



**ARIZONA MUNICIPAL CLERKS' ASSOCIATION
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA**

DATE: 05/09/2024

TIME: 1:00 PM

LOCATION: TEAMS

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Committee Members: Denise Archibald (Chair), Summer Stewart (CoChair), Amy Beyleryan, Lynda Bushong, Liz Camacho, Maria Ceaglske, Karen Doncovio, Fatima Fernandez, Kyana Hayes, Ben Lane, Tami Mayes, Suzanne Mesich, Ian Newcomb, and Carla Reece (Board Liaison).

(Minute Taker: Kyana Hayes)

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

C. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- I. December 7, 2023
- II. January 4, 2024
- III. March 3, 2024

D. NEW BUSINESS

- i. Review of current legislative bills.
- ii. Discussion on chaptered bills implementation.

E. GOOD OF THE ORDER/COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS /TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING

F. NEXT MEETING: June 6, 2024

G. ADJOURNMENT



ARIZONA MUNICIPAL CLERKS' ASSOCIATION LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

DATE: 12/7/23
TIME: 1:00 PM
LOCATION: TEAMS

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MEETING MINUTES

Committee Members: Denise Archibald (Chair), Summer Stewart (CoChair), Amy Beyleryan, Lynda Bushong, Liz Camacho, Karen Doncovio, Fatima Fernandez, Kyana Hayes, Ben Lane, Tami Mayes, Suzanne Mesich, Ian Newcomb, and Carla Reece (Board Liaison).

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Denise Archibald at 1:01 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

The following Legislative Committee members attended via Microsoft Teams: Denise Archibald (Chair), Amy Beyleryan, Liz Camacho, Karen Doncovio, Fatima Fernandez, Kyana Hayes, Ben Lane, Tami Mayes, Suzanne Mesich, Ian Newcomb, Jennifer Pena (Board Liaison for Carla Reece)

Absent: Summer Stewart (CoChair), Lynda Bushong, and Carla Reece (Board Liaison).

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Welcome & Introductions

Chair Denise Archibald welcomed all of the committee members. Each committee member introduced themselves.

2. Committee Resources

i. Committee Sharepoint Site

- a. Agendas
- b. Minutes – Sign-up Schedule (3 dates still available)
- c. Recordings
- d. Contact Info
- e. Weekly Legislative Committee Update – Sign-up Schedule (TBD)
- f. Annual Report (FY End)
- g. Communications
- h. Prior year's information
- i. General – AMCA Constitution, AMCA Handbook, Committee Purpose, Strategic Plan

ii. League Information

- a. Legislative Bulletin (<http://www.azleague.org/index.aspx?nid=97>)

b. New Laws & Implementation Guidelines
(<http://www.azleague.org/index.aspx?nid=100>)

Chair Denise Archibald went over the SharePoint site for the AMCA Legislative Committee including templates for meeting minutes and the weekly bills summary and related sign-up sheets. She also discussed the Committee's prior year accomplishments including requesting the League start recording the weekly Monday meetings.

3. FY 22-23 Minutes

Denise discussed that there may be minutes from last year to approve.

4. Goals for FY23-24

Chair Denise Archibald requested feedback on objectives and goals for the committee for this year.

Ben Lane stated he thought succession planning was a good goal.

Tami Mayes mentioned that tracking items closely, especially election items would be helpful.

Chair Archibald mentioned the need to designate a member of the committee to the GARE Committee.

Ben Lane mentioned that the GARE Committee is still in existence and that he presented for the committee the past summer. Ben went over what the Committee does.

Chair Archibald discussed the possibility of doing a survey with the membership similar to the survey done last year and that this could be evaluated more in the next several months.

Committee members discussed items they had heard were going to be discussed at the legislature including the election calendar issue and automatic recounts, and how they track bills internally in their cities.

Suzanne Mesich discussed Tucson's case related to automatic recount for PROP 413.

Karen Doncovio asked what other Committee members do related to publishing information related to write in candidates in the publicity pamphlet. Denise Archibald and Suzanne Mesich shared that they do not publish write in candidate information in the publicity pamphlet. Ben Lane shared that in Scottsdale they do not put any information in the publicity pamphlet, but they do provide the names to the County.

D. GOOD OF THE ORDER/COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS/TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING

E. NEXT MEETING: January 4, 2024

F. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Denise Archibald adjourned the meeting at 1:54 p.m.

Minute Taker: Denise Archibald, City Clerk, Phoenix



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LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA**

DATE: Jan. 4, 2024

TIME: 1:00 PM

LOCATION: TEAMS

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MEETING MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Denise Archibald at 1:02 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

The following Legislative Committee members attended via Microsoft Teams: Denis Archibald (Chair), Summer Stewart (Co-Chair), Liz Camacho, Karen Doncovio, Kyana Hayes, Tami Mayes, Suzanne Mesich, Ian Newcomb, and Carla Reese (Board Liaison).

Absent: Amy Beyleryan, Lynda Bushong, Fatima Fernandez, and Ben Lane

C. NEW BUSINESS

- i. New Legislative Session Kicking Off Jan. 8, 2024

Denise Archibald asked if anyone has been getting bills in to review.

Suzanne Mesich replied that Tucson typically has bill updates provided to them by the Arizona League of Cities and Towns (League). No other members remarked on pending bills to review.

Ms. Archibald noted that HB 2080 had been pre-filed on December 21, 2023 and that it affects Council vacancies in non-charter cities and towns.

Tami Mayes stated that Cottonwood is not a charter city but already follows the process laid out in HB 2080.

Kyana Hayes noted that Peoria is a charter city and follows the process laid out in HB 2080.

- ii. Monitoring – Potential Concurrent Special Session related to possibly moving up the Primary Election date

Summer Stewart stated that Buckeye have not heard any updates since the discussion of a possible special session.

- iii. Last Sessions Bills

- i. [SB1270](#) – Open Meeting – Capacity

Ms. Archibald stated that Phoenix had to develop language to place on their meeting notice to satisfy the requirements of this bill and asked if other cities & towns have had to do the same.

Ms. Mesich and Ms. Stewart stated that Tucson and Buckeye respectively have had to adjust their notice language.

ii. [SB 2223](#) – Liquor – New Microbrewery Festival License

Ms. Archibald stated that Phoenix is currently adjusting their forms for application of the new license. She asked if any municipalities have worked on implementation of this new license.

Ms. Mayes and Ian Newcomb stated that Cottonwood and Florence respectively have not implemented the change yet.

iv. Goals

i. Attend Weekly League Meeting & Send out Weekly Summary to the membership

Ms. Archibald stated that a sign-up list for attendance of the weekly League meetings in a similar manner to the minutes sign-up.

ii. Designate a person to attend the League's General Administration, Human Resources and Elections (GAHRE) Committee

Ms. Stewart volunteered to attend the GAHRE Committee meetings on behalf of the Legislative Committee.

iii. Develop and Maintain a Legislative Committee Succession Plan

Ms. Archibald stated that part of the plan includes the documentation contained within the SharePoint, but a bona-fide succession plan has not been written out.

Ms. Stewart stated that some committees have highly-detailed plans and suggested that a 1-2 page plan would be sufficient.

Ms. Archibald inquired about how the Chair passes the leadership on in succession planning.

Carla Reece stated that the chair will pass leadership after 2-3 years OR upon retirement.

Ms. Stewart stated that the Education Committee is planning on having Chair and Co-Chair trainings so that members Chairs and Co-Chairs have more education on what they are expected to do. She stated that serving as chair on a committee will provide points towards the MMC program.

Ms. Archibald stated a draft will be created and provided to the Committee for comments.

iv. Create and disseminate a survey for the membership regarding topics of interest for the Legislative Committee

Ms. Archibald inquired if another survey of AMCA members would be prudent and what questions should be included in the survey. She said that the last survey was conducted in March of 2023 and provided the survey questions.

Ms. Mayes stated that the 2023 survey questions are good and can be used again.

Ms. Stewart suggested holding off on sending the survey out until February and making the survey an annual occasion.

Karen Doncovio inquired what the survey is trying to determine.

Ms. Archibald stated the survey confirmed that members of the AMCA liked receiving weekly legislative updates and provided general information on the bills that AMCA members would like updates on.

Ms. Stewart stated that the survey showed many AMCA members cannot attend the Monday legislative updates with the League and that the Legislative Committee was able to get the League to record and distribute their weekly Monday meetings regarding the pending legislation.

Ms. Mayes requested that the survey results be shared with members of the Committee.

v. Track/monitor election legislation specifically

Ms. Archibald inquired if the Committee would like to track election legislation and update it separately.

Ms. Mayes agreed this is a good idea and suggested placing a question on the survey regarding this.

Mr. Newcomb suggested keeping the updates together but creating a section specifically for election information.

D. GOOD OF THE ORDER/COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS /TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING

Ms. Archibald inquired about meeting once/month; Committee was in agreement about meeting once/month.

E. NEXT MEETING: February 1, 2024

Ms. Archibald inquired if any members had any items they would like to see at the February meeting.

Ms. Reece shared a statement from the Executive Board thanking those serving on AMCA Committees.

F. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Archibald adjourned the meeting at 1:48 p.m.

Minute Taker:
Ian Newcomb, Deputy Town Clerk
Town of Florence



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DATE: March 7, 2024

TIME: 1:00 PM

LOCATION: TEAMS

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MEETING MINUTES

Committee Members: Denise Archibald (Chair), Summer Stewart (Co-Chair), Amy Beyleryan, Lynda Bushong, Liz Camacho, Karen Doncovio, Fatima Fernandez, Kyana Hayes, Ben Lane, Tami Mayes, Suzanne Mesich, Ian Newcomb, and Carla Reece (Board Liaison).

(Minute Taker: Suzanne Mesich)

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Denise Archibald at 1:01 PM.

B. ROLL CALL

The following Legislative Committee members attended via Teams: Denise Archibald (Chair), Summer Stewart (Co-Chair), Amy Beyleryan, Lynda Bushong (arr. At 1:05 PM), Liz Camacho, Karen Doncovio, Fatima Fernandez, Kyana Hayes, Ben Lane, Tami Mayes, Suzanne Mesich, Ian Newcomb, and Carla Reece (Board Liaison).

Absent: None

C. NEW BUSINESS

- i. Discussion regarding current legislative bills.
 - Discussion of SB1285: trailer bill to HB2785. The bill removes the requirement for Clerk's offices to be open the weekend before and the weekend after the Presidential Preference Election unless there is a current agreement with the county to provide identification verification services.
 - Several legislative bills were discussed from the list of Elections Bills sent by the League of Cities and Towns. Denise Archibald indicated the City of Phoenix/City Clerk's Office opposes HB2787: Voting equipment; inspection; elected officials. It negates security protocols already in place.
 - The League opposes HB2851, HB2876, SB1131, SB1666, SCR1023.
- ii. Discussion regarding weekly League meeting schedule and disbursement of weekly updates.
 - Reminder to committee members to sign up to prepare a summary of the weekly league legislative call. Members have indicated they do like the call summaries sent out by the Legislative Committee.

D. GOOD OF THE ORDER/COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS /TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING

--None.

E. NEXT MEETING: April 4, 2024

F. ADJOURNMENT 1:58 PM

Tracking List: Elections

HB2080 - Elections; municipal vacancies; primary

Sponsor

Rep. Laurin Hendrix (R)

Summary

Provides that if the person holding an office is appointed at the time of the primary, their term of office ends when an elected candidate takes the oath of office and that the candidate that receives a majority of votes at the primary election shall be declared elected to that office upon canvass and certification of results and on taking the oath of office.

Last Action

2024-02-27 S - Transmit to Senate

HB2580 - Election officer certification training; yearly

Sponsor

Rep. Alexander Kolodin (R)

Summary

Requires that an election officer's certificate expires on December 31 in the year after the general election.

Last Action

2024-02-27 S - Senate 2nd Read

HB2719 - Bond elections; date; voter turnout

Sponsor

Rep. Michael Carbone (R)

Summary

Limits elections seeking the approval of indebtedness or the issuance of a bond to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in even numbered years only. Increases, from 15% to 25% of qualified electors required to sign a petition that subsequently mandates the governing body or board of a political subdivision to call an election seeking the approval of indebtedness. Stipulates that a bond is only issued, or indebtedness approved if a majority of qualified electors vote in favor of the question and the voter turnout on that issue is at least 60%. Specifies that a bond election otherwise scheduled for 2025 must not be held earlier than 2026. Exempts charter cities.

Last Action

2024-02-27 S - Hearing Scheduled - 03/04/2024, 2:00 PM - Senate ELEC, SHR 1 03/04/2024 2:00 PM - Senate ELEC, SHR 1

HB2753 - Voter registration rolls; auditor general

Sponsor

Rep. John Gillette (R)

Summary

Requires the Arizona Secretary of State to provide access to the statewide voter registration database to the Arizona Auditor General to determine if it complies with federal law. Requires the Legislature to appropriate sufficient monies for the Arizona Auditor General to conduct this analysis annually. Requires the Arizona Auditor General to report its findings, including listed information, to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Attorney General and Arizona Secretary of State. Requires Arizona Secretary of State to perform an annual audit of the database to ensure accuracy by December 31 with listed information and report to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Attorney General. Requires the Attorney General and the county attorney to investigate and prosecute any person who is ineligible to register to vote and who knowingly registers to vote.

Last Action

2024-02-21 H - Hearing Scheduled - 02/22/2024 - Third Reading, Floor 02/22/2024 - Third Reading, Floor

HB2768 - Elections; public resources; conflict referral

Sponsor

Rep. David Livingston (R)

Summary

Requires the Arizona Attorney General or county attorney, within 30 days after receiving a complaint regarding conflict of interest, to refer the complaint to another county attorney within 30 days after submission of the complaint, and provide complainant with written notice of the referral and an explanation of the basis for the conflict of interest that gave rise to the referral of the complaint. Requires the Arizona Attorney General or county attorney, within 60 days after receiving a complaint alleging that a political party or political action committee received anything of value and made any expenditure to influence the election of the attorney general or county attorney while they were a candidate for public office, to provide complainant with a legal analysis and allow the complainant to request the appointment of a special investigator who does not act at the direction of the Arizona Attorney General or the county attorney to resolve the complaint.

Last Action

2024-02-27 S - Transmit to Senate

Ch. 1, Laws 2024 (HB2785 - Primary; identification; canvass; recounts; ballots)

Sponsor

Rep. Alexander Kolodin (R)

Summary

Removes changing the deadline from October 1 to “July 1” for establishing election precincts and the requirement of adjusting redistricted precincts. Mandates that beginning in 2026, the Arizona Department of Administration (ADA) coordinate with state agencies and counties to provide available and appropriate state-owned facilities to be used as polling places upon request by an appropriate official. Adds candidates input for editing sample ballots. Changes early voting hours from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on the Friday before the election at the Recorder’s office. Details instructions for early ballots delivery, curing of signatures, verifying signatures and recording and marking ballots. Decreases, from ten to five calendar days after a primary, general or special election, and from five to three business days after any other election, the time to research and verify provisional ballots. Specifies procedures for processing, tabulating and recording ballots. Specifies automatic recount provisions after county canvass results are tallied. Requires the Secretary of State to conduct logic and accuracy testing on recount machines and defines that process. Designates July 30, 2024, as the 2024 primary election date. Sets the signature cure period for the 2024, 2025, and 2026 elections. Contains an emergency clause. (More) AS PASSED HOUSE.

Last Action

2024-02-09 G - Signed

HB2787 - Voting equipment; inspection; elected officials**Sponsor**

Rep. Rachel Jones (R)

Summary

Allows any elected official to inspect voting equipment while accompanied by an expert of the elected official's choice. Requires the inspection to include access to all source code and other proprietary material related to the voting equipment if requested. Allows the elected official to conduct the inspection at any time but prohibits disruption of the voting process on election day. Requires the elected official and accompanying expert to keep all information received confidential unless the elected official or the accompanying expert has a good faith belief that the voting equipment is malfunctioning or being exploited in any manner that violates any election law. ^[1]_[SEP]

Last Action

2024-03-01 H - Hearing Scheduled - 03/04/2024 - Third Reading, Floor 03/04/2024 - Third Reading, Floor

HB2851 - Elections; ballot chain of custody**Sponsor**

Rep. Justin Heap (R)

Summary

Requires the Board of Supervisors to provide a chain of custody record for ballot printing location; ballot transportation; storage and delivery of ballots to the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections; and any voting location. Asserts that the chain of custody record must include the time and signature for each point of contact and other specified information. Specifies that unvoted ballots delivered to a voting location where there is no election board worker requires the person delivering the ballots to note that the ballots were delivered and secured without a designated recipient. Adds that a ballot box, before receiving ballots, must be locked with a tamper evident seal. Specifies that the tamper evident seal must be checked by two board members in case of an emergency transfer. Details that at the close of the polls and if a ballot box has been transferred or opened, a report must be made including the date, time and name of any election officer witnessing the transfer or opening of a ballot box. Requires the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections to prepare a chain of custody record, with specified information, for the transportation and delivery of voted ballots. States that all damaged and defective ballots replaced with a duplicate ballot must be included in a chain of custody record that includes specified information. Requires the county recorder or election officer in charge to provide a live video, with full visibility of the ballots, at various stages of the ballot's cycle. Instructs the county recorder or election officer in charge to maintain a specified record of all voting irregularities that occur during specified elections. Specifies that the voting irregularities record must be sent to the President of the Senate, Speaker of the House and the Secretary of State.

Last Action

2024-02-27 S - Hearing Scheduled - 03/04/2024, 2:00 PM - Senate ELEC, SHR 1 03/04/2024 2:00 PM - Senate ELEC, SHR 1

HB2852 - Voter registrations; organizations; prohibition

Sponsor

Rep. Justin Heap (R)

Summary

Prohibits this state and any of its political subdivisions from being a member of any multistate voter registration or voter registration list maintenance organization that requires Arizona to provide certain confidential voter registration information, such as social security numbers and driver license numbers; and from joining or entering into an agreement with any organization that imposes a duty on this state, such as mailing voter registration forms to voters that are not registered to vote. Prohibits a political subdivision of Arizona from joining an organization or entering an agreement with any organization that imposes a duty on the political subdivision, unless otherwise expressly required by Arizona law.

Last Action

2024-02-27 S - Hearing Scheduled - 03/04/2024, 2:00 PM - Senate ELEC, SHR 1 03/04/2024 2:00 PM - Senate ELEC, SHR 1

HB2876 - Elections; mailing; curing; canvassing; precincts

Sponsor

Rep. Michael Carbone (R)

Summary

Eliminates the use of voting centers, early voting locations or similar methods of voting. Requires that all voting occur through individual precinct voting locations with preprinted ballots. Limits those who may vote an early ballot to qualified electors who are students temporarily absent from the state for the purpose of attending school; required to temporarily reside outside of the state; required to travel on election day; elderly or disabled persons; and eligible electors under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act. Extends the beginning of the early ballot distribution period from no more than 27 days to no more than 34 days prior to the election and if an early ballot is requested 38 days or more prior to an election, the early ballot must not be distributed earlier than 34 days prior to the election. Reduces the signature curing period from no later than the fifth business days after a primary, general or special election with a federal office or the third business days after any other election to the second business day following any election. Revises the period elections must be canvassed from between 6 and 20 days to between 6 and 12 days following an election. Instructs the Secretary of State to canvass all state offices 14 calendar days following a general election as opposed to the fourth Monday following a general election. Requires the legislative council staff to prepare proposed legislation conforming to the provisions of this Act for consideration in the 57th legislature, first regular session.

Last Action

2024-02-29 S - Transmit to Senate

HCR2049 - Ballot measures; challenges.

Sponsor

Rep. Neal Carter (R)

Summary

The 2024 general election ballot is to carry the question of whether to amend the state statutes to stipulate that beginning in 2025 - 2026, if the amount of monies available to the Permanent State School Fund exceeds the amount required, pursuant to state law and there are no outstanding state school facilities revenue bonds, qualified zone academy bonds, state school trust revenue bonds issued to correct existing deficiencies, the Arizona State Land Department shall transfer those monies to the School Facilities Revenue Bond Debt Service Fund. Prohibits the State Treasurer from transferring monies pursuant to state law before meeting all obligations mentioned above.

Last Action

2024-02-28 S - Transmit to Senate

HCR2062 - Date; bond elections; voter turnout

Sponsor

Rep. Michael Carbone (R)

Summary

The 2024 general election ballot is to carry the question of whether to amend multiple state statutes relating to bond elections. This measure would limit elections seeking the approval of indebtedness or the issuance of a bond to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in even numbered years only. It would increase, from 15% to 25%, the qualified electors required to sign a petition that subsequently mandates the governing body or board of a political subdivision to call an election

seeking the approval of indebtedness. Further, the measure would stipulate that a bond is only issued, or indebtedness approved, if a majority of qualified electors vote in favor of the question and the voter turnout on that issue is at least 60%. It also specifies that a bond election otherwise scheduled for 2025 must not be held earlier than 2026, and exempts charter cities from the change.

Last Action

2024-02-28 H - FAILED - House Third Reading - House Third Reading

SB1131 - Low voter turnout elections; repeat

Sponsor

Sen. John Kavanagh (R)

Summary

Requires that for any non-statewide or federal election, any election that receives less than 25% of the eligible registered voters casting a ballot, the results are declared void and the election is required to be repeated on an election date with a statewide or federal office on the ballot.

Last Action

2024-02-05 S - DPA - Senate Elections - Senate Elections

SB1183 - Voting locations; peace officers

Sponsor

Sen. John Kavanagh (R)

Summary

Permits the County Recorder or other Officer in charge of elections to request a peace officer be dispatched to a polling place, voting center or on-site early voting location and remain at that location during its hours of operation if a voter, or election official, including election board members, officially complains of more than one incident of harassment at that location.

Last Action

2024-02-06 S - Senate Minority Caucus - Y

SB1285 - Local candidates; petitions; electronic signatures

Sponsor

Sen. Jake Hoffman (R)

Summary

Increases from 100% to 110% the percentage of the minimum required nomination petition signatures that may be collected using Arizona's online signature collection system. This section applies only to candidates for city or town elected office, county office and the office of precinct committeeman. AS PASSED SENATE.

Last Action

2024-03-01 H - Hearing Scheduled - 03/04/2024 - Third Reading, Floor 03/04/2024 - Third Reading, Floor

SB1359 - Election communications; deep fakes; prohibition

Sponsor

Sen. Frank Carroll (R)

Summary

Prescribes requirements governing the distribution of a “synthetic media” (defined) message that is a “deceptive and fraudulent deepfake” (defined) of a candidate for elected office. Prescribes a disclosure that a person, corporation, committee or other entity must include on a deepfake of a candidate within 90 days before an election at which the candidate will appear on the ballot. Prohibits a person, corporation, committee or entity from distributing a deepfake of a candidate that the entity knows or should know is a deepfake of the candidate or of a political party unless the deepfake includes the prescribed disclosure, which, for visual media, the text of the disclosure is required to appear in a size that is easily readable by the average viewer and that is no smaller than the largest font size of other text appearing in the visual media, and stipulates that if the visual media does not include any other text, then the disclosure must appear in a size that is easily readable by the average viewer. Requires the disclosure, for visual media that is a video, to appear for the duration of the video, and for an audio only media, the disclosure is to be read in a clearly spoken manner and in a pitch that can be easily heard by the average listener at the beginning and end of the audio, but if the audio only media is longer than two minutes, the verbal disclosure must be interspersed within the audio at least every two minutes. Requires the prescribed disclosure to include a blank space for the entity to accurately describe whether the media is an image, video or audio. Allows a candidate whose appearance, action or speech is depicted through a deepfake in violation of the deepfake disclosure requirements to seek injunctive or other equitable relief prohibiting the publication of the deepfake. Specifies that the requirements relating to the disclosure of deepfakes do not apply to a radio or television broadcasting station, including a cable or satellite television operator, programmer or producer that broadcasts a deceptive and fraudulent deepfake that is prohibited by the deepfake disclosure requirements and that is part of a bona fide newscast, news interview or news documentary or on-the-spot coverage of bona fide news events, if the broadcast clearly acknowledges through its content or a disclosure in a manner that can be easily heard or read by the average listener or viewer that there are questions about the authenticity of the materially deceptive audio or visual media; and when it is paid to broadcast a deepfake and has made a good faith effort to establish that the depiction is not a deepfake. The requirements related to the exposure also do not apply to an internet website or regularly published newspaper, magazine or other periodical of general circulation, including an internet or electronic publication, that routinely carries news and commentary of general interest and that publishes materially depictive audio or visual media that is prohibited by the deepfake disclosure requirements if the publication clearly states that the materially depictive audio or visual media does not accurately represent the speech or conduct of the candidate; and media that constitutes satire or parody. Classifies, as a class 6 felony, a violation of the deepfake disclosure requirements with the intent to cause violence or bodily harm. Classifies, as a Class 4 felony, a violation of the deepfake disclosure requirements if a person commits the violation within five years of one or more prior deepfake violation convictions. Classifies, as a Class 1 misdemeanor, the violation of the deepfake disclosure requirements, with exceptions.

Last Action

SB1374 - Foreign donations; election administration; certification

Sponsor

Sen. Shawna Bolick (R)

Summary

Requires a person other than a government entity, to provide to the Arizona Secretary of State (ASOS) a certification and sworn statement that the person is not knowingly the direct or indirect recipient of foreign donations before entering into any agreement with a government entity to provide money, goods or services relating to elections administration. Specifies a foreign donation certification must be provided at least ten business days before entering into an election administration agreement. Requires the person to update the certification annually and to update the initial certification and sworn statement within five business days of obtaining new information that was initially unknown. Classifies the failure of a person to provide an accurate initial or updated certification as a Class 1 misdemeanor and invalidates any agreement with a state, county or local government entity for election administration for such failure. Prohibits a government entity from entering into or continuing any agreement for election administration with a person that fails to provide accurate certification as outlined. Allows the Arizona Attorney General (AAG) to file an action relating to a person's failure to provide an initial, accurate or updated certification. Allows the AAG to request an injunction, damages of at least \$5,000 for each violation, and any other relief provided by the court when bringing forth an action, in addition to the outlined penalties. Allows any qualified elector or state officer to initiate a civil action to enjoin a certification violation and enforce any requirement relating to disclosure of foreign donation certifications. Requires the court to award the prevailing claimant injunctive relief sufficient to prevent the person from further violations of the foreign donation certification requirement, damages in the amount of \$1,000 per day from the date of noncompliance until the person comes into compliance, and costs and attorney fees. Requires the ASOS to maintain records of the certifications and to post the certifications on the ASOS's website. The ASOS must require government entities to provide ASOS a quarterly report of all persons who provide the entity with monies or in-kind goods and services for election administration, and audit those quarterly reports to ensure compliance with the certification requirement. Specifies that the remedies, duties, prohibitions and penalties associated with a person's foreign donation certification to the ASOS are in addition to any other cause of action, remedy or penalty provided under Arizona law.

Last Action

2024-02-13 S - Senate Minority Caucus - Y

SB1662 - Candidate late fees; candidate ineligibility

Sponsor

Sen. David Gowan (R)

Summary

Deems a person who is liable for an aggregate of \$1,000 or more in fines, penalties, late fees or administrative or civil judgments as ineligible for nomination or election to any elected office in Arizona. Requires a filing officer to notify the Secretary of State when a candidate or a write-in candidate for state or local office in the filing officer's jurisdiction is found liable for an aggregate of

\$1,000 or more in fines, penalties, late fees or administrative or civil judgments at the time of filing a nomination paper. Requires the Secretary of State to provide a website portal for filing officers in Arizona to provide information regarding outlined ineligible candidates in the filing officer's jurisdiction. Requires the prescribed information to identify the ineligible candidate and state the amount and date of the liability. Requires the Secretary of State to make the prescribed information regarding candidates who are ineligible publicly available.

Last Action

2024-02-20 S - Senate Minority Caucus - Y

SB1666 - Local ballot measures; supplemental filing

Sponsor

Sen. David Gowan (R)

Summary

Allows the proponents of a petition for a city, town or county matter that files the petition within 30 days of the filing deadline, to file additional petition signatures in a single supplemental filing by the filing deadline.

Last Action

2024-02-20 S - Senate Minority Caucus - Y

SB1733 - Primary; identification; canvass; recounts; ballots.

Sponsor

Sen. Wendy Rogers (R)

Summary

Allows any blind or visually impaired voter or any voter with a print disability to request an early ballot.

Last Action

2024-02-08 S - DPA - Senate Committee of the Whole - Senate Committee of the Whole

SCR1023 - General election day; all offices

Sponsor

Sen. J.D. Mesnard (R)

Summary

The 2024 general election ballot is to carry the question of whether to amend the Arizona Constitution Article VII, Section 11, to include city, town and school district elections in general elections.

Last Action

2024-02-29 H - House 2nd Read

SCR1036 - Cities; towns; elections

Sponsor

Sen. Justine Wadsack (R)

Summary

The 2024 general election ballot is to carry the question of whether to amend the Arizona Constitution to provide that for any city or town with a population of more than 500,000 that provides for election of council members by district, ward, precinct or other geographic designation, only qualified electors of the district, ward, precinct or other geographic designation are eligible to vote for that council member candidate.

Last Action

2024-02-28 S - Hearing Scheduled - 02/29/2024 - Third Reading, Floor 02/29/2024 - Third Reading, Floor

SCR1041 - Ballot measures; challenges

Sponsor

Sen. J.D. Mesnard (R)

Summary

Allows a person to bring an action in superior court to contest the constitutionality of an initiative measure or amendment that violates the U.S. Constitution or Arizona Constitution, within 100 days before the election that the measure or amendment is scheduled to appear. Prohibits the Arizona Secretary of State or other officer from certifying or printing the measure or amendment on the ballot if a court of competent jurisdiction enters a judgement, within 100 days before the election, that that the measure or amendment violates the U.S. or Arizona Constitution. Allows any party to appeal to the Arizona Supreme Court within five calendar days of judgement entered by the superior court. Requires the Secretary of State to submit the proposition to the voters at the next general election.

Last Action

2024-02-28 S - Hearing Scheduled - 02/29/2024 - Third Reading, Floor 02/29/2024 - Third Reading, Floor
