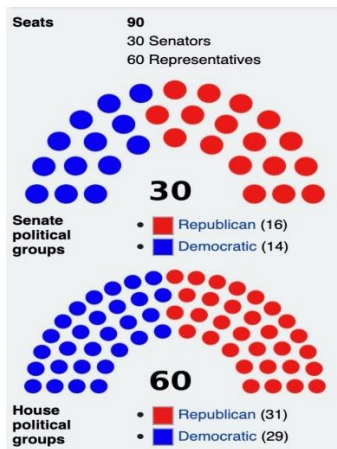


2023 AZ Legislative Activity – 1st Newsletter - more to follow - Do you know the facts below?

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Introduction: This newsletter provides a partial summary of the 2023 AZ legislative session. It includes an overall summary of activity i.e. total number of bills passed, those passed and vetoed, those passed and signed, and highlights. The highlights have five categories of activity 1.Referrals to 2024 Ballot, 2. ESA, 3. Prop 400 (transportation funding), 4.Election Integrity, 5.Sources.

Summary



Activity of the legislature as of first recess in July:

Session Days	166
Bills posted	1672
Bills passed	345
Bills vetoed	143 (41% of those passed)
Bills Signed	202 (59% of those passed)

(For more info go to: <https://www.azleg.gov/bills/> then select Statistics)

HIGHLIGHTS:

REFERRALS TO 2024 BALLOT: (For more info go to: <https://www.azleg.gov/site-search>)

- Emergency Powers–HCR 2039 Limits Governor’s emergency powers to one month w/o legislative approval.
- JP (Jungle Primary)/RCV (Ranked Choice Voting)–HCR 2033. Prohibits combining party candidates in one primary (JP) & RCV.
- Initiatives and Referendums–SCR1015 – Requires voting petitions from all counties not just Maricopa and Pinal (Tucson).

KEPT ESA (Empowerment Scholarship Account): (For more info go to: <https://www.azed.gov/esa/>)

An Empowerment Scholarship Account (ESA) is an account administered by the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) and funded by state tax dollars to provide schooling choice options for qualified Arizona students up to **90% of the state funding.**

65,533 Arizona students benefit from an Empowerment Scholarship Account (9/5/23)

PROP 400: (See <https://www.azleg.gov/site-search>)

History - Proposition 400 is a 1985 voter-approved Maricopa countywide initiative that has used a half-cent sales tax to fund transportation in Maricopa County such as Loops 101, 202, light rail lines, city’s bus system, etc. (For more info go to: <https://azdot.gov/planning/transportation-programming/regional-programming/>).

Legislative Action - Proposition 400 extension plan in **Senate Bill 1246** was passed this session without the 15% funding for light rail.

Vetoed (For more info go to: <https://www.abc15.com/news/politics/arizona-republicans-pass-proposition-400-extension-sent-to-governor-hobbs-for-signature>).

Final – Passed **SB1102** with funding for Maricopa transportation including funding for “...public transportation when only 1% of Arizonans use it.” (<https://www.azmirror.com/2023/07/31/legislature-passes-prop-400-bill-ends-lengthy-session/>)

Future info: <https://azfree.org/blog/2023/06/01/maricopa-association-of-government-conceals-true-intent-of-prop-400-plan/>)

ELECTION INTEGRITY HIGHLIGHTS: (See <https://www.azleg.gov/site-search>) All **Vetoed**

HB 2415: Eligibility requirements Active Early Voting List (AEVL).

HB 2552: Prohibits Ranked Choice Voting (RCV). Ditto SB1265

HB 2560: (**Substituted for SB 1324**): Secretary of State to post on a secure website registered voters before election, those voting, ballot images, and cast vote record.

HB 2691: chain of custody standards that must be maintained during the transfer of ballot boxes, delivery of voted ballots, duplication of ballots, and tabulation of ballots.

SB 1213: Elections Procedures Manual (EPM) to be approved by the Joint Legislative Audit Committee (JLAC) in addition to the Governor and the Attorney General.

SB 1264: Elected election officer: no membership in Political Action Committee (PAC).

SB 1595: Transmission and tabulation of voted ballots rules.

SB 1597: At least one site for on-site tabulation of voted early ballots Maricopa & Pima.

Additional Sources:

- <https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/BillOverview/79154>
- AZ Free Enterprise Club. URL- <https://azfree.org>
- Epoch News <https://www.theepochtimes.com/>
 - GOP District Website: LD12GOP.org, AZ State GOP: AZGOP.com, Maricopa County GOP: MARICOPAGOP.ORG
- Real America’s Voice <https://americasvoice.news/>
- One America News <https://www.oann.com>