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COUNTY SUPERVISORS ASSOCIATION LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE AGENDA

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(Conducted Via Teleconference and [Webinar](#))

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County Supervisors Association

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9:00 a.m. Call to Order ~ *CSA President Jean Bishop*

A. CSA Legislative Agenda

- 1) [CSA Legislative Budget Priorities](#)
 - a) [HB 2201 counties; committed youth contributions; repeal](#) (Weninger)
- 2) [HB 2012 county improvement districts; formation](#) (Kavanagh)
- 3) [HB 2044 juvenile dependency; state aid; appropriation](#) (Biasiucci)
- 4) [HB 2067 county improvement districts; recreation; governance](#) (Blackman)
- 5) [HB 2197 medical examiner; pathologist assistant; autopsies](#) (Osborne)
- 6) [SB 1188 unincorporated areas; transient lodging assessment](#) (Gabaldon)
- 7) Procurement Contract Modifications

B. Legislative Bills for Discussion and Possible Action

- 1) [HB 2070 open meetings; capacity; posting; violation](#) (Kavanagh)
 - a. Summary: The bill requires all public bodies to provide for a reasonable amount of seating to accommodate the anticipated attendance of all persons desiring to attend the deliberations and proceedings. The agenda for a public meeting must include notice of the time that the public will have physical access to the meeting place. The head of a public body that violates these requirements is liable for a civil penalty as provided in statute for open meeting law violations.
- 2) [HB 2145 governmental entities; ransomware payment; prohibition](#) (Bolick)
 - a. Summary: Prohibits a political subdivision of the state from paying out to remove or decrypt ransomware from a computer system and requires notification to the Arizona Department of Homeland Security if there is an attack.
- 3) [HB 2162 open meeting law; violations; penalty](#) (Kaiser)
 - a. Summary: Increases the civil penalties the court is authorized to impose for violations of open meeting law. Currently the 2nd offense cannot be charged more than \$500 for a first offense and a 3rd offence not more than \$2500. The bill would make the 1st offence not more than \$500, the second not more than \$10,000. In addition to or in lieu of civil penalties, the court is authorized to require a member of the public body to attend training on public meetings as directed by the Attorney General or Ombudsman Citizens Aide. Open meeting law violations may be committed recklessly in addition to knowingly.
- 4) [HB 2316 misconduct involving weapons; public places](#) (Kavanagh)
 - a. Summary: Exempts a person who has a valid concealed weapons from a prohibition on carrying the concealed weapon into a public establishment or public event, unless the facility has security guards and electronic screening for all entrances.
- 5) [HB 2412 open meetings; digital recordings](#) (Parker)
 - a. Summary: Requires all public bodies to provide a digital recording of meetings and have them posted on the website within 5 working days of the meeting.

- 6) [HB 2587 public records; point of contact](#) (Grantham)
 - a. Summary: Requires any entity that is subject to a public records request to maintain on their website the name, telephone number and email address of an employee that is authorized to provide information for a records request and acknowledge receipt of any request within 5 business days.
- 7) [SB 1093 property tax; class one; equalization assistance](#) (Mesnard)
 - a. Summary: Lowers the class one property tax assessment ratio from 16% to 15.5% in tax year 2026 and 15% in tax year 2027 forward.
- 8) [SB 1125 firearms and equipment; regulation](#) (Rogers)
 - a. Summary: Among other provisions, states that “the right to retain, use or transport firearms and equipment may not be impaired or infringed by the legislature, this state or an agency or political subdivision of this state.”
- 9) [SB 1158 attorney fees; costs; recovery](#) (Leach)
 - a. Summary: Specifies the court must award fees and other expenses to a party that prevails in a civil action brought to seek declaratory or injunctive relief against the state, a county, or municipality for any action that violates the U.S. Constitution, the Arizona Constitution, or state law.
- 10) [SB 1173/HB 2558](#) community colleges; out-of-county reimbursement (Gowan/Griffin)
 - a. Summary: Creates a new formula for payment to community college districts for students attending a school from a county that is not part of an organized community college district. Establishes guidelines for a portion to be paid by the county and by the state general fund.
- 11) [SB 1258 government membership organizations; transparency](#) (Mesnard)
 - a. Summary: Would make “government membership organizations” like the County Supervisors Association subject to public records laws.
- 12) [SB 1268 PSPRS; deferred retirement option plan](#) (Livingston)
 - a. Summary: Extends the Deferred Retirement Options Plan (DROP) for Tier 1 PSPRS members (hired on or before Jan. 1, 2012) from 5 years to 7 years. DROP amounts for all 7 years earn interest at the assumed rate of return (currently 7.3%).
- 13) [SB 1274 property tax levy; calculation; federal monies](#) (Leach)
 - a. Summary: Requires that if for tax years 2022 and 2023 a county, city or town's proposed primary property tax levy, excluding amounts from new construction, is greater than the amount levied in the prior year that the county, city or town use their Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (LFRF) received through the American Rescue Plan Act to reduce the entity's property tax levy to the prior year's level, absent amounts from new construction. Stipulates that for tax year 2024 the county, city or town may calculate their primary property tax levy as if the LFRF resources had not been used to reduce the levy for the prior two years. Requires the Property Tax Oversight Commission to determine if there is a violation of the section.
- 14) [SB 1275/HB 2226](#) fireworks; use; overnight hours; prohibition (Mesnard/Shah)
 - a. Summary: Allows counties and municipalities to prohibit the use of permissible consumer fireworks between 11:00 p.m. – 8:00 a.m. except on New Year's Eve through 1:00 a.m. on January first and between 11:00 p.m. on July 4th through 1:00 a.m. on July 5th.
- 15) [SB 1277 board of supervisors; membership](#) (Mesnard)
 - a. Summary: Restructures county Boards of Supervisors based on population, effectively reducing the size of five-member Boards in small counties and increasing the size of boards in large counties. Specifies that counties with less than 175,000 residents will have 3 supervisors, counties with between 175,000 and 1,000,000 residents will have 5 supervisors, counties with between 1,000,000 and 3,000,000 residents will have 7 supervisors, and counties with more than 3,000,000 residents will have 9 supervisors.
- 16) [SB 1299 study committee; county boundaries](#) (Rogers)
 - a. Summary: Would form a study committee to contemplate the formation of a new county, Sitgreaves County, from parts of Navajo and Apache counties.

- 17) [SB 1348/HB 2080](#) elections; hand count; tabulators prohibited (Rogers/Finchem)
 - a. Summary: States that “for all state, county, city or town elections, ballots shall be tabulated by hand.”
- 18) [SB 1349 budget reduction; law enforcement; hearing](#) (Rogers)
 - a. Summary: Allows the Attorney General or member of the governing body of a county, city or town to file a petition with the Governor's Regulatory Review Council (GRRC) if a county, city or town reduces funding for the operating budget of law enforcement agency (LEA). Establishes a process for petition, response, and review by GRRC. Allows the GRRC to approve, amend or modify the proposed LEA budget. Provides that if the GRRC approved budget reduces the LEA budget by more than 10% from the prior year that the State Treasurer withhold the county, city or town's state shared monies until the reduction is restored. Requires the governing body to post the final budget on the county's website for at least two years.
- 19) [SB 1354 law enforcement budget; reduction; prohibition](#) (Rogers)
 - a. Summary: Prohibits a county, city or town from reducing the annual operating budget for a law enforcement agency by any amount below the prior year's budget. For counties defines law enforcement agency as a county sheriff's department.
- 20) [SB 1371 county salaries; precinct officers](#) (Pace)
 - a. Summary: Provides a pay raise to constables across all categories of documents served.

C. Other Legislative Issues

D. Next Meeting Date and Time (*Friday, February 4, at 9:00 a.m.*)

E. Other Business

F. Adjourn