

Overview

Summary from **April 19, 2021** Legislative Conference Call

1. Tomorrow is the 100th day of session, which generally means it will be coming to an end soon; committees are no longer meeting and calendars have slowed
2. Still no budget.
3. VALR (voter approved local revenue); outreach from communities is having an impact and the League is working to convey the message that cities be held harmless if the switch to a flat 2.5% tax rate is approved.
4. Federal level updates: State of AZ still has emergency declaration that is in effect and covers all AZ entities for FEMA and ARPA.

Bill	Summary	League Position	Association Position	Status	Input
SB1645 – Publication of Notice	Requires a statutorily required publication of notice by a district, city or town officer, board or commission to be published in a newspaper within the county that is circulated to residents of the district, city, or town, rather than in a newspaper within the district, city or town.			Awaiting Governor’s signature	There is no indication that the Governor will not sign this.
HB2363 - municipal election officers; certification training	Allows a city or town to train its own election employees if the city or town election officer training program is approved by the Secretary of State (SOS).			Pending Committee of the Whole (COW) calendar	
SB1068 - elections manual; legislative council	Requires the Secretary of State's official instructions and procedures manual (elections procedures manual) to be submitted to the Legislative Council, rather than the Governor, for review and approval prior to issuance.			Pending House Rules Committee	The is no later than Dec. 31st of each odd numbered year for the approval of the SOS manual based on previous legislation League will let us know if this bill will change that timeline.
HB2181 - write-ins; residency; filing deadline	Requires a person who wants to be a write-in election candidate to be a qualified elector and resident of the designated area they want to			Pending Committee of the Whole (COW) calendar	



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	represent for 120 days before the election.				
SB1083 - elections; recount margin	Increases, from one-tenth of one percent or a set number of votes to one-half of one percent, the trigger for an automatic recount in a primary or general election. Removes the automatic recount exemption for certain elected offices.			Pending Committee of the Whole (COW) calendar	
SB1497 - ballot measures; proposition 105; disclosure	Requires the Secretary of State's (SOS) publicity pamphlet and an official ballot to contain a Proposition 105 notice.			Signed by Governor	Proposition 105 Information: Initiative and referendum measures are powers reserved for the people to either propose laws and amendments to the Arizona Constitution or to accept and reject certain proposed measures on the ballot ordered by the Legislature or by five percent of qualified electors respectively. In the 1998 general election, voters passed the Voter Protection Act (Proposition 105), which amended the Arizona Constitution to prohibit the Legislature from repealing any voter approved measure. For the Legislature to

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					amend laws enacted or amended through an initiative or referendum requires legislation that furthers the purpose of such measure and at least a three-fourths vote of the members of each chamber (Ariz. Const. Art. 4, Pt. 1, § 1).
SB1485 – early voting list; eligibility	Outlines the eligibility for a voter to be placed and stay on the early voting list rather than the permanent early voting list.			Pending Committee of the Whole (COW) calendar	
SB1531 - petition signatures; description; invalidity	Stipulates that a petition circulator must either read aloud the petition description to the qualified signer or give the person sufficient time to read it.			Pending Committee of the Whole (COW) calendar	
SB1432 - political signs; removal date	Modifies the time period for the removal of political signs from seven days to 15 days after the general or primary election.			Pending third read today on reconsideration	Failed initial third read
SB1492 - election law amendments	Makes various changes to statute relating to elections including modifications of various deadlines.			Signed by Governor	Will impact the timing of the call for election and cities will need to publish a call of election at least twice in a newspaper of general circulation in the election district in which a nonpartisan election is being held no less than one week apart during the six

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					<p>calendar weeks preceding 150 days (not the existing 90 days) before the election. Will also prohibit petitions from using slogans or phrases that do not actually constitute a nickname to describe a candidate. Also changes 16-312 by requiring a person desiring to become a write-in candidate to file a nomination paper not earlier than 150 days before the election and not later than 5:00 p.m. on the 40th day before the election, except that: a candidate running as a write-in candidate as provided in section 16-343, subsection D shall file the nomination paper not later than 5 p.m. on the 5th day before the election and a candidate running as a write-in candidate for an election that may be canceled pursuant to section 16-410 shall file the nomination</p>
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