well, I don't vote
6 early because you don't count my vote unless the races
7 are close. And that's just so not true, we've been
8 fighting that forever, because those are the first
9 results that are released.
10 Which -- I'll use that as a segue, if I can,
11 Mr. Chairman, the one bill that wanted the ballots to
12 start being counted on election day. See, if we had
13 dialogue beforehand, we could understand where some of
14 their thinking comes from. Because the thought behind
15 that was, well, if we start tabulating early, like we
16 are, then the results could get released and then they
17 would know how many fake ballots from wherever with
18 bamboo to put in to win.
19 And that -- I couldn't understand that. That
20 didn't make any sense me, because it's already a felony
21 to release results before one hour after the polls
22 close. I don't know any election official in the state
23 or in the country, and I know quite a few, that would
24 do that. So I was like, wow. I couldn't even have an
25 answer for that. But the counting -- starting to count

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1 on election day is not the way to go.
2 Any other questions about that? Then I'll
3 wrap up with just a couple more things that I think
4 should be on your radar.
5 CHAIRMAN MEYER: Any other questions?
6 (No response.)
7 CHAIRMAN MEYER: All right. Go ahead.
8 MS. MARRA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman,
9 Commissioners. So there are a couple bills circulating
10 about election holidays and let's make election day a
11 holiday and -- whether it's just in name only or let's
12 make it a real state holiday and everything is closed.
13 Boy, that sounds great, but there are so many problems
14 with that that you don't think about, right.
15 Transportation. On election day holiday,
16 there wouldn't be buses running necessarily because
17 they go on a holiday reduced schedule.
18 A big issue for counties, the people who do
19 elections, if everything is closed -- well, I need
20 people. I need the people from facilities to be
21 working. I need the IT people working. I need the
22 fleet people working.
23 So having that holiday, it's not going to
24 increase voting, because, remember, almost 90 percent
25 of our state is voting early by mail. So having that

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1 sounds good, but a lot of these vote centers are in
2 schools, and so the schools would be closed. You'd
3 have to have people come in for those. It's just not
4 going to increase voting on election day. What's going
5 to happen, election day is a Tuesday, people are going
6 to take that Saturday, Sunday, they're going to take
7 Monday as a vacation day so it's a four-day holiday.
8 It's not going to increase election day voting, but
9 it's going to cause a lot more problems with getting
10 people to the polls.
11 So any questions on that?
12 (No response.)
13 MS. MARRA: So I'll wrap up with two things.
14 We have one bill, Senate Bill 1133, that wants to
15 eliminate all mail-only elections. Now, we know
16 schools, special districts, cities, towns, they can all
17 hold vote-by-mail elections, and many do. We have a
18 couple charter cities here, and they do that as well.
19 So this would eliminate them from being able to do
20 vote-by-mail elections.
21 That's a problem, again, too, because a lot
22 of these are small jurisdictions, it's more economical
23 for them, they have higher turnout if everybody just
24 gets a ballot in the mail. So those -- those are a
25 little kind of concerning. Because then if you had to

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1 have election day only for them, that's going to be
2 more costly, because then you have to take equipment,
3 staff, now we give staff a replacement site or two.
4 It's not a full-blown vote center. So that's a little
5 challenging.
6 And then there's no specific bill number on
7 this one, but I'm going to point this one out as a
8 general hardship. There are so many bills that are
9 tied in now with every mistake is a felony. And most
10 of the things now are misdemeanors, but it's also
11 intent. There's nothing in a lot of these bills about
12 intent.
13 If you intentionally do something, if you
14 release election results before, absolutely. You know,
15 if you destroy equipment, if you throw ballots away,
16 absolutely those are felonies. But normal mistakes?
17 People are human. We're human. You know,
18 we're working 18-hour days for two weeks solid before
19 an election. We have poll workers. Do you know how
20 hard it is to get poll workers anyway? And now if they
21 make a mistake, they get a felony?
22 I mean, it's just -- it's insulting to this
23 profession of professional people that administer
24 elections. This is not like it used to be years ago
25 where it was just papers and pencils and you filled in

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1 boxes and -- today you've got to be a computer
2 programmer, an attorney, a psychologist. I mean, there
3 is a lot to this. So it's just insulting, again, for
4 just a mistake to be a felony.
5 So those were some of the big issues that I
6 had, and then we can talk about anything else you have
7 questions on.
8 I did want to circle back to audits, though,
9 because we talked about those a lot. And we do have a
10 hand count audit that's in statute. Unfortunately,
11 it's one of those things tied to parties. If the
12 parties don't want to participate, then it doesn't
13 happen. So half the counties don't have hand counts.
14 Hand count is very important because it's a
15 random number -- and I go back to this in the Arizona
16 audit, because we already have statutes, right. The
17 hand count happens with a certain percentage, both
18 parties participate. I love it. It's a wonderful
19 experience for them because it forces them to work
20 together and it's wonderful. It's educational.
21 There's also provisions in statute if the count is off
22 by a certain percentage, it gets expanded and expanded
23 all the way up to court.
24 So these things are place. I think we're
25 working with some sponsors because, again, we've had

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1 some really -- we're working really hard with people to
2 try to come to some compromise on these things. But
3 having that audit is critical.
4 One of the bills circulated said if the
5 parties don't want to participate, then the Elections
6 Director people have to do the audit. They don't
7 believe us anyway. Why would we do that? That doesn't
8 make any sense.
9 So the parties should participate. We're not
10 opposed to audit. There was a bill about the Auditor
11 General, and she spoke at a hearing recently about some
12 challenges with that department. Yes, but it needs to
13 be professional auditors if you're going to audit.
14 So lots to look forward to. I appreciate you
15 giving me the time to talk today. You all know how to
16 get ahold of me at Cochise County if I can be of
17 service at all. And I thank you so much for all the
18 great work that you really do for voters. And that
19 website, it is a jewel.
20 CHAIRMAN MEYER: Well, Lisa, thank you so
21 much for spending the better part of a morning with us
22 and giving us your expertise and insight. I know I
23 learned a lot. I really liked your comments about, you
24 know, election day and sort of the -- election day
25 being a holiday and the unintended consequences and

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1 roadblocks, which really tied in with what Tom was
2 saying about the practical administrative issues that
3 are going to be unintended consequences of some of
4 these bills. So I really appreciate that. Please
5 don't be a -- not that you are a stranger to the
6 Commission, but please feel free to come back anytime
7 and share more thoughts with us. And I just open up
8 the floor for any other Commissioners to chime in on
9 this, but thank you.
10 COMMISSIONER CHAN: Mr. Chairman.
11 CHAIRMAN MEYER: Yes. Go ahead, Commissioner
12 Chan.
13 COMMISSIONER CHAN: I just want to join you
14 in thanking Lisa for spending all this time with us. I
15 do feel like it's been tough for me to keep up with all
16 the election bills this year. And so even though, you
17 know, the staff briefs us and provides this
18 information, it's just kind of nice to have it boiled
19 down and, you know, the information.
20 And I just also want to say, I really
21 appreciate your leadership, Lisa. As an election
22 official in Arizona, I think your voice is a really
23 important one and, you know, you just keep it real
24 every day with your public statements. And I
25 appreciate that very much, so thank you for your time

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1 and your efforts on behalf of election officials
2 everywhere, and in Arizona especially.
3 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Mr. Chairman.
4 Are you calling on me, Commissioner Meyer?
5 CHAIRMAN MEYER: Yes, I am. I apologize. I
6 muted.
7 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Thank you very much,
8 Lisa. I learned a lot from this. And I had gone
9 through a number of these bills that I had issues with,
10 and you touched on all of them, with one exception.
11 And I'm sorry if this comes out of right field, but I'm
12 wondering if you can educate me at all on S 1609, which
13 is about invalidated elections. And if this is
14 something that you're not familiar with, we can talk
15 about it later. But it's about if the court determines
16 the initial person declared elected was not, in fact --
17 did not, in fact, receive the highest number of votes,
18 a new election is required. I'm -- I'm wondering if
19 you know anything -- if you can explain this at all.
20 MS. MARRA: Mr. Chairman, Commissioners,
21 thank you for the kind comments and the question,
22 Commissioner Kimble. I'm not really familiar with that
23 one. I sort of lump those into the same class where if
24 on a legislative scale they weren't happy with the
25 outcome, that they could change the election. So this

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1 one actually does require to go to court. I think this
2 is probably one of the ones Senator Townsend has been
3 very open to working with us and to working with AACo
4 on issues. So, again, I think this is one of those --
5 there's just no proven fraud, and so to go back and try
6 to overturn these is problematic. And I know that
7 doesn't answer your question entirely, but it sort of
8 gets lumped into that if they're not happy with the
9 results.
10 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Okay. Thank you.
11 CHAIRMAN MEYER: Anyone else have any
12 comments for Ms. Marra before she signs off, I guess,
13 or I guess you're welcome to stay for the remainder of
14 the meeting as well.
15 (No response.)
16 CHAIRMAN MEYER: Okay. I believe that takes
17 us to Agenda Item No. VI, discussion and possible
18 action on E-Qual electronic system for candidate
19 petitions, candidate qualifications for the ballot, and
20 qualifying contributions for participating candidates.
21 Commissioners, you may recall last month we
22 discussed recent issues with respect to how candidates
23 are qualifying for the ballot and some legal issues
24 that have arisen with E-Qual. Staff has an update,
25 including a hearing that occurred yesterday in the

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1 Superior Court.
2 Tom, can you update us on that issue and the
3 litigation between the Secretary of State and the AG's
4 Office?
5 MR. COLLINS: Yes. Commissioner --
6 Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, as Commissioner Meyer --
7 Chairman Meyer said, the Superior Court, Maricopa
8 County, held a hearing yesterday -- or, argument
9 yesterday on the efforts by the Secretary -- the
10 Secretary's lawsuit does two things, just as a recap.
11 It seeks to enjoin the Attorney General from, in a
12 sense or in some way, prosecuting the -- that office if
13 they take the system known as E-Qual, which is an
14 electronic system that allows folks to sign petitions
15 for candidates and to give \$5 qualifying contributions
16 to candidates who are participating in Clean
17 Elections -- that system is scheduled currently to go
18 offline on March 12th, and it will be offline
19 throughout the qualifying -- or, I'm sorry -- for the
20 remainder of the signature-gathering period. And it's
21 a little unclear if it will be offline for the entirety
22 of the qualifying period for Clean Elections, which is
23 longer.
24 The suit also seeks to have -- because the
25 State is also a party to the lawsuit, the lawsuit also

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1 seeks to have the court declare that the Secretary's
2 legal approach to the issues behind E-Qual are correct.
3 The ruling, when it comes -- the judge
4 yesterday, at the end of the hearing, said that she
5 would rule as soon as possible. I did...
6 CHAIRMAN MEYER: Tom, we lost you.
7 MS. HERRING: I think he's also frozen, so he
8 may have an unstable connection. We'll give him
9 another minute or so to hopefully --
10 MR. COLLINS: -- have the injunction -- to
11 have the injunction hearing consolidated with the
12 merits, although there was no evidentiary hearing, and
13 also to have that declaration issued, although, in the
14 Attorney General's view, that was not the subject of
15 the hearing.
16 So I suspect -- I don't know if the court
17 will rule on all those things. I think the Secretary's
18 position seemed to be, well, if the AG wants to do
19 discovery, that's part of the issue with them
20 enforcing, which is a little bit of an odd position to
21 be in.
22 We are not currently in a position where
23 we're -- need for the Commission to take any action. I
24 think we just need to be aware of the situation because
25 this has -- there are a number of different issues that

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1 have developed out of this. And the legal issues here
2 are, and I think I said this last meeting, but they
3 continue to be confusing to me, because this is not a
4 legal issue. As I said last meeting, I think the
5 Attorney General sending a letter to the Secretary's
6 Office saying they might prosecute them was unfortunate
7 and ill advised, but this is a -- the entire legal
8 proceeding here is pretending as if a factual issue
9 doesn't exist that does exist.

10 The voter registration system that the
11 Secretary's Office uses does not allow for more than
12 one, quote, unquote, district at a time to be used.
13 E-Equal is another system that pings off of the voter
14 registration system. Whether or not the voter
15 registration system was equipped to do two maps or not,
16 it's quite clear that the legislature did not know that
17 and it's not clear if the Secretary understood the
18 implications of that or not.

19 So the reason why this will continue to be an
20 issue is that -- going through the challenge period for
21 signatures where candidates may seek to have their
22 opponents knocked off the ballot if their signatures
23 weren't qualified, the continued lack of clarity among
24 the various parties around how the safe harbor
25 provision, which was supposed to secure voters' ability

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1 to sign for petitions for candidates that are eligible,
2 it's unclear how that has worked. And the hearing
3 yesterday, frankly, makes that less clear to me than it
4 was before. And then finally, the qualifying period.

5 I want to also quickly say, we have had
6 conversations with at least two County Recorders in the
7 last week who do believe that the safe harbor works the
8 way that we believe it does, and our counsel on this
9 issue has suggested they believe the Secretary's
10 guidance says it does, which is good. That's an
11 uncertainty we're trying to limit. But I just --

12 That's kind of my summary. I know that may
13 have started in the middle and not maybe given
14 everybody as much background as they want, but that's
15 where we are today. I believe there will be a ruling
16 on the preliminary injunction, I suspect, within a few
17 days.

18 There is some legislative activity still
19 related to how to work out all of these different kinks
20 with respect to how the voter registration system will
21 operate during the challenge period for candidates, and
22 then -- and then lastly, we'll continue to try to work
23 with the Counties to try to make sure that we have as
24 much clarity as possible around how this works for
25 candidates who are seeking to qualify for Clean

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1 Elections funding.

2 Mr. Chairman, that kind of concludes my
3 update, if anyone has any questions.

4 CHAIRMAN MEYER: I don't think I have any
5 questions. I mean, is it kind of fair to say, Tom,
6 that this is a logistical issue and not really a legal
7 issue?

8 MR. COLLINS: Mr. Chairman, Commissioners,
9 that is definitely how I see it. There's a bit of -- I
10 would say more than a bit. There's a lot of the
11 Secretary's Office and the Attorney General's Office
12 talking past each other, because neither party seems
13 really willing to talk about the real issue, which is
14 how the voter registration system was set up. That
15 just is how it is. The arguments that -- so there's
16 a -- you know, there's a talking past that logistical
17 problem.

18 CHAIRMAN MEYER: Any other Commissioners have
19 questions or comments on this -- this issue?

20 COMMISSIONER CHAN: Mr. Chairman.

21 CHAIRMAN MEYER: Thank you. Commissioner
22 Chan.

23 COMMISSIONER CHAN: I actually don't have any
24 comments, but I just wanted to let everybody know I
25 need to get going, so I'm going to sign off. And I'm

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1 sorry I'm missing the public testimony, but I will -- I
2 think you all still have a quorum, so I will see you
3 all at the next meeting. I apologize. My kids have a
4 half day today, so I have to go pick them up from
5 school.

6 CHAIRMAN MEYER: Thank you, Commissioner
7 Chan.

8 COMMISSIONER CHAN: Thanks, everyone.

9 CHAIRMAN MEYER: Okay. Commissioner Kimble,
10 Commissioner Paton, Commissioner Titla, any questions
11 on the E-Equal issue?

12 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Mr. Chairman, one brief
13 question.

14 Tom, so is it still possible that this
15 shutdown could be delayed in a way that would make it
16 more palatable for us?

17 MR. COLLINS: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner
18 Kimble, I mean, I think -- I mean, I would say this.
19 We have not told the Secretary's Office, I don't think,
20 that we object to the shutdown or don't object to the
21 shutdown per se. The Attorney General's Office has
22 suggested, and I -- and I don't have reason to believe
23 this is incorrect, although the Secretary's Office says
24 it is, that this could simply be delayed out past the
25 -- at least the signature filing period, which begins

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1 on April 4th.
2 That doesn't necessarily deal with the
3 qualifying period issue, and that's the one issue --
4 you know, very few -- there are going to be very few
5 legislative candidates -- there are going to be even
6 fewer legislative candidates who are going to have a
7 set of signatures that are in this -- essentially, if
8 you take the safe harbor position at its face value,
9 you know, you would have to have -- say we had District
10 1 and -- old District 1, new District 2. You would
11 have to have been in old District 1 and not in old
12 District -- in new District 2 to be in the niche that
13 would -- that would be problematic. We believe, based
14 on talking to at least one -- one County Recorder I
15 spoke to last week suggests that that's possible to
16 solve on paper.
17 So, you know, again, the scope of the issue
18 is a little -- I mean, so the answer is -- short answer
19 is, the Secretary says that it cannot be delayed. The
20 Attorney General says it can be. Our communications
21 with the County Recorder on our specific issues
22 indicate that we should be able to -- candidates should
23 be able to work around the issue so far.
24 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Thank you,
25 Mr. Chairman.

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1 CHAIRMAN MEYER: Any other questions or
2 comments?
3 (No response.)
4 CHAIRMAN MEYER: Okay. If not, we will go to
5 the next Agenda item, which is public comment. This is
6 the time for consideration of comments and suggestions
7 from the public. Action taken as a result of public
8 comment will be limited to directing staff to study the
9 matter or rescheduling the matter for further
10 consideration and decision at a later date or
11 responding to criticism.
12 Does any member of the public wish to make
13 comments at this time? You may also send comments to
14 the Commission by mail or e-mail at
15 ccec@azcleanelections.gov.
16 And off our monitor, is there anyone in the
17 public who would like to make a comment?
18 (No response.)
19 CHAIRMAN MEYER: Candidly, I don't know if
20 anyone wants to make a comment. Is someone monitoring
21 this, Tom, that would tell us that?
22 MR. COLLINS: We would have seen a -- I'm
23 sorry. Mr. Chairman, I think we would have seen
24 someone raise their hand or Cathy would otherwise
25 notify us, so I think we're in good shape to move on.

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1 CHAIRMAN MEYER: All right. So at this
2 point, I guess we can rest assured no public comments
3 today.
4 That will move us, I guess, to adjournment.
5 And before we do adjourn, I'd just like to say that,
6 you know, thoughts and our hearts out there to the
7 folks in Ukraine and what they're going through and
8 just keep them in our thoughts.
9 But other than that, I will entertain any
10 motion to adjourn the meeting or any other comment from
11 any other Commissioners. Go ahead.
12 COMMISSIONER TITLA: Chairman, I motion to
13 adjourn.
14 CHAIRMAN MEYER: We have a motion to adjourn.
15 Is there a second?
16 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Commissioner Kimble.
17 Second.
18 CHAIRMAN MEYER: All right. We have a motion
19 to adjourn. It's been moved and seconded. All in
20 favor -- or, excuse me. I've got to do the roll call
21 here.
22 COMMISSIONER TITLA: Aye.
23 CHAIRMAN MEYER: Commissioner Paton, how do
24 you vote?
25 COMMISSIONER PATON: Aye.

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1 CHAIRMAN MEYER: Commissioner Kimble.
2 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Aye.
3 CHAIRMAN MEYER: Commissioner Titla.
4 COMMISSIONER TITLA: Aye.
5 CHAIRMAN MEYER: Okay. I will vote aye. And
6 for the record, Commissioner Chan is not here, but the
7 motion carries 4-0 to adjourn.
8 Thank you all, and we will see you next
9 month. We are adjourned.
10 (The meeting concluded at 11:20 a.m.)
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**CITIZENS CLEAN ELECTIONS COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT
March 24, 2022**

Announcements:

The next local election is May 17th. The voter registration deadline is April 18th and early voting begins April 20th. For more information: www.azcleelections.gov.

The candidate filing period ends April 4th.

Primary candidate debates begin April 19th. Journalists from the Arizona Capitol Times, Arizona Agenda and Green Valley News/Sahuarita Sun have partnered with Clean Elections to serve as moderators for the legislative debates. Statewide debates will be broadcast on AZPBS on Arizona Horizon, with Ted Simons as the moderator.

Candidates have until April 11th to submit their candidate statement for inclusion in the Primary Voter Education Guide.

The Clean Elections website has been updated with the new district lines.

Voter Education:

- Avery continues to participate Arizona Commission of African American Affairs as a member of the Youth Pillar.
- Avery is active on the Mesa Community College Civic Action Council and attends weekly meetings.
- Avery participated in the monthly Secretary of State's Voter Outreach Advisory Council
- Avery attends the monthly Arizona African American Legislative Committee to assist with planning.
- Avery presented, virtually, at MCC's Civic Action Hour on How to Vote Informed for the 2022 Election Season.
- Gina and Avery attended the AZ Native Vote Communications group meeting,
- Gina and Avery participated in the Arizona Disability Voter Coalition Meeting.
- Gina and Avery met with the CE2 committee to continue planning for the 9th Annual Civics conference.
- Avery met with May Tiwamangkala, the Democracy Defender Director of the Asian American Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander for Equity organization
- Tom, Gina, and Avery met with the Center for Future Arizona to discuss working together on upcoming projects
- Avery met with the Secretary of State's Youth Committee to share resources and discuss civic engagement opportunities.
- Avery participated in the Maryvale Youth Summit at ASU Sun Devil Stadium where Maryvale High School students created solutions with the help facilitators.
- Avery was invited to attend the Arizona Alliance of Black School Educators South Mountain area meeting to discuss youth civic engagement.
- Avery will participate in community events at Mesa Community college and the Red Mountain campus on March 29 and March 31.
- Gina met with Arizona Town Hall on possible voter outreach.

Administration and Enforcement

- **Upcoming Office Relocation**

Due to the DOA building consolidation project, our office, the AZ Pharmacy Board and State Land Dept. will be relocating to the 1110 W. Washington building in June or July. Paula & Mike are currently working with the General Services Division (GSD) project reps on space planning, design and move logistics.

- **Legal**

- Legacy Foundation Action Fund v. Clean Elections
 - Petition for Review filed 2.18.2022
 - Commission's response is due next month.
- The Power of Fives, LLC v. Clean Elections, CV2021-015826, Superior Court for Maricopa County
 - Pending.
- Election cases involving Arizona
 - Senate ballot review questions remain active.
 - Public records case set for oral argument in May. Fann et al. v. Kemp (American Oversight), CV-22-0018-PR.
 - Sen. Kelly Townsend (R- Mesa) issued a subpoena March 21 to the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors for information related to voting records. Arizona Mirror's Jeremy Duda reported that the subpoena seeks records related to the matching of signatures on early ballot affidavit envelopes. <https://www.azmirror.com/blog/here-we-go-again-townsend-issues-subpoena-to-maricopa-county-for-election-records/>. The subpoena follows a public records request from the Attorney General's Office Election Integrity Unit. The request relies in part on the work of an assessment of those signatures performed by a person hired by the Senate that has been criticized by election experts. The assessment compared signatures on ballot affidavit envelopes to signatures obtained from other public sources.
 - Arizona Republican Party v. Hobbs, No. CV-22-0048-SA.
 - Special Action filed by the Republican Party seeking to end ballot by mail among other things. Response brief and amici briefs were filed last week. Please contact staff if you would like copies. No date has been set for the Court to rule.

Appointments

- No additional information at this time

Secretary of State

- Secretary Hobbs last week announced that Commissioner Chan joined her staff as General Counsel.
- As announced previously, the Secretary's office temporarily took down the legislative E-Qual, electronic signature and qualifying contribution system. See this agenda.

Enforcement

- MUR 21-01, TPOF, pending.

Bill (House, Senate)	Sponsor	Assigned to	What it does	Direct effect on CCEC	Status
H2023: Electronic Ballot Images; Public Record	Rep. Finchem (R)		After the polls are closed, the officer in charge of elections is required to make available to the public an online copy of any digital images of ballots in a manner that allows the images to be searchable by precinct but that precludes any alteration of the images. States that the digital images of the ballots are public records.	Possible education to not put any identifying material on ballots.	
H2041: ballot fraud countermeasures; paper; ink	Rep. Biasiucci (R)	House: Government, Rules	Any vendor that provides fraud countermeasures that are contained in and on the paper used for ballots is required to be ISO 27001 certified, ISO 17025 certified, or ISO 9001:2015 certified. Ballot fraud countermeasures are required to include all of a list of 19 specified features, including watermarking, secure holographic foil, security inks, invisible ultraviolet microtext, a serialized black QR code, and a paper receipt for the voter. The Legislature is required to appropriate sufficient monies to the State Treasurer to provide counties with the ballot paper prescribed by this legislation. Applies to the regular general election in 2022 and all elections held in 2024 and later. Appropriates an unspecified amount (blank in original) from the general fund in FY2022-23 to the State Treasurer for the purchase of antifraud ballot paper meeting these requirements.	None. Unique barcode tracking to vote brings up questions regarding State Constitution, Article 7, Section 1.	Government: Held
H2059: early voting; boxes; observers; electioneering	Rep. Blackman (R)	House: Government, Rules	County recorders or other officers in charge of elections are prohibited from using an unmonitored drop box for receiving voted early ballots. For any drop boxes that are used to receive voted early ballots, the county board of supervisors is required to furnish three notices that electioneering is prohibited within 75 feet of the drop box. Voters who have delivered their ballots are required to promptly move outside the 75-foot limit. Increases the criminal classification of a list of unlawful acts by voters, including electioneering within the 75-foot limit, hindering the voting of others, and voting in a county in which the voter no longer resides, to a class 6 (lowest) felony, from a class 2 (mid-level) misdemeanor.	None.	
H2071: early ballots; postmark date; receipt	Rep. Cook (R)	House: Government, Rules	An early ballot and affidavit that is postmarked by U.S. mail on or before the sixth day before election day is valid and eligible to be counted if received no later than five days after election day. Effective January 1, 2023.	Voter Education.	
H2077: candidates; school; local; electronic signatures	Rep. Pawlik (D)		The list of candidates that may gather petition signatures through a secure internet portal system provided by the Secretary of State is expanded to include candidates for school board office and any office for which a county administers the election.	None.	
H2078: initiative; referendum; signatures; electronic submittal	Rep. Pawlik (D)		The Secretary of State is required to provide a system for qualified electors to sign initiative and referendum petitions by way of a secure internet portal. The system is required to verify the qualified elector's identity and allow only qualified electors who are eligible to sign the initiative or referendum petition to do so. The person or organization that files the application for initiative or referendum petition may choose to collect up to one-half of the number of signatures required by use of the online signature collection system.	None.	
H2080: hand count; electronic tabulation verification	Rep. Finchem (R)		For the regular primary and general elections, all ballots are required to be counted by hand, and machines or devices for electronic tabulation of ballots can be used only for quality control checks or to otherwise verify the hand count of ballots. When the court orders a recount of votes that were tabulated by hand, the recount must be a hand count and the court is allowed to order the use of tabulating equipment to verify the results of the hand recount. Effective January 1, 2023.	Depending on administration, may require voter education efforts pertaining to the length of time it will take to tabulate vote totals.	

Bill (House, Senate)	Sponsor	Assigned to	What it does	Direct effect on CCEC	Status
H2092: ballot measure amendments	Rep. Salman (D)		Various changes to statutes relating to initiative and referendum measures. Repeals statute requiring constitutional and statutory requirements for statewide initiative measures to be strictly construed and requiring persons using the initiative process to strictly comply with those constitutional and statutory requirements. At any time before a person or organization submits an application for initiative petition or referendum petition, a political committee that intends to file that application is allowed to submit the proposed description of the principal provisions of the measure to the Attorney General for a determination of whether the description is lawful and sufficient. The Attorney General is required to approve or reject the description within ten days after submittal. If rejected, the Attorney General must state the reasons for the rejection. If approved, any challenge to the description must be filed in the superior court within ten days after the Attorney General's approval. Repeals statute allowing a political committee that intends to support or oppose an initiative or referendum measure to submit a copy of the text of the proposed law, referral or constitutional amendment to the director of the Legislative Council to prepare recommendations to improve the text of the proposed measure. Contains a legislative intent clause.	None.	
H2094: early ballot collection; limitations; repeal	Rep. Salman (D)		It is no longer a class 6 (lowest) felony to knowingly collect voted or unvoted early ballots from another person.	None.	
H2109: election celebration day	Rep. Biasiucci (R)	House: Government, Rules	The day of the general election, every other year, is designated Election Celebration Day, which is not a legal holiday.	None.	
H2170: election mailings; third-party disclosures	Rep. Kavanagh (R)	House: Government, Rules	Requires the words not from a government agency to be included on official election-related documents from the county recorder or Secretary of State that are delivered by a third-party.	None.	Government DP 7-6, Rules DP 8-0, Passed House 32-27. Passed Senate Gov. 4-3.
H2194: national popular vote; interstate agreement	Rep. Powers Hannley (D)		Establishes an agreement among the states to elect the U.S. President by national popular vote.	Requires other states to agree to forgo the electoral process. None impact at the moment.	
H2236: voter registration; request required	Rep. Hoffman (R)	House: Government, Rules	Individual must request to register to vote, prohibition on automatic registration. Amendment: specifies that unless otherwise provided by law, a person must affirmatively request to register to vote.	Codifying Opt-In system.	Government DP 7-6, Rules DP 8-0, Passed House 31-28-1. DP Senate Gov. 4-3.
H2237: same day voter registration; prohibition	Rep. Hoffman (R)	House: Government, Rules	No election day registration in order to vote in that election. Any person who violates this would be guilty of a class 6 misdemeanor.	None. Redundant as language already prohibits voter registration 29 days prior to election.	Government DP 7-6, Rules DP 8-0, Passed House 31-28-1. DP Senate Gov. 4-3.
H2238: ballot drop boxes; prohibition	Rep. Hoffman (R)	House: Government, Rules	County Recorder or other election official may not use unmonitored ballot drop boxes. Amendment: Video surveillance 24hrs/day. Maintain records for 4 years. Select locations okay.	None.	Government DP 7-6, Rules DP 5-3, Passed House 31-27.
H2239: electronic ballot adjudication; prohibition	Rep. Hoffman (R)	House: Government, Rules	The county board of supervisors and officer in charge of elections are prohibited from using an electronic vote adjudication. A duplicate copy of a damaged or defective ballot must be made by hand.	None.	Government DP 7-6, Rules DP 7-0,
H2240: elections; voting center prohibited	Rep. Hoffman (R)	House: Government, Rules	County boards of supervisors and any officer in charge of elections are prohibited from authorizing, establishing or using a voting center at which a voter who is a registered voter and resident anywhere in that county is allowed to receive the appropriate ballot for that specific voter.	Education on proper location to vote.	
H2241: early ballot drop off; identification	Rep. Hoffman (R)	House: Government, Rules	For any voter or voter's agent who delivers one or more voted early ballots in affidavit envelopes at any polling place or voting center, the election board must require the person to present identification for his/her own early ballot, and to attest in writing that he/she is the voter's family member, household member or caregiver for another person's early ballot. Knowing violations are a class 6 (lowest) felony.	Voter Education about ballot drop off procedures.	Government DP 7-6, Rules DP 8-0,

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H2242: voter registrations; validation requirement	Rep. Hoffman (R)	House: Government, Rules	After receiving a voter registration form, the county recorder is required to verify that the name, address, date of birth and driver license number of the registrant are valid and accurate. After receiving voter registration information for the statewide database, the Secretary of State is required to verify that the name, address, date of birth and driver license number of the registrant are valid and accurate. A person who willfully fails to comply with these requirements is guilty of a class 6 (lowest) felony.	None.	
H2243: voter registration; state residency; cancellation	Rep. Hoffman (R)	House: Government, Rules	The voter registration form is required to contain a statement that if the registrant permanently moves to another state after registering to vote in Arizona, the registrant's voter registration will be canceled.	None.	Government DP 7-6, Rules DP 8-0, Passed House 31-28. DP Senate Gov. 4-3.
H2244: auditor general; election systems; audits	Rep. Hoffman (R)	House: Government, Appropriations, Rules	The Auditor General is required to conduct systems and procedures audits of offices conducting the general election. Appropriates \$800,000 from the general fund in FY2022-23 to the Auditor General for these audits.	None.	
H2245: in-person early voting; time period	Rep. Finchem (R)	House: Government, Rules	On-site early voting locations, voting centers, and emergency voting centers may be used for in-person early voting only during the period beginning on the Saturday before election day for a primary or general election and continuing through the Monday before election day for a primary or general election and cannot be used for in-person early voting for any other election or time period.	Limits early voting to the 3 days prior to an Election.	
H2259: voting rights; felonies; automatic restoration	Rep. Espinoza (D)		A person's right to vote is automatically restored on the person's discharge of probation or absolute discharge from imprisonment.	Update Voter Education.	
H2270: officials; political action committee prohibition	Rep. Bolick (R)		An individual who is an election officer or employee or who oversees any significant aspect of election operations is prohibited from being a chairperson, treasurer or other member of a political action committee. Does not apply to an individual's membership in a candidate committee for that individual's own candidacy.	None.	
H2282: prohibition; photo radar	Rep. Fillmore (R)	House: Transportation, Rules	State agencies and local authorities are prohibited from using a photo enforcement system to identify violators of traffic control devices and speed regulations. Statutes authorizing and regulating photo enforcement are repealed.	Slight impact to funding, most photo enforcement systems have already diminished in use quite heavily.	
H2283: polling places; schools; district boards	Rep. Fillmore (R)	House: Government, Rules	The officer in charge of elections is required to prioritize public schools and fire stations as polling places. School district governing boards and the governing board or body that supervises the fire stations are required to assist the county board of supervisors and the officer in charge of elections in selecting and coordinating schools and fire stations to be used as polling places. School principals are no longer authorized to deny a request to provide space for use as a polling place in specified circumstances.	None.	
H2287: precincts; combination; prohibition	Rep. Fillmore (R)	House: Government, Rules	For the purpose of establishing polling places, adjacent precincts are prohibited from being combined.	None.	
H2288: emergency voting; registration update; prohibition	Rep. Fillmore (R)	House: Government, Rules	County boards of supervisors are no longer allowed to authorize the use of emergency voting centers. County recorders and other officers in charge of elections are no longer authorized to provide for emergency balloting for person who experience an emergency immediately preceding an election.	Voter Education updates.	
H2289: challengers; polling places; tabulation observation	Rep. Fillmore (R)	House: Government, Rules	The county chairman of each political party is required, instead of allowed, to designate a party agent or representative who may act as challengers for the party. One challenger for each political party is required to be present at each voting place, and the party representative is required to remain in the polling place until completion of the tabulation of votes and transmittal or delivery of the results to the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections.	None.	Government DP 7-6, Rules DP 7-0, Passed House 31-28. Senate Gov. Held.
H2295: election day; celebration	Rep. Fillmore (R)	House: Government, Rules	The first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in every even-numbered year must be observed as Election Celebration Day, which is not a legal holiday.	None.	
H2296: government-issued voter identification; requirement	Rep. Fillmore (R)	House: Government, Rules	Strikes list 2 from acceptable form of ID in order to vote.	Voter education required to inform people of the limited options they will have to procure ID at the polls. Should require a 3/4 vote.	

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H2357: election board clerks; party affiliation	Rep. Biasiucci (R)	House: Government, Rules	The inspector, marshal, and judges AND CLERKS shall not have changed their political party affiliation or their no party preference affiliation since the last preceding general election	None.	
H2376: election procedures; review; commission	Rep. Bolick (R)	House: Government, Rules	Establishes a 13-member Election Integrity Commission and requires the Commission to biennially conduct a review of election laws and procedures to ensure statewide election integrity, beginning in 2023. The Commission is required to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor, the Secretary of State, and the Legislature by December 1 of each odd-numbered year. The Commission terminates on July 1, 2032.	None.	
H2377: voting; seventy-five foot limit; photographs	Rep. Bolick (R)	House: Government, Rules	While within the 75-foot limit of the polls, a person is allowed to take photographs or videos of him/herself, his/her own ballot, and any election worker.	None. Procedural change, privacy issues.	Government Failed 6-7
H2378: election lawsuits; settlements; approvals	Rep. Bolick (R)	House: Government, Rules	A county recorder or other officer in charge of elections is authorized to join in any election-related civil action that materially affects the county recorder or officer.	Do not believe the Commission falls into this category.	Government DP 7-6, Rules DP 7-0, Passed House 31-28. DP Senate Jud. 5-3,
H2379: election procedures manual; statutory conflict	Rep. Bolick (R)	House: Government, Rules	The election instructions and procedures manual is required to provide for transparency and election security to the maximum extent allowed by law. If any provision of the manual conflicts with any statute, the provision of the instructions and procedures manual is unenforceable and the statute prevails	None. State law > EPM.	Government DP 7-6, Rules DP 8-0, Passed House 31-28-1. DP Senate Gov. 4-3.
H2380: early ballots; delivery; penalties	Rep. Bolick (R)	House: Government, Rules	The criminal classification for knowingly collecting voted or unvoted early ballots from another person is increased to a class 4 (lower mid-level) felony, from a class 6 (lowest) felony. Any person is allowed to submit a complaint to the Election Integrity Unit of the Office of the Attorney General regarding a possible violation of the prohibition on collected early ballots. The Attorney General is authorized to investigate the complaint and make findings, including a determination on whether to file charges. The Attorney General is required to report on these activities to the Governor and the Legislature by February 1 each year.	None.	
H2385: auditor general; voter registration database	Rep. Kaiser (R)	House: Government, Rules	The Auditor General is required to review the processes and statutory requirements for maintaining the statewide voter registration database, county early voting lists and county voter registration databases. The Secretary of State and county recorders are required to provide specified information to the Auditor General. The Auditor General is required to report its findings to the Legislature by June 30 of each even-numbered year. Appropriates \$500,000 from the general fund in FY2022-23 to the Auditor General for this purpose.	None.	
H2402: automatic voter registration; same day.	Rep. Solorio (D)		A person who is otherwise qualified to register to vote may register during the 28 days immediately preceding an election and is eligible to vote in that election if the person has been a resident of the county and the precinct in which the person resides for at least 29 days immediately preceding the election. A person who is otherwise qualified to register to vote may register on Election Day at the polling place for the precinct in which that person maintains residence. A person who registers to vote under these provisions may vote only with a provisional ballot and does not qualify a person to vote in a partisan primary election. Every person who is applying for a driver license or renewal, including a nonoperating identification license or renewal, or who is making changes to drive license information and who is otherwise qualified to register to vote must be registered to vote automatically on completion of the license application unless the applicant clearly expresses a decision not to register. A person who is not qualified to register to vote and who unknowingly registers under this provision is not guilty of false registration or false swearing. Effective January 1, 2023.	Procedure change. Voter Education efforts.	
H2430: secretary of state; nonpartisan office	Rep. Shah (D)	House: Government, Rules	The election for the office of Secretary of State is moved to the nonpartisan section of the ballot, and signature requirements are modified to reflect the change. Effective January 1, 2023.	None.	

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H2435: county recorder; nonpartisan office	Rep. Shah (D)	House: Government, Rules	The election for the office of county recorder is moved to the nonpartisan section of the ballot, and signature requirements are modified to reflect the change.	None.	
H2443: campaign finance; contributions limits	Rep. Powers Hannley (D)		Various changes to campaign contribution limits. Decreases campaign contribution limits to \$390 to a candidate committee for municipal, county or district office, to \$488 to a candidate committee for legislative office, and to \$1,010 to a candidate committee for statewide office, all from \$6,250, from an individual or political action committee without mega PAC status. Campaign contribution limits apply as an aggregate total for the combined primary and general election, instead of per "election cycle" (defined). Individuals are prohibited from contributing more than an aggregate total of \$5,610 in a calendar year to state and local candidate committees and political action committees that contribute to candidate committees. Partnerships are prohibited from contributing monies in the name of the partnership. Candidate committees are prohibited from accepting contributions from all political action committees other than a political party as an aggregate total for the combined primary and general election of more than \$10,020 to a candidate committee for municipal, county or district office, \$16,150 to a candidate committee for legislative office, and \$100,110 to a candidate for statewide office. A candidate committee for a candidate that is a political party nominee is prohibited from accepting contributions as an aggregate total for the combined primary and general election from a political party of more than \$10,020 to a candidate committee for an office other than a statewide office, and \$100,110 to a candidate committee for a statewide office.	None.	
H2444: clean elections; county candidates	Rep. Powers Hannley (D)	House: Government, Rules	Applies clean elections laws to candidates for county board of supervisors, county assessor, county attorney, county recorder, county school superintendent, county sheriff and county treasurer. Establishes primary election spending limits for candidates for county offices based on county population. Due to voter protection, this bill requires a 3/4 vote of each house of the Legislature for enactment.	Add county offices to public financing program.	
H2469: early ballots; polling place; tabulation	Rep. Carroll (R)	House: Government, Rules	A voter who has the envelope containing the completed early ballot and completed affidavit, who appears at that voter's designated polling location on election day and whose identification is verified and confirmed is allowed to remove the completed ballot from the envelope and deposit the ballot in the ballot tabulation equipment in that polling place and to discard the envelope and completed affidavit.	Voter Education amendments.	Government DP 9-2-1, Rules DP 8-0
H2476: presidential electors; congressional districts; at-large	Rep. Carroll (R)		Each political party that is qualified for representation on an official party ballot at the primary election and accorded a column on the general election ballot is required to designate one presidential elector for each congressional district and two presidential electors as at-large presidential electors. A presidential elector who is designated for a congressional district is not required to be a resident of that congressional district. Presidential electors who are designated for a congressional district are required to cast their electoral college votes for the candidates for president and vice president who jointly received the highest number of votes in that congressional district as prescribed in the statewide canvass. The two at-large presidential electors are required to cast their electoral college votes for the candidates for president and vice-president who jointly received the highest number of votes from an aggregate vote of all the members of the State Legislature voting as a single body.	Adds 2 votes to the electoral college based on voting via the State Legislator for the office of President and Vice-President.	
H2491: elections; signature matching requirements	Rep. Hoffman (R)	House: Government, Rules	The county recorder or other officer in charge of elections is required to apply an unspecified factor (blank in original) signature verification process as prescribed in the Secretary of State's election procedures manual. A person who violates this requirement is guilty of a class 5 (second-lowest) felony.	Add a process for blank affidavit envelopes. None.	

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H2492: voter registration; verification; citizenship	Rep. Hoffman (R)	House: Government, Rules	Except for a form produced by the U.S. Election Assistance Commission, any application for voter registration is required to be accompanied by satisfactory evidence of citizenship, and the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections is required to reject any application for registration that is not accompanied by satisfactory evidence of citizenship. A county recorder or other officer in charge of elections who fails to reject an application for registration in these circumstances is guilty of a class 6 (lowest) felony. The county recorder or other officer in charge of elections is required to use all available resources to verify the citizenship status of an applicant for voter registration. A person who registers to vote is required to provide an identifying document that establishes proof of location of residence. A person who has registered to vote and who has not provided satisfactory evidence of citizenship is not eligible to vote in presidential elections. A person who has not provided satisfactory evidence of citizenship and who is eligible to vote only for federal offices is not eligible to receive an early ballot by mail. Amendment: Removes 30 day notice return stipulation, must prove citizenship to vote in the PPE or by mail, AG must prosecute individuals who are found not to be U.S. Citizens. County Recorder to cancel ones registration upon evidence of non-citizenship, notify voters to complete incomplete registration forms, must provide citizenship in order to register to vote, etc...	Voter Education for changes to voter registration requirements and mail ballot eligibility. Concern over possible retroactivity citizenship check.	Government DP 7-6, Rules DP 5-2, Passed House 31-26. DP Senate Jud. 5-3,
H2493: election integrity fund	Rep. Hoffman (R)	House: Government, Appropriations, Rules	Appropriates \$12 million from the general fund in FY2022-23 to the newly established Election Integrity Fund, to be used to pay county recorders for election security, cybersecurity measures and improvements, and reimbursements for postelection hand tabulations. Amendments: removes the monies in the Election Integrity Fund to also be used for reimbursements for postelection hand tabulations.	None.	Government DP 8-4, W/D from Approp. Rules DP 8-0, Passed House 56-2.
H2494: voter registration events; posting	Rep. Hoffman (R)	House: Government, Rules	The Secretary of State and each county recorder is required to post on their public websites a list of each event that the Office of the Secretary of State or the county recorder attends and provides voter registration services. Amendment: Include location, title, and groups affiliated with the event.	None.	Government DP 7-5, Rules DP 7-0, Passed House 31-28. DP Senate Gov. 4-3,
H2567: nominating petitions; multiple petition signatures	Rep. Carter (R)	House: Government, Rules	Signers of nomination petitions are allowed to sign an unlimited number of candidate petitions, instead of being limited to signing only one petition for the same office.	None.	
H2571: early voting; limitations; hand count	Rep. Blackman (R)	House: Government, Rules	Qualified electors are only allowed to vote by early ballot if the elector expects to be absent from the precinct at the time of the election, the elector cannot attend the polls on election day because of the tenets of his/her religion, or the elector is an absent uniformed services voter or overseas voter or the spouse or household member of the absent uniformed services voter or overseas voter. County recorders are no longer authorized to establish on-site early voting locations. All ballots are required to be counted by hand, and electronic tabulating machines or equipment are prohibited. Effective January 1, 2023.	Voter Education changes.	
H2577: voter identification; ballots; delivery; process	Rep. Blackman (R)	House: Government, Rules	A county recorder or other officer in charge of elections is prohibited from using an unmonitored drop box for receiving voted early ballots. A qualified elector is required to request any early or absentee ballot and a county recorder or other officer in charge of elections is prohibited from providing an early or absentee ballot without a specific request from the voter for a single specific election. A qualified elector is required to vote in a polling place or voting center, except that an elector with an early or absentee ballot may return the ballot by mail or deliver the ballot in person to a polling place or voting center. Modifies the list of accepted forms of identification for voting. Due to voter protection, the voter identification changes require the affirmative vote of at least 3/4 of the members of each house of the Legislature for passage.	Voter Education changes.	

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H2581: state candidates; nomination; fee	Rep. Cook (R)	House: Government, Rules	For any person who holds a statewide or legislative office and who submits a nomination paper for reelection to that same office, the person may pay a \$250 fee to the office of the Secretary of State for deposit in the general fund and the person is not required to submit a nomination petition or signatures.	For incumbents, they would pay a \$250 fee instead of having to gather nomination signatures or submit a nomination petition.	
H2596: elections; revisions; mail-in; identification; tabulation	Rep. Fillmore (R)	House: health and human services, educ, mil-pub safety, com, gov-elect, jud, trans, land-agri-rural affairs, ways-means, nat res-energy-water, appro.	For all primary and general elections, a voter is prohibited from receiving or voting a ballot unless the voter has presented valid state-issued identification. All voting is required to occur on election day only, except for absentee ballots. Voters are allowed to vote by absentee ballot only for one of a list of specified reasons. All ballots are required to be cast in person by the voter at the voter's election precinct polling place. All ballots are required to be paper ballots that include a hologram, an identifiable sequence marking or another similar system for preventing fraud, and must allow a voter to receive a uniquely marked or numbered ballot. All ballots must be counted by hand and canvassed and the returns made within 24 hours after the polls are closed. Repeals the active early voting list and all statutes relating to voting by mail. Deletes all references to electronic tabulation and prohibits the use of electronic voting systems other than for accessible voting technology. County boards of supervisors are prohibited from changing a polling place unless the voters in that precinct are notified by mail at least two years in advance. County boards of supervisors are prohibited from requiring a voter or any other person to wear a facial mask at a polling place or be vaccinated against or tested for a virus as a condition of entering a polling place. The Legislature is required to call itself into session to review the ballot tabulating process for the regular primary and general elections and to accept or reject the election results. If the Legislature rejects the election results, any qualified voter is authorized to file an action in the superior court to request that a new election be held. The Legislature is authorized to conduct an audit of election results for any regular primary or general election.	Aside from the complete overhaul to the logistics relating to elections, the most troubling portion of this bill suggests that the Legislature would be allowed to reject the election results and request a new election be held via Superior Court. Would require updates to Voter Education.	
H2602: polling places; emergency voting centers	Rep. Bolick (R)	House: Government, Rules	County boards of supervisors are allowed to authorize the use of emergency voting centers only on occurrence of a genuine emergency that makes it likely that large numbers of voters will be substantially impaired in their ability to vote on election day as compared to other elections. Amendment: Remove emergency requirement, allow electioneering outside 75 ft. limit, County to post polling/vote center locations 2 weeks prior to election day.	None.	Government DP 7-6, Rules DP 7-0, Passed House 31-28.
H2617: voter registration; cancellations; causes	Rep. Chaplik (R)	House: Government, Rules	When a county recorder receives information that a registered voter is not a U.S. citizen, has been issued a driver license from another state, or is otherwise not qualified to vote, the county recorder is required to cancel the person's voter registration. The county recorder is required to notify the person that the registration has been canceled and send the information to the county attorney and Attorney General for possible investigation. Each month the Secretary of State and the county recorder are required to compare the voter registration database to other government databases, including the driver license database and Social Security Administration database. Amendment: Replace other state-issued ID with an Arizona nonoperating ID, County Recorder must cancel a voters registration upon death.	Could have a negative impact on voter turnout, specifically out-of-state college residents.	DP House Gov. 7-6, Rules DP 7-0, Passed House 31-26. DP Senate Gov. 4-3,
H2621: consent decree; prohibited S/E; settlement agreement; consent decree; prohibited	Rep. Parker (R)	House: Judicial, Rules	In any state court proceeding in which the constitutionality, legality or application of any provision of Title 15 (Elections) is challenged and a government entity is named as the defendant, the court is prohibited from approving or signing a consent decree. In any federal court proceeding in which the constitutionality, legality or application of any provision of Title 16 (Elections) is challenged, the state and any party representing the state are prohibited from entering into or signing a consent decree. Amendment: Exempts the language from applying to the Citizens Clean Elections Act.	None.	Judicial DP 6-4, Rules 5-2, Passed House 31-26.

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H2640: candidate nomination signature requirements	Rep. Carter (R)	House: Government, Rules	Cuts in half the number of signatures required on nomination petitions for candidates for U.S. Senate, state offices, U.S. Congress, state legislature, county office, superior court judge, justice of the peace, constable, mayor or other citywide office, and various other specified offices.	None.	
H2641: candidate nomination petitions; signatures; county	Rep. Carter (R)	House: Government, Rules	A candidate for a statewide or legislative office is not required to state on the nomination petition the county of residence of the qualified electors who sign the candidate's petition or separate the nomination petitions by county when submitting petitions to the Secretary of State and may submit signatures from qualified electors from more than one county on the same nomination petition without penalty.	None.	
H2680: voter registration; same day	Rep. Hernandez (D)	House: Government, Rules	A person who is otherwise qualified to register to vote may register during the 28 days immediately preceding an election and is eligible to vote in that election if the person has been a resident of the county and the precinct in which the person resides for at least 29 days immediately preceding the election. A person who is otherwise qualified to register to vote may register on Election Day at the polling place for the precinct in which that person maintains residence. A person who registers to vote under these provisions may vote only with a provisional ballot and does not qualify a person to vote in a partisan primary election.		
H2703: auditor general; audits; county elections S/E: Secretary of State; secure online signature collection; candidates	Rep. Bolick (R)	House: Government, Rules	The Auditor General is required to establish an audit team to perform election integrity audits of county recorder offices and county elections departments. Each election cycle, the Auditor General is required to choose through random selection two counties that have a population of less than one million persons and perform an election integrity audit on those counties. The Auditor General is required to perform an election integrity audit of each county with a population of one million or more persons (Maricopa and Pima) each election cycle. For the purpose of election integrity audits, the Auditor General is required to have access to any personnel and data from the county recorder's office and any county elections department, the Department of Transportation, and the Secretary of State that the Auditor General deems necessary to perform the audit, including voter registration data, and is required to have access to polling places, voting centers and central counting centers. The Auditor General is required to report election integrity audit findings and recommendations to the Governor, the Legislature, and the Secretary of State. These requirements self-repeal January 1, 2030. Appropriates an unspecified amount (blank in original) from the general fund in FY2022-23 to the Auditor General for election integrity audits. All provisions other than the appropriation become effective January 1, 2023. Emergency measure; Secretary of State shall continue operating and shall maintain full functionality and availability of the secure internet portal for online signature collection and submittal of qualifying contributions.		Government DP 7-6, Rules DP 7-0, Passed House 31-28.

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H2710: registrations; counting procedures; observers; verification	Rep. Kavanagh (R)	House: Government, Rules	Various changes relating to election observers. The county chairperson of each political party may designate a party representative for a polling place, a voting center, a location at which electronic processing of ballots occurs, and a location used by any third-party vendor for physical or electronic processing of ballot materials, including ballot envelopes. If the county party chairperson fails to appoint a party representative for a location, the state party chairperson may make those appointments, and if the state party chairperson fails to appoint a party representative, the legislative district chairperson in the area in which the polling place, voting center or other location is located may make those appointments for a location. If the county party chairperson fails to designate a sufficient number of board workers to assist with a hand count, the state party chairperson is required to designate qualified electors to be board workers. If the state party chairperson fails to designate a sufficient number of board workers, the legislative district chairperson of the district in which the hand count is to occur is required to designate qualified electors to be board workers. If there are fewer than two persons for each audited precinct available to participate on behalf of each recognized political party after the county officer in charge of elections substitutes additional electors from any political party, the county officer in charge of elections is required to provide a sufficient number of permanent or temporary county employees to serve as board members for purposes of the hand count. Election observers are authorized to observe hand count locations and the electronic vote adjudication board's activities. Amendment: Requires SoS, County Recorder, and other officers in charge of elections to provide electronic access to voter registration information, strikes language related to party appointments	None.	Government DP 7-6, Rules DP 8-0, Passed House 31-26.
H2743: elections; identification; revisions; mail-in; tabulation	Rep. Fillmore (R)	House: Government, Rules	For all primary and general elections, a voter is prohibited from receiving or voting a ballot unless the voter has presented valid state-issued identification. All voting is required to occur on election day only, except for absentee ballots. Voters are allowed to vote by absentee ballot only for one of a list of specified reasons. All ballots are required to be cast in person by the voter at the voter's election precinct polling place. All ballots are required to be paper ballots that include a hologram, an identifiable sequence marking or another similar system for preventing fraud, and must allow a voter to receive a uniquely marked or numbered ballot. All ballots must be counted by hand and canvassed and the returns made within 24 hours after the polls are closed. Repeals the active early voting list and all statutes relating to voting by mail. Deletes all references to electronic tabulation and prohibits the use of electronic voting systems other than for accessible voting technology. County boards of supervisors are prohibited from changing a polling place unless the voters in that precinct are notified by mail at least two years in advance. County boards of supervisors are prohibited from requiring a voter or any other person to wear a facial mask at a polling place or be vaccinated against or tested for a virus as a condition of entering a polling place. More.	Voter Education.	
H2744: early ballot pick-up; mail return	Rep. Fillmore (R)	House: Government, Rules	Various changes relating to elections. The county recorder may only establish one on-site early voting location at the recorder's main office. Repeals the active early voting list. A voter wishing to vote by mail is required to appear personally at the on-site early voting location to pick up a mail-in ballot. Except for an absent uniformed services voter or overseas voter, a voter is only allowed to return a voted early ballot by mail, and the county recorder's office is prohibited from accepting a voted early ballot that is returned by in-person delivery. County boards of supervisors are prohibited from establishing voting centers, which allow any voter in that county to receive the appropriate ballot for that voter on election day.	Voter Education.	

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H2754: permanent early voting list	Rep. Bolding (D)	House: Government, Rules	The active early voting list is renamed the permanent early voting list. The county recorder is no longer required to remove a voter from the list if the voter fails to vote using an early ballot in all regular primary and general elections for two consecutive election cycles.	Voter Education.	
H2768: early voting; weekend hours	Rep. Salman (D)		On-site early voting locations, including the locations at the county recorder's office, are required to be open until 7:00PM on the Saturday, Sunday and Monday immediately preceding election day.	Voter Education.	
H2770: voting centers; board of supervisors	Rep. Salman (D)		Only on a specific resolution of the county board of supervisors, the board is permitted to authorize the use of additional types of voting locations by using voting centers and early voting drop-off centers. A voting center is deemed to be a polling place on election day, and may be used as an early voting location. When an election is ordered and voting centers are used, the county board of supervisors is required to appoint a voting center election board for each voting center consisting of at least one inspector, one marshal and as many judges or clerks as needed. Requires there to be an equal number of inspectors in the various voting centers in the county who are members of the two largest political parties. The board of supervisors is authorized to appoint a minor who is at least 16 years of age to serve as a clerk of elections if a list of specified circumstances apply. School districts and charter schools cannot be required to reduce average daily membership for any student who is absent as a result of service on a voting center election board, and cannot count the absence against any mandatory attendance requirements for the student. County recorders are authorized to make changes to the approved early voting locations and are required to notify the public as soon as practicable.	Voter Education.	

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H2771: election procedures; registrations; campaign finance	Rep. Salman (D)		Numerous changes to statutes relating to elections. For every person who provides proof of U.S. citizenship when applying for, renewing or replacing a driver license or nonoperating identification license, or updating the person's existing residence address or name on file with the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), ADOT is required to electronically collect and transmit voter registration information to the Secretary of State for the purpose of registering the person to vote or updating an existing voter registration record. The Secretary of State and ADOT Director, after consulting with all county recorders, are required to adopt rules to implement a secure automatic electronic voter registration system that collects and transmits voter registration information. The Secretary of State is required to evaluate implementation of a secure automatic electronic voter registration system at other agencies, including the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS). By December 31, 2022, any agency that allows a person to affirmatively register to vote or to update the person's registration through the internet must allow the person to complete the registration without a driver license or nonoperating identification license and with any proof of citizenship that is valid under Arizona law. Eliminates the requirement for a voter to live in the boundaries of an election district for 29 days prior to an election to be eligible to vote in that election. By the 2022 primary election and for each election thereafter, each county recorder is required to designate at least one election official at each polling place, voting center or early voting location in the county to serve as a registration clerk to facilitate and enable eligible persons to register to vote on site on election day or during early voting. A registration clerk must be present for all hours during which a polling place, voting center or early voting location is open. Every qualified voter in Arizona has the right, after registering to vote, to vote a secret ballot in all elections for which that voter is eligible to vote. By December 31, 2024, the Secretary of State, county recorders and other officers in charge of elections are required to evaluate incorporating "risk-limiting audit" (defined) protocols into ballot hand count procedures. Reduces individual and political action committee contributions limits to \$1,000 for candidates for legislative, county, municipal or district office, from \$5,250, and to \$2,500 for candidates for statewide office, from \$6,250. Much more. Due to voter protection, several sections of this legislation require the affirmative vote of at least 3/4 of the members of each house of the Legislature for passage		
H2772: ballot measures; foreign contributions; prohibition	Rep. Butler (D)	House: Government, Rules	A political action committee that is formed for the purpose of supporting or opposing a ballot measure or that makes a ballot measure expenditure is prohibited from soliciting or accepting a contribution from a "foreign national" (defined). A foreign national is prohibited from contributing to a political action committee that is formed for the purpose of supporting or opposing a ballot measure or that makes a ballot measure expenditure.	None.	
H2777: elections; auditor general; attorney general	Rep. Finchem (R)	House: Government, Appropriations, Rules	On request of the House of Representatives or the Senate, the Auditor General is required to conduct one or more audits of county elections for state and federal offices. The audits may include reviews of voter rolls, election systems and processes, voting equipment, and certification of ballot tabulation equipment and recordkeeping equipment. Appropriates \$800,000 from the general fund in FY2022-23 to the Auditor General for these purposes. Appropriates an unspecified amount (blank in original) from the general fund in FY2022-23 to the Office of the Attorney General for funding four additional attorneys for the election integrity unit.	None.	
H2778: electronic registration information center; prohibition	Rep. Finchem (R)	House: Government, Rules	The Secretary of State and the county recorder are prohibited from using an electronic voter registration information center.	None.	

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H2780: voter lists; images; voting records	Rep. Kavanagh (R)	House: Government, Rules	Ten days before the primary and general election, the county recorder is required to publish a list of all voters who are eligible to vote in the election, including persons who are on the inactive voter list, and post this information on the county recorder's website with personally identifying information redacted. Five days before the county canvass, the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections is required to publish and post in digital format on the county's website a list of all persons who voted and their method of voting, all ballot images with the unique identifying number from the ballot, and the cast vote record in a sortable format. Early and provisional ballot tabulators are required to imprint a unique identification number on each early ballot tabulated so as to allow the ballot image to be linked to the physical ballot. Ballots are required to be separated, tabulated, and stored by precinct. Amendment: Removes unique identifying requirement.	None.	Government DP 7-6, Rules 5-3, Passed House 31-26.
H2783: election law violations; procedures manual	Rep. Bolick (R)	House: Government, Rules	Increases the criminal classification for violations of any rule adopted by the Secretary of State as part of the election instructions and procedures manual, to a class 1 (highest) misdemeanor, from a class 2 (mid-level) misdemeanor. A person who violates statute in Title 16 (Elections) is guilty of a class 6 (lowest) felony, unless the statute defining the offense provides for a different classification. Amendment: A person who knowingly violates elections statutes is guilty of a class 6 felony.	Voter Education.	Government DP 7-6, Rules 7-0, Pass House 31-27.
H2785: attorney general; election complaints	Rep. Biasiucci (R)	House: Government, Rules	The Attorney General is authorized to enforce Title 16 (Elections) for any election for members of Congress, U.S. Senator, or presidential elector. Establishes a list of powers the Attorney General is authorized to exercise in order to carry out the duties of election law enforcement for any elected office, including issuing subpoenas and examining any computer, document, or record.	None.	
H2786: voter registrations; ballot requests; source	Rep. Hoffman (R)	House: Government, Rules	Only a political party, county recorder, or election official is authorized to distribute early ballot request forms to voters. For any signed preprinted request to amend a voter's registration information or request for an early ballot, the county recorder is prohibited from using that signature of the voter as the most recent exemplar for subsequent comparison if the submittal is on a printed document, card or other form that is not an official form printed by the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections. Amendment: Specifies that the signed preprinted request may not be used as the sole exemplar for signature comparison of the voter.	None.	Government DP 7-6, Rules 7-0, Passed House 31-26.
H2787: Maricopa county; division; new counties	Rep. Hoffman (R)	House: Government, Rules	Divides Maricopa County into four counties by modifying the Maricopa County boundaries and adding three new counties: Hohokam County, Mogollon County, and O'odham County. Maricopa County continues full jurisdictional operation for all four counties until a special election held within 120 days after the effective date of this legislation to elect new county boards of supervisors. Currently elected Maricopa County Supervisors continue in their capacity for the remainder of their term in whichever county their supervisory district is located. The elected boards of supervisors in the three new counties will determine an application process for municipalities to apply to be the county seat, which will be determined at a special election to be held within 120 days from the election of the boards of supervisors. The four counties are authorized to enter into a ten-year shared use agreement for the use of existing shared capital assets. Effective January 1, 2023.	Voter Education.	Government DP 7-6, Rules 8-0.
H2798: voter registration; social security list	Rep. John (R)	House: Government, Rules	Beginning 90 days before each primary election day and each general election day and continuing once each week until election day, the Secretary of State is required to obtain the full file of death information from the social security administration for the sole purpose of canceling the names of deceased persons from the statewide voter registration database. The name of each deceased person is required to promptly be canceled from the statewide voter registration database. The Secretary of State is required to notify the appropriate county recorder and the recorder is required to cancel the name of the person from the register.		

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H2801: write-in candidates; filing date	Rep. Diaz (R)	House: Government, Rules	The deadline for filing a nomination paper to be a write-in candidate is moved to 5PM on the 76th day before the election, from 5PM on the 40th day before the election.		
HCR2035: constitutional right to vote	Rep. Salman (D)		The 2022 general election ballot is to carry the question of whether to amend the state Constitution to declare that the right to vote is a fundamental right. Any law or regulation that burdens a citizen's fundamental right to vote is required to be narrowly tailored to further a compelling governmental interest. Deletes the prohibition on a person convicted of a felony being qualified to vote at any election.	None.	
HCR2014: initiative; referendum; signatures; legislative districts	Rep. Dunn (R)	House: Government, Rules	The 2022 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 in order to propose a statewide measure and to obtain signatures from 15 percent of the voters from each legislative district in order to propose an amendment to the state Constitution. Also requires signatures from 5 percent of the voters from each legislative district in order to order a referendum of any measure enacted by the Legislature.	None.	Government DP 7-6, Rules DP 7-0,
HCR2015: initiatives; supermajority vote; requirements	Rep. Dunn (R)	House: Government, Rules	The 2022 general election ballot is to carry the question of whether to amend the state Constitution to require approval by 60 percent of the votes cast on the measure for an initiative or referendum measure to become law, instead of a majority of the votes cast.	None.	Government DP 7-6, Rules DP 7-0, Passed House 31-28.
HCR2025: government-issued voter identification NOW; voter identification; voting	Rep. Fillmore (R)	Senate: Government, Rules	The 2022 general election ballot is to carry the question of whether to amend state statute to delete the option for a voter to present, in order to receive a ballot and in lieu of government-issued photo identification, two different items that contain the name and address of the voter that reasonably appear to be the same as the name and address in the precinct register, including a utility bill, a bank or credit union statement, a valid Arizona vehicle registration, an Arizona vehicle insurance card, an Indian census card, tribal enrollment card or other form of tribal identification, a property tax statement, a recorder's certificate, a voter registration card, a valid government-issued identification, or any mailing that is labeled as "official election material."	Update to Voter Education.	Government DP 7-6, Rules 5-2,
HCR2033: decertifying Arizona's 2020 electors	Rep. Finchem (R)		The members of the Legislature notify the President of the U.S. Senate, the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, and the members of Congress from Arizona that it is the justifiable position of the Arizona State Legislature to set aside the results of the Maricopa, Pima and Yuma County elections as irredeemably compromised and reclaim the 2020 presidential electors due to the irredeemably flawed nature of these elections that prevent the declaration of a clear winner of said presidential electors.	None.	
HCR2037: campaign finance; source disclosure	Rep. Ligouri (D)		The 2022 general election ballot is to carry the question of whether to amend the state Constitution to require any person that makes campaign expenditures of more than \$10,000, or \$20,000 for statewide campaigns, in a two-year election cycle to promptly disclose the identity of all "original sources" of "major contributions" (both defined) used to fund that expenditure, and to grant the Citizens Clean Elections Commission the authority to establish penalties to enforce this requirement. Severability clause. If approved by the voters, the amendment applies to all elections occurring after January 1, 2024.	Would require the Commission to set regulations and penalties for campaign expenditures in excess of \$20,000 for Statewide elections that are not properly disclosed, and \$10,000 for each other election.	
S/E S1476; ballots; identification	Sen. Townsend (R)	Senate: Government, Rules	Requires each ballot in an election to be consecutively numbered with a unique number. Requires ballots to be accounted for in a chain of custody document or log.	None.	Government DP 4-2-1, Rules PFC, Failed Senate 14-15.

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S1008: elections; recount margin	Sen. Ugenti-Rita (R)	Senate: Government, Rules	Modifies the criteria that triggers an automatic election recount to require a recount when the margin between the two candidates receiving the greatest number of votes for a particular office, or between the number of votes cast for and against a measure or proposition, is less than or equal to 0.5 percent of the number of votes cast for both candidates or on the measure or proposition. Previously, the difference in votes that triggered an automatic recount was the lesser of 0.1 percent or either a specified number of votes based on the office to be filled or 200 votes for a measure or proposition.	None.	Government DP 4-3, Rules PFC, Senate 17-12-1, Transmitted to House 2-9-22.
S1010: school districts; protesting; partisan elections	Sen. Ugenti-Rita (R)	Senate: Government, Rules	All elections for school district governing board members in Arizona are required to be conducted using a partisan primary election followed by a general election on or after January 1, 2023. Also, a school district is prohibited from ejecting from school property or from the vicinity of any location where a school meeting is taking place, and from taking any other adverse action against a person or a group of people engaging in "peaceful protesting" (defined) after school hours and prohibits a school district from requiring people to apply for a permit or secure authorization for protesting.	Update to Voter Education.	Government Failed 4-4.
S1012: registration database; federal voters; report	Sen. Townsend (R)	Senate: Government, Rules	Requires the Secretary of State to provide access to the statewide voter registration database to a person or entity that is designated by the Legislature and to the Election Integrity Unit of the Attorney General's Office for the purpose of determining whether voter registration list maintenance procedures comply with federal law with respect to federal-only voters. The person or entity designated by the Legislature is required to be qualified in more than one state to analyze a state's voter registration rolls for compliance with federal law, and is required to report its findings to the Legislature, the Attorney General, and the Secretary of State. Each county recorder is required to submit an annual report to the Legislature regarding federal-only voters, and information that must be included in the report is specified. The Attorney General and the County Attorney shall investigate and prosecute, as appropriate, any person who is ineligible to register to vote and who knowingly registers to vote.	None.	Government DP 4-2, Rules PFC, Senate 16-13-1, Transmit to House 2-9-22.
S1013: secretary of state; federal form	Sen. Townsend (R)	Senate: Government, Rules	By December 31, 2022, the Secretary of State is required to submit to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission a request that the Commission include on the federal voter registration form Arizona's state-specific instructions to provide proof of citizenship.	None.	Government DP 4-2, Rules PFC, Senate 16-13-1, Transmit to House 2-9-22. Passed House Gov. 7-6, DP Rules 7-0.
S1017: state finance review; task force	Sen. Bowie (D)	Senate: Finance, Appropriations, Rules	Establishes a 22-member Citizens Finance Review Task Force to analyze the source of general fund and nongeneral fund revenues and expenditures as compared to other states, and make recommendations regarding the responsible retirement of existing state debt. The Task Force is required to submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature by September 30, 2023, and to present the report to a joint meeting of the legislative appropriations committees by January 31, 2024. Self-repeals October 1, 2024.	Possible task force the Commission may need to report to.	Finance DP 9-0,
S1027: election bureau; complaint; investigation	Sen. Rogers (R)	Senate: Government, Appropriations, Rules	Establishes the Bureau of Elections in the Office of the Governor to investigate allegations of fraud in any state, county, or local government election. Any qualified elector is permitted to submit a complaint to the Bureau. Establishes powers and duties of the Bureau, including impounding records, issuing subpoenas, and conducting hearings. The Bureau is required to publicly report its findings and conclusions and make any appropriate referrals to a prosecutorial agency. Appropriates \$5 million from the general fund in FY2022-23 to establish the Bureau.	Unknown.	
S1028: ballot paper; security measures	Sen. Rogers (R)	Senate: Government, Rules	Any vendor that provides fraud countermeasures that are contained in and on the paper used for ballots is required to be ISO 27001 certified, ISO 17025 certified, or ISO 9001:2015 certified. Ballot fraud countermeasures are required to include at least three of a list of ten specified features, including watermarking, security inks and unique barcodes.	None. Unique barcode tracking to vote brings up questions regarding State Constitution, Article 7, Section 1.	Government Held,

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S1043: election day; state holiday	Sen. Rogers (R)		Adds the primary election day and the general election day to the list of official state holidays. A person entitled to vote at a primary election or general election held in Arizona is authorized to be absent from employment and is prohibited from being liable for any penalty or from having deductions made from their usual salary or wages. A person who refuses an employee these rights is guilty of a class 2 (mid-level) misdemeanor.	Update to Voter Education.	
S1054: election equipment; security; legislative review	Sen. Townsend (R)	Senate: Government, Rules	Beginning in 2022 and every two years thereafter, the committee appointed by the Secretary of State to investigate and test the various types of vote recording or tabulating machines or devices is required to provide for a detailed review of election equipment security for counties with a population of more than 500,000 persons that focuses on the actual equipment, software and other systems used in the most recent general election. An additional person who is an expert in election equipment security must conduct or assist with the review. On completion, the review must be presented to the standing committees of the Legislature with jurisdiction over election issues at a public meeting that is held by August 1 following the general election.	None.	Government DP 4-2, Rules PFC
S1055: election process; contractors and contracts	Sen. Townsend (R)	Senate: Government, Rules	A contractor that enters into a contract with Arizona or any county to provide election-related equipment or services and that fails to perform its obligations under the terms of the contract is liable for liquidated damages in an amount equivalent to the amount paid under the contract, and is guilty of a class 2 (mid-level) misdemeanor.	None.	Government DP 4-3, Rules PFC, Passed Senate 15-14.
S1056: misplaced ballots; invalidity; misdemeanor; damages	Sen. Townsend (R)	Senate: Government, Rules	Any ballots that are misplaced and not included in the initial tally at a polling place or counting center are invalid ballots and are prohibited from being counted. A person who misplaces a ballot is guilty of a class 2 (mid-level) misdemeanor. If a provisional or early ballot that identifies the voter on the face of the affidavit or envelope is misplaced and cannot be counted, the voter of that misplaced ballot is authorized to file an action for damages against the governmental body administering the election for the loss of the right to vote. Amendment: Invalid ballot is one not in the chain of custody, rather than misplaced.	None.	Government DP 4-3, Rules PFC, Passed Senate 15-14.
S1058: drive-up voting; prohibition	Sen. Rogers (R)	Senate: Government, Rules	The county recorder or officer in charge of elections is prohibited from allowing a voter to receive a ballot and vote from a vehicle or other conveyance, and from using a ballot drop box except inside a polling place or voting center or the county recorder's or election department's offices. Appropriately trained election workers are required to monitor ballot drop boxes.	Update to Voter Education.	Government DP 4-3, Rules PFC
S1094: petition signatures; description; invalidity	Sen. Mesnard (R)	Senate: Government, Rules	A circulator of an initiative or referendum petition is required to either read the initiative or referendum description aloud to each person signing before that person signs or to allow the person sufficient time to read the description before the person signs. The circulator must inform the person that reading the description is required so that the person can understand the petition. Each person signing must affirm that the person has heard and understood or read and understood the description before signing the petition. For any person who signs without either hearing or reading the description, the circulator is required to draw a line through the person's signature and the signature is void and cannot be counted.	Will likely make the process for not only gathering signatures for voter initiatives and referendums more difficult, but also raises issues in regards to challenges of signature.	DP Senate Gov. 4-3. Passed Rules, Senate 16-12-2. Passed House Gov. 7-6, DP Rules 5-3.
S1119: electronic ballot images; public record	Sen. Borrelli (R)	Senate: Government, Rules	After the polls are closed, the officer in charge of elections is required to make available to the public an online copy of any digital images of ballots in a manner that allows the images to be searchable by precinct but that precludes any alteration of the images. States that the digital images of the ballots are public records.	None.	Government DP 4-3, Rules PFC, Fail Senate 13-15.

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S1120: ballot fraud countermeasures; paper; ink.	Sen. Borrelli (R)	Senate: Government, Appropriations, Rules	Any vendor that provides fraud countermeasures that are contained in and on the paper used for ballots is required to be ISO 27001 certified, ISO 17025 certified, or ISO 9001:2015 certified. Ballot fraud countermeasures are required to include all of a list of 19 specified features, including watermarking, secure holographic foil, security inks, invisible ultraviolet microtext, a serialized black QR code, and a paper receipt for the voter. The Legislature is required to appropriate sufficient monies to the State Treasurer to provide counties with the ballot paper prescribed by this legislation. Applies to the regular general election in 2022 and all elections held in 2024 and later. Appropriates an unspecified amount (blank in original) from the general fund in FY2022-23 to the State Treasurer for the purchase of antifraud ballot paper meeting these requirements.	None. County questions whether or not any of this would be possible with current tabulators in place.	Government DP 4-3, Appropriations 6-4, Rules PFC
S1133: schools; cities; all mail prohibited	Sen. Rogers (R)	Senate: Education, Government, Rules	Municipalities and school districts are prohibited from conducting a mail ballot election. Effective January 1, 2023.	Voter Education.	Government DP 4-3,
S1149: countywide elections; vote by mail	Sen. Bowie (D)	Senate: Government, Rules	On approval of the county board of supervisors and if 60 percent or more of the county's registered voters are on the permanent early voting list, a county is authorized to conduct a mail ballot election for all elections administered by that county, including elections for federal and state offices and measures, and elections for county, municipal, school district and special districts. Counties that conduct mail ballot elections are required to report specified information about the election to the Legislature by January 1 of each year following a mail ballot election.	None.	
S1169: email; prohibition; political campaigns	Rep. Gowan (R)	Senate: Government, Rules	Campaign committees are prohibited from sending a campaign email to an email address that ends in .edu or .gov. In an action for damages, a person who violates this prohibition is liable to the email recipient for \$100 per email.	Committees wouldn't be able to send emails to the commission? Candidates would be require to use personal email possibly. Define "campaign email".	Government Held
S1228: driver licenses; authorized presence repeal	Sen. Quezada (D)	Senate: Judicial, Rules	The Department of Transportation is no longer prohibited from issuing or renewing a driver license for a person who does not submit proof that the applicant's presence in the U.S. is authorized under federal law.	Concern whether DL would now be a sufficient form of identification to vote or registering for a full ballot.	
S1259: recounts; requests; procedures; audits	Sen. Mesnard (R)	Senate: Government, Rules	Increase hand count audit from 2% to 5%. Attorney General, Secretary of State, or Leg. Council may request a recount of the election up to 5 days after completion of the canvass. Exempts ballot measures/questions for school districts, community college districts, fire, or other special taxing district. Requires a person be an Arizona resident to file an action for a recount.	None.	Government DP 4-3, Rules PFC, Passed Senate Floor as amended 16-13-1.
S1260: registrations; early voting; move notice	Sen. Mesnard (R)	Senate: Government, Rules	Codifies best practices of removing voter if notified they have been registered in another County. Violations for knowingly forwarding a ballot to a voter who is registered in another state. Amendment: Requires a person who receives an early ballot of a former resident of the address to write "not at this address" on the envelope and place the envelope in a U.S. post box or other mail receptacle, rather than allowing the person to indicate on the outside of the envelope that the former resident has moved and mail the ballot back to the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections listed on the envelope.	None.	Government DP 4-3, Rules PFC, Passed Senate 16-13. Passed House Gov. 7-6,
S1285: elections manual; legislative council	Sen. Ugenti-Rita (R)	Senate: Government, Rules	The official election instructions and procedures manual prepared by the Secretary of State is required to be approved by the Attorney General and the Legislative Council, instead of the Governor and the Attorney General.	None.	Government DP 4-3, Rules PFC Passed, Passed Senate 17-12.
S1329: arizona national rankings, ranked states, early ballots; tabulating	Sen. Boyer (R)	Senate: N/A	Requires, if practicable, the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections (other officer) to post the number of early ballots returned at voting locations on election day on its website and enter the ballots into an early ballot tracking system, if established.	Sen. Boyer (R)	S/E: Passed Senate Floor 17-12-1.

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S1335: election day voting; early voting	Sen. Rogers (R)	Senate: Government, Rules	Qualified electors are only allowed to vote by early ballot if the elector is physically unable to go to the polls due to illness, hospitalization, or other confinement, or the elector is an absent uniformed services voter or overseas voter or the spouse or household member of the absent uniformed services voter or overseas voter. County boards of supervisors and any officer in charge of elections are prohibited from authorizing, establishing or using a voting center at which a voter who is a registered voter and resident anywhere in that county is allowed to receive the appropriate ballot for that specific voter. County recorders are no longer authorized to establish on-site early voting locations.	Voter education in relation to administration of Election.	
S1338: paper ballots; hand count; precincts	Sen. Rogers (R)	Senate: Government, Rules	County boards of supervisors and any officer in charge of elections are prohibited from authorizing, establishing or using a voting center at which a voter who is a registered voter and resident anywhere in that county is allowed to receive the appropriate ballot for that specific voter. County boards of supervisors and any officer in charge of elections are prohibited from allowing the use of electronic or other tabulating equipment and all counting is required to be done by hand. Ballots must be organized and remain segregated by precinct, both before and after counting. Electronic voting and electronic or other tabulating devices may only be used to comply with statute requiring voting systems for persons who are blind or visually impaired. For all other uses, for state, county, and municipal elections, only paper ballots may be used.	Voter Education.	Government DP 4-3, Rules PFC
S1343: early ballots; provisionals; precinct tallies	Sen. Rogers (R)	Senate: Government, Rules	All early ballots, provisional ballots and conditional provisional ballots are required to be separated by precinct and category of ballot, tabulated by precinct and category of ballot and included as separate line items by category of ballot in the vote totals for the voter's precinct, without regard to whether the ballot was voted or received at an early voting center, election day voting center, emergency voting center, polling place or office of the county recorder. After tabulation, early ballots, provisional ballots and conditional provisional ballots must remain separated by category of ballot and precinct.	Voter education in relation to administration of Election.	Government DP 4-3, Rules PFC
S1348: elections; hand count; tabulators prohibited	Sen. Rogers (R)	Senate: Government, Rules	For all state, county, and municipal elections, all ballots are required to be tabulated by hand. County boards of supervisors or other officers in charge of elections are prohibited from allowing the use of electronic or other tabulating equipment. Ballots must be organized and remain segregated by precinct, both before and after counting. Effective January 1, 2023.	Voter education in relation to administration of Election.	
S1351: early voting list; renewal	Sen. Rogers (R)	Senate: Government, Rules	An early voter is eligible to receive an early ballot for a two-year period, after which the voter is required to renew the voter's request to receive an early ballot or the voter will be removed from the early voting list.	Voter education regarding mail-in ballots.	
S1355: campaign finance report; due date	Sen. Livingston (R)	Senate: Government, Rules	The due date for campaign finance reports covering a calendar quarter without an election is moved to the 3rd Monday in the month after the calendar quarter, instead of the 15th day after the calendar quarter.	Campaign finance due date change.	Government 7-0, Rules PFC, Senate 29-0-1.
S1357: election equipment; certification; results	Sen. Townsend (R)	Senate: Government, Rules	Any machine or device used at any election for federal, state, or county offices that is certified by a laboratory that was not accredited at the time of the certification is deemed unapproved for use in Arizona and not officially certified. Any election conducted with that machine or device while it is not officially certified is nullified, and the vote tallies from that machine must be removed from the official canvass of the election. Amendment prevents preloading ballots (problematic for L&A). DPS shall provide independent compliance officers to any election equipment.	None.	Government DP 4-3, Rules PFC
S1358: hand counts; precincts; procedures manual	Sen. Townsend (R)	Senate: Government, Rules	For a county that uses voting centers, the ballots from each voting center are required to be separated by precinct before the random selection of precincts for a hand count occurs and every ballot from a precinct must be grouped with the other ballots from that precinct.	None.	Government DP 4-3, Rules PFC, Fail Senate 13-16.

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S1359: election workers; unique passwords	Sen. Townsend (R)	Senate: Government, Rules	For any election system or activity that requires an employee, contractor or volunteer to log in to the system, each employee, contractor or volunteer is required to have a unique password that cannot be disclosed to any other person. Each employee, contractor or volunteer is required to establish a new unique password every two weeks. Violations are a class 2 (mid-level) misdemeanor.	None.	Government DP 4-3, Rules PFC, Fail Senate 14-15.
S1360: election observers; access	Sen. Townsend (R)	Senate: Government, Rules	Election observers are required to be allowed uniform access to all stages of the election process, beginning with ballot design through tabulation of the final vote. Election observers must be allowed to document observations and ask questions of election officers and must receive timely responses. Election observers must be allowed to be in proximity to the process closely enough to observe whether the process is being conducted correctly. Election observers may only be ejected for significant concerns on the approval of the inspector and the marshal. Amendment: Stipulates rules regarding to election observers.	None.	Government DP 4-3, Rules PFC, Passed Senate 15-14.
S1362:early ballot on-site tabulation	Sen. Mesnard (R)	Senate: Appropriations, Government, Rules	A qualified voter who appears at a voting center or designated polling place with his/her voted early ballot is required to present identification as required by law. If the voter does not present identification, the voter is required to either deposit the voted early ballot in an official drop box or surrender the early ballot to the election board and vote a provisional ballot. If the voter presents sufficient identification and the affidavit is complete, the voter may sign the signature roster and proceed to the tabulating equipment to insert the ballot into a tabulating machine. Appropriates an unspecified amount (blank in original) from the general fund in each of FY2022-23 and FY2023-24 to the newly established Early Ballot On-Site Tabulation Fund for the costs of on-site tabulation as required by this legislation. Amendment: Allows rather than requires a County Recorder to provide on-site early tabulators of early ballots, removes on-site tabulation fund.	Voter Education.	DP Senate Gov. 4-3, DP Senate Approp. 7-2-1, Rules PFC, Passed Senate 16-13.
S1380: voter registration rolls; maintenance	Sen. Rogers (R)	Senate: Government, Rules	The county recorder is required to use change of address information supplied by the postal service to identify registered voters whose address may have changed on a monthly basis instead of at least once every election cycle. If a notice of change in registration status sent by the recorder is not returned, the registrant must be required to provide confirmation of the registrant's address in order to vote.	None.	Government DP 4-3, Rules PFC, Passed Senate 15-13.
S1404:eligibility; early voting; list	Sen. Gowan (R)	Senate: Government, Rules	Repeals the active early voting list. Qualified electors are only allowed to vote by early ballot if the elector expects to be absent from the precinct at the time of the election, the elector is physically unable to go to the polls, the elector is 65 years of age or older, the elector's residence is more than 15 miles from the polling place, the elector is unable to attend the polls on election day because of the tenets of his/her religion, the elector has a visual impairment, or the elector is an absent uniformed services voter or overseas voter or the spouse or household member of the absent uniformed services voter or overseas voter. County recorders are no longer authorized to establish on-site early voting locations.	Voter Education.	Government DP 4-3, Rules PFC

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S1411: early ballots; tracking system	Sen. Mesnard (R)	Senate: Government, Appropriations, Rules	Effective January 1, 2024, in counties with a population of more than 100,000 persons that use early ballots, the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections is required to provide on the county's website an early ballot tracking system that indicates whether the voter's early ballot has been received and whether the early ballot has been verified and tabulated. Appropriates \$700,000 from the general fund in FY2022-23 to the Secretary of State for establishing a grant program for counties to establish the tracking systems. Amendments: Appropriates \$250,000 from the state General Fund in fiscal year 2023 to the Secretary of State for enhancements to the Arizona voter information database to provide for early ballot tracking, rather than appropriating \$700,000 to the Secretary of State to establish a grant program for counties to establish an early ballot tracking system. Requires a county recorder or other officer in charge of elections in all counties, rather than only counties with a population of more than 100,000 persons, to provide an early ballot tracking system.	None.	DP Senate Gov. 5-2, DP Sen. Approp. 10-0, Rules PFC, Passed Senate 27-1.
S1432: voted ballots; custody; in-state	Sen. Mendez (D)	Senate: Government, Rules	The county recorder or other officer in charge of elections, the county board of supervisors, any state elected official and any employee, contractor or vendor of those persons are prohibited from removing from the state any one or more of the ballots cast for an election.	None.	
S1433: voters; false communication; enterprises; enforcement	Sen. Mendez (D)	Senate: Government, Rules	It is a class 5 (second lowest) felony for an enterprise to knowingly communicate to a registered voter by any means false information that is intended to impede the voter in exercising the voter's right to vote. A registered voter to whom false information is communicated is authorized to file a civil action for relief, including an application for a permanent or temporary injunction, restraining order or other order against the person communicating the false information.	None.	
S1453: automatic voter registration; same day	Sen. Quezada (D)	Senate: Government, Rules	A person who is otherwise qualified to register to vote may register during the 28 days immediately preceding an election and is eligible to vote in that election if the person has been a resident of the county and the precinct in which the person resides for at least 29 days immediately preceding the election. A person who is otherwise qualified to register to vote may register on Election Day at the polling place for the precinct in which that person maintains residence. A person who registers to vote under these provisions may vote only with a provisional ballot and does not qualify a person to vote in a partisan primary election. Every person who is applying for a driver license or renewal, including a nonoperating identification license or renewal, or who is making changes to drive license information and who is otherwise qualified to register to vote must be registered to vote automatically on completion of the license application unless the applicant clearly expresses a decision not to register. A person who is not qualified to register to vote and who unknowingly registers under this provision is not guilty of false registration or false swearing. Effective January 1, 2023.	Voter Education.	
S1454: polling places; drop boxes; campuses	Sen. Quezada (D)	Senate: Government, Rules	The board of supervisors of each county is required to designate at least one polling place or voting center on the main campus of each state university in that county and is required to provide for at least one early ballot dropbox at each state university satellite location and each community college campus and community college satellite location in that county.	None.	

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S1455: early voting locations	Sen. Quezada (D)	Senate: Government, Rules	A county recorder or other officer in charge of elections is permitted to make changes to the approved early voting locations and must notify the public and the board of supervisors regarding the changes as soon as is practicable. A county recorder or other officer in charge of elections who establishes early voting locations may continue to operate those early voting locations during the three-day period immediately preceding election day, except that on-site early voting is required to end as needed to ensure that precinct registers and other election materials are revised for use on election day to indicate which voters have requested an early ballot, which voters have already voted and which voters are on the inactive voter list.	None.	
S1456: presidential preference caucuses; independent voters	Sen. Quezada (D)	Senate: Government, Rules	Presidential preference elections are repealed and replaced with presidential preference caucuses, which must be held on the Tuesday immediately following March 15 of each year in which the President of the United States is elected to give qualified voters the opportunity to express their preference for the presidential candidate of the political party of their choosing. Presidential preference caucuses are required to allow participation by persons who are registered independent or no party preference. The operation of the caucuses and the selection of delegates to the political party national conventions shall be as provided in the bylaws of each state party.	Voter Education in relation to Independents being allowed to participate in the new Presidential Preference Caucus.	
S1457: voting machines; hardware; software; access	Sen. Borrelli (R)	Senate: Government, Rules	The Secretary of State is required to ensure that vote recording and vote tabulating machines and devices approved for use in Arizona meet a list of specified requirements, including having all operating systems and software configured to the appropriate level of security, not having hardware installed that supports internet connectivity, supporting tracking of users based on unique credentials, and logging any deletions of ballot images, windows event logs and results files. Amendment, tamper-proof lock on usb port of tabulation equipment, non-stop video at count center,	None.	Government DP 4-3, Rules PFC, Fail Senate 14-15.
S1460: election law amendments	Sen. Shope (R)	Senate: Government, Rules	Various changes relating to election law. Establishes options for candidate nomination petitions for candidates for election to an office immediately following redistricting, which do not apply to candidates for a federal, statewide or legislative office. Establishes regulations for adjustment of precinct boundaries based on redistricting. If a voter surrenders an early ballot to the precinct inspector and presents the required identification, the voter must be issued a standard ballot. Modifies various deadlines. Allows the notice of election to be posted online and at other locations where a government body regularly posts public notices, if there is not a newspaper of general circulation in the election district. Amendment: Exempts political subdivision indebtedness election from 180 requirement, write-ins file 14th day before election, removes requirement to submit petition paperwork and statement of interest for prior district.		Government DP 7-0, Rules PFC, Passed Senate 17-12.
S1465: voting equipment; requirements; records; origin	Sen. Rogers (R)	Senate: Government, Rules	No later than the August 2024 primary election, the Secretary of State is required to revoke the certification for vote recording, vote aggregation and vote tabulating machines and devices used for elections for federal, state or county offices unless the machines and devices comply with a list of specified requirements, including being manufactured in the United States, meeting certain security standards, not having hardware installed that supports internet connectivity, supporting the usage and tracking of user accounts attributable to a specific individual, and providing a printed record of a voter's choices in a human-discernible format.	None.	Government DP 4-3, Rules PFC, Fail Senate 14-15.
S1474: voting; election day only; holiday	Sen. Townsend (R)	Senate: Government, Rules	The primary election day and the general election day are legal holidays. Voters are authorized to be absent from employment on election day and cannot be held liable for any penalty or have salary or wages deducted due to the absence. Statute authorizing early voting is repealed.	Voter Education.	Government DP 4-3, Rules PFC, Fail Senate 14-15.

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S1475: voter registration; citizenship; falsification; penalties S/E: election complaints; attorney general	Sen. Townsend (R)	Senate: Government, Rules	It is a class 2 (second highest) felony to knowingly and falsely claim U.S. citizenship while registering to vote. It is a class 2 (second highest) felony to register another person to vote and to knowingly and falsely claim that the potential registrant may register as a voter who is eligible to vote only for federal offices when the potential registrant is not a U.S. citizen. S/E: Outlines powers and duties of the Attorney General (AG) related to the enforcement of election laws. Allows the AG to enforce election laws in elections for Members of Congress, U.S. Senators and presidential electors	None.	Government DP 4-3, Rules PFC, Fail Senate 14-15.
S1477: voter registration; felonies; clerk; database	Sen. Townsend (R)	Senate: Government, Rules	Each month the clerk of the superior court is required to transmit to the Secretary of State without charge a record of every felony conviction in that county within the preceding month. The Secretary of State is required to use the record for the sole purpose of canceling the names of convicted felons from the statewide voter registration database and must notify the appropriate county recorder. The county recorder is required to cancel the voter registration of the convicted felon.	None.	Government DP 4-1-2, Rules PFC, Passed Senate 16-13.
S1478: elections; county supervisors; ballot; markers	Sen. Townsend (R)	Senate: Government, Rules	For elections for which the county board of supervisors is responsible, the board of supervisors is prohibited from requiring that a specific marking pen be used on paper ballots and from providing for use on ballots any pen that creates marks that are visible on the reverse side of the paper ballot or that otherwise may damage or cause a ballot to be spoiled.	None.	Government DP 4-3, Rules PFC, Fail Senate 14-15.
S1479: precinct size; voters; vote centers	Sen. Townsend (R)	Senate: Government, Rules	County boards of supervisors are prohibited from establishing an election precinct that contains more than 1,250 registered voters of any political party that is entitled to continued representation on the ballot, or more than a total of 2,000 registered voters on the date the boundaries are established. County boards of supervisors and any officer in charge of elections are prohibited from authorizing, establishing, or using a voting center at which a registered voter and resident anywhere in that county is allowed to receive the appropriate ballot for that specific voter. County boards of supervisors are only authorized to use polling places located in election districts.	Voter Education.	
S1503: registration; voting; jails; confinement	Sen. Quezada (D)	Senate: Government, Rules	Every person who is otherwise eligible to register to vote and who is in the custody of the State Department of Corrections (DOC) or a county jail must be provided the opportunity to register to vote on release from confinement. DOC and county jails are required to provide a state mail in voter registration form to persons who are eligible to register and to transmit completed forms to the appropriate county recorder within five days after receipt. In a county with a population of more than 300,000 persons, the county recorder is required to provide for a voting center at the county jail for persons who are temporarily in custody and awaiting trial, which must provide for any person who is otherwise eligible to vote in that county to receive the appropriate ballot for that person's residence. A county recorder is required to provide a request for an early ballot to each qualified elector who is in the custody of the county jail or DOC in that county and who is otherwise eligible to vote. After the county recorder receives a completed request for an early ballot, the county recorder is required to provide an early ballot to the qualified elector.	None.	
S1504: voting rights; felonies; automatic restoration.	Sen. Quezada (D)	Senate: Government, Rules	A person's right to vote is automatically restored on the person's discharge of probation or absolute discharge from imprisonment.	Voter Education.	

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S1543: election and ethics; commission; duties	Sen. Quezada (D)	Senate: Government, Rules	Establishes the Arizona Election and Ethics Commission consisting of six members who are appointed by the Governor and other specified elected officials and who meet specified requirements. Beginning in 2023, the Commission succeeds to the duties of the Secretary of State with respect to acting as the investigatory, compliance and enforcement officer for political committees supporting or opposing candidates for state offices and members of the Legislature and statewide initiative or referendum measures appearing on a state general election ballot. Powers and duties of the Commission are established, including receiving any ethics complaint filed against candidates or elected officials of state government. The Commission terminates on July 1, 2032.		
S1570: election equipment; security; results; tabulation	Sen. Townsend (R)	Senate: Government, Rules	Any voting equipment used in a polling place or voting center and any tabulation equipment used in a central counting center or other tabulation center are prohibited from having internet access and must prohibit access by any means to any data or results until use by authorized election personnel only. Any accessible ports must be locked with a tamper-proof seal and logged in the chain of custody document when broken or accessed. Violations are a class 2 (mid-level) misdemeanor.	None.	Government DP 4-3, Rules PFC, Fail Senate 14-15.
S1571: ballot drop boxes; surveillance; appropriation	Sen. Townsend (R)	Senate: Government, Appropriations, Rules	Establishes requirements for any ballot drop box used in Arizona to receive voted early ballots, including logging the receipt of each ballot, generating a paper receipt, and including a functioning camera or video recorder that photographs or video records each person who deposits one or more early ballots. Voted early ballots are prohibited from being mailed to the county recorder and may only be returned by hand delivery. Makes a supplemental appropriation of an unspecified amount (blank in original) from the general fund in FY2021-22 to the Secretary of State to procure, install, operate, and maintain 24-hour per day photo and video surveillance for each ballot drop box in Arizona.	Voter Education in relation to returning ballots.	Government DP 4-3, DP Approp. 6-4,
S1572: voting list; images; cast votes	Sen. Townsend (R)	Senate: Government, Rules	Ten days before the primary and general election, the county recorder is required to publish a list of all voters who are eligible to vote in the election, including persons who are on the inactive voter list, and post this information on the county recorder's website with personally identifying information redacted. Five days before the county canvass, the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections is required to publish and post in digital format on the county's website all ballot images, and the cast vote record in a sortable format. Early and provisional ballot tabulators are required to imprint a unique identification number on each early ballot tabulated so as to allow the ballot image to be linked to the physical ballot. Ballots are required to be separated, tabulated, and stored by precinct.	None.	Government DP 4-3, Rules PFC, Fail Senate 14-15.
S1573: hand count; political parties; employees	Sen. Townsend (R)	Senate: Government, Rules	The number of precincts in each county that must be randomly selected for a hand count after each election is changed to 5 percent of the precincts in the county or five precincts, whichever is greater, from two percent or two precincts. If one or more of the political parties do not provide members to select the precincts for a hand count, the county recorder is required to select a county employee who is a member of the designated political party to participate in selecting the precincts. Prohibits the canvass of the election from being completed unless the hand count is conducted and the results are conspicuously posted on the county recorder's website.	None.	Government DP 4-3, Rules PFC

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S1574: voting irregularities; report; legislative review	Sen. Townsend (R)	Senate: Government, Rules	The county recorder or other officer in charge of elections is required to maintain a record of all voting irregularities that occur during early voting, emergency voting and election day voting. Information that must be described in the record is listed. Within 30 days after election day, the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections is required to provide the record to the Legislature. Records on the chain of custody for all election equipment and ballots during early voting through the completion of provisional voting tabulation are public records and are subject to legislative subpoena. Violating any of these requirements is a class 2 (mid-level) misdemeanor.	None.	Government DP 4-3, Rules PFC
S1575: legislative subpoenas; disobedience	Sen. Townsend (R)	Senate: Judiciary, Rules	A witness who neglects or refuses to obey a legislative subpoena, or who, on appearing, neglects or refuses to testify us guilty of a class 2 (mid-level) misdemeanor.	Would require individuals to be subject to a legislative subpoena.	Judicial 5-2-1, Rules PFC,
S1576: tabulating equipment; fractional votes; manual	Sen. Townsend (R)	Senate: Government, Rules	Ballot tabulating equipment that is capable of registering fractional votes or that is susceptible to manipulation by an algorithm that would allow the equipment to register fractional votes is prohibited from being used for an election in Arizona. County recorders or other officers in charge of elections are required to post conspicuously on the county's website the operating manual for any tabulating equipment used by the county. If the posted manual does not accurately describe all of the capabilities of the equipment, the county is prohibited from entering into a contract with the tabulating equipment provider, or if a contract has already been executed, the contract with the tabulating equipment provider is canceled.	None.	Government DP 4-3, Rules PFC,
S1577: elections; adjudicated ballots; categories	Sen. Townsend (R)	Senate: Government, Rules	For any ballots that are required to be duplicated and adjudicated, whether electronically or manually, the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections is required to separate the ballots by type of defect or damage and type of ballot, maintain that separation and post on the county's website the number, type and category of defective or damaged ballots processed by the county. Violations are a class 2 (mid-level) misdemeanor. Amendment: Requires a county recorder or other officer in charge of elections to knowingly violate requirements relating to duplicated and adjudicated ballot reporting in order to be guilty of a class 2 misdemeanor.	None.	Government DP 4-3, Rules PFC, Passed Senate 15-14.
S1603: elections; auditor general	Sen. Townsend (R)	Senate: Government, Rules	On request of the House of Representatives or the Senate or at the Auditor General's discretion, the Auditor General is required to conduct one or more audits of county elections for state and federal offices. The audits may include reviews of voter rolls, election systems, voting equipment and ballot tabulation equipment and may review compliance with state law and the instructions and procedures manual.	None.	
S1608: precinct tabulation; verification; elections	Sen. Townsend (R)	Senate: Government, Rules	For a county with a population of more than 500,000 persons (Maricopa and Pima), all ballots are required to be tabulated at the polling place and verified by two persons who are not members of the same political party. At the central counting center, the ballots from that polling place must be tabulated again and verified by two different persons who are not members of the same political party. If the tallies do not match, the ballots must be counted again by hand to obtain a final total. The hand count is required to be verified by two different persons who are not members of the same political party.	None.	

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S1609: election contests; invalidated election; sanctions	Sen. Townsend (R)	Senate: Government, Rules	If the court determines that the initial person declared elected or declared the nominee at a primary election or that the contested measure, constitutional amendment or other question or proposal that was declared carried did not in fact receive the highest number of votes or a sufficient number of votes to prevail, the court is required to order that portion of the election to be repeated. The new election is required to be conducted within 90 days after the court's order and to conform as nearly as practicable to the laws that otherwise would apply to an election. Any person determined by the court to be responsible for misconduct, fraud or illegal votes is liable for the costs of the court-ordered second election and is guilty of a class 2 (mid-level) misdemeanor. Amendments: Applies requirements related to a court-ordered second election as the result of an election contest to only candidates and ballot measures at a general election. Requires a person to be determined criminally responsible of misconduct, fraud or illegal votes to be liable for the costs of a court-ordered second election. Removes the class 2 misdemeanor classification for a person determined by a court to be responsible for misconduct, fraud or illegal votes and liable for the costs of a court-ordered second election.	None.	Government DP 4-3, Rules PFC, Passed Senate 15-14.
S1612: election equipment; prohibited providers	Sen. Rogers (R)	Senate: Government, Rules	For any election in Arizona, election equipment, software, or systems are prohibited from being from Dominion Voting Systems, Election Systems & Software and Hart Intercivic. For any election in Arizona, election equipment, software, or systems are prohibited from containing any hardware component that is manufactured or assembled outside of the U.S., containing any line of code for any software that is written by a person who is not a U.S. citizen, and containing any line of code that has ever been reviewed by any person or entity from a foreign country.	None.	
S1613: state elections; contest; technical correction	Sen. Rogers (R)	Senate: Rules	Minor change in Title 16 (Elections) related to the conduct of elections. Apparent striker bus.	None.	
S1629: registration; verification; images; audits; boxes	Sen. Borrelli (R)	Senate: Government, Rules	Makes numerous changes related to elections and voting. The Secretary of State is required to establish and administer training for signature verification on early ballots. Establishes a list of requirements for ballot drop boxes, including continuous monitoring and chain of custody documentation. For any election for which there is a federal race on the ballot, the officer in charge of elections is required, within 48 hours after delivery of the official canvass, to make available to the public a central database with an online digital copy of the ballot images, which must be searchable by precinct and meet other specified requirements. The Auditor General is required to establish an audit team to perform election integrity audits of county recorders' offices and county elections departments. Audit requirements are specified. Appropriates an unspecified amount (blank in original) from the general fund in FY2022-23 to the Secretary of State to create and maintain a ballot image portal.	Voter Education in administration of elections.	Government DP 4-3, Rules PFC, Fail Senate 13-15.
S1638: early ballots; visually impaired voters	Sen. Pace (R)	Senate: Government, Rules	Early voting is required to include voting by the use of a remote accessible vote by mail system for persons with a visual impairment.	Voter Education in regards to voting.	Government 5-2, Rules PFC, Passed Senate 28-0.
S1642: election management systems; security	Sen. Fann (R)	Senate: Government, Rules	By the 2022 primary election, county recorders or other officers in charge of elections are required to have a dedicated special purpose election management system gateway computer (EMS gateway computer) that may be used only when necessary to download data from an internet-connected system onto a removable electronic storage device for uploading to the EMS gateway computer or to download data from the EMS gateway computer to a removable electronic storage device for uploading to an internet-connected system. No other computer may be used for these purposes and the EMS gateway computer is prohibited from being used for any other purpose. Establishes a list of security protocols that apply to the EMS gateway computer.	None.	Government DP 4-3, Rules PFC, Fail Senate 14-14.

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S1681: restoration; voting rights; website notification	Sen. Gonzales (D)	Senate: Judiciary, Rules	For a person who has been convicted of two or more felonies, the person's right to vote is automatically restored on completion of probation or absolute discharge from imprisonment. The Secretary of State is required to establish and maintain on the Secretary of State's website a hyperlink to a website with information regarding voting rights for a person who has a criminal history and the automatic restoration of the right to vote on completion of probation or absolute discharge from imprisonment. In each county with a chief adult probation officer, that officer is required to establish and maintain on the probation department's website a hyperlink to the Secretary of State's website regarding voting rights for a person who has a criminal history, and to conspicuously post in each probation office where probationers are seen a sign that contains the probation department's website address.	Voter Education.	
SCR1005: federal ballot voters; identification	Sen. Townsend (R)	Senate: Government, Rules	The 2022 general election ballot is to carry the question of whether to amend state statute to require federal-only voters to provide proof of citizenship by presenting one of a list of specified forms of identification in order to receive a ballot.	Update to Voter Registration education.	Government DP 4-2-1,
SCR1012: Voter Identification SCR1012 for HCR2025	Sen. Mesnard (R)	Senate: Government, Rules	Subject to voter approval, statutorily requires an early voter to provide the voter's date of birth and a copy of prescribed early voter identification when returning an early ballot. Removes the authorization for a person to provide two different forms of identification without a photograph in order to receive a ballot at a polling place. Prohibits the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) from charging a fee when issuing a nonoperating identification license to a person who attests that the license was applied for in order to comply with voter registration or voting requirements. The 2022 general election ballot is to carry the question of whether to amend state statute to modify the type of identification that a voter may present in order to receive a ballot to require one valid and unexpired form of identification that includes a photograph, and to require a second form of identification if the photo identification does not have an address or the address does not match the address in the precinct register. The Department of Transportation is prohibited from charging a fee for issuing a nonoperating identification license if a person attests on the application that the person has applied for the license in order to comply with any legal requirements related to registering to vote or voting. Early ballot affidavits must require the voter to provide the voter's "early voter identification" (defined as the voter's Arizona driver license or nonoperating identification number, the last four digits of the voter's social security number, or the unique identifying number in the statewide electronic voter registration database as assigned by the Secretary of State) number and the voter's date of birth and signature. Any qualified Arizona voter has standing to file a special action to require any official to enforce the requirements of this legislation if the official has a legal duty to do so, and to file a declaratory judgment action to determine the proper construction of this legislation. Applies to elections beginning no later than the 2024 primary election. Severability clause.	Voter Education.	Government DP 4-3, Rules PFC, Pass Senate 16-12. Passed House 31-26. Transmitted to Secretary of State 3/01/2022.
SCR1025: initiative; referendum; legislative districts; signatures	Sen. Leach (R)	Senate: Government, Rules	The 2022 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 in order to propose a statewide measure and to obtain signatures from 15 percent of the voters from each legislative district in order to propose an amendment to the state Constitution.	None.	DP Senate Gov. 5-2, Rules PFC

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SCR1027: corporation commissioners; appointment; election; terms	Sen. Mesnard (R)	Senate: Natural Water And Resources, Rules	The 2022 general election ballot is to carry the question of whether to amend the state Constitution to eliminate elections for four of the five members of the Corporation Commission and require those four Commissioners to be appointed by the Governor to eight year terms, with the consent of the Senate. Also provides for implementation and the expiration of the terms of the current Commissioners.	None.	
SCR1032: plenary legislative authority; elections	Sen. Townsend (R)	Senate: Government, Rules	The members of the Legislature reaffirm the Legislature's plenary power with respect to elections and oppose any attempt by the federal government to usurp or otherwise interfere with the state legislative sovereign authority over the management, control and administration of elections.		Government DP 3-2-2, Rules PFC, Passed Senate 16-12.
SCR1037: conduct of elections; voters' rights	Sen. Quezada (D)	Senate: Government, Rules	The 2022 general election ballot is to carry the question of whether to amend state statute to enact a voters' bill of rights, declaring that Arizona voters have a right to register to vote without facing unnecessary barriers, participate in fair elections in which elected officials are not choosing their own voters, vote by mail or in person and know that their votes will count, have equal access to the ballot no matter where in Arizona they live, what language they speak or what physical abilities they possess, propose and enact laws when elected officials fail to act, and know that when they elect someone, the elected official will work for the voters, not donors or lobbyists.		
SCR1046: voter identification; Arizona card	Sen. Borrelli (R)	Senate: Government, Rules	The 2022 general election ballot is to carry the question of whether to amend state statute to delete the option for a voter to present, in order to receive a ballot and in lieu of government-issued photo identification, two different items that contain the name and address of the voter that reasonably appear to be the same as the name and address in the precinct register, including a utility bill, a bank or credit union statement, a valid Arizona vehicle registration, an Arizona vehicle insurance card, an Indian census card, tribal enrollment card or other form of tribal identification, a property tax statement, a recorder's certificate, a voter registration card, a valid government-issued identification, or any mailing that is labeled as "official election material." Expands the list of acceptable voter identification to include a U.S. passport, U.S. military identification card, employee identification card for a government employee, student or employee identification card for a postsecondary school, and an Arizona voter photo identification card. The Secretary of State is required to issue an Arizona voter identification card to registered voters who meet specified requirements. An Arizona voter identification card is valid only as identification for voting purposes.		
SCR1048: article V convention; term limits	Sen. Mesnard (R)	Senate: Government, Rules	Pursuant to Article V of the U.S. Constitution, the Arizona State Legislature formally applies to the U.S. Congress to call a convention for the purpose of proposing an amendment to the U.S. Constitution to limit the number of terms that a person may be elected as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives and as a member of the U.S. Senate. The Secretary of State is directed to transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Secretary of the U.S. Senate, the Speaker, Clerk and Judiciary Committee Chairman of the U.S. House, each member of Congress from Arizona, and the presiding officers of each house of the several state legislatures, requesting their cooperation.		Government DP 4-3, Rules PFC, Fail Senate 13-15.