



# County Supervisors ASSOCIATION of arizona

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## COUNTY SUPERVISORS ASSOCIATION LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE AGENDA

February 4, 2022

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

Teleconference 1-669-900-9128 OR 1-253-215-8782

Meeting ID: 861 5821 3273 Password: 256912

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    - i. Adding "performing election integrity audits" to the powers and duties of the Auditor General. Specifies how these audits are to be conducted, including rotating the counties audited and audit topics.
    - ii. Implements a registration system at the Secretary of State for specific categories of individuals who register voters.
    - iii. Requires the Secretary of State to offer "a separate course of instruction" in signature verification – based on the FBI's forensic handwriting verification guidelines – to county election officers.
    - iv. Imposes a variety of requirements on ballot drop boxes, including that all locations be listed online and that all placements are approved by the Board of Supervisors.
    - v. Requires the electronic publication of ballots within 48 hours of an official canvass. Appropriates an unspecified amount for creation of a "ballot image portal."
    - vi. Requires County Recorders to notify electors when USPS determines that their address of residence is a forwarding address.
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**CSA Bills**

Bills	Senate Information				House Information			
	Committee Actions	COW Action	3rd Read & Votes	Final Read & Votes	Committee Actions	COW Action	3rd Read & Votes	Final Read & Votes
HB2012	county improvement districts; formation				SPONSORS: KAVANAGH			
					1st Read: 01/11		2nd Read: 01/12	
					<b>GE</b> 01/26 - DP 13-0-0-0-0-0	CON CAL - 01/31 Object: No		
					<b>RULES</b> 01/31 - C&P 8-0-0-0-0-0			
					Maj Caucus: 02/01 Min Caucus: 02/01			
	Comments: Summary: Specifies that to form a County Improvement District proponents are required to have both the approval of a majority of persons owning real property and the owners of 51% of real property.							
HB2044	juvenile dependency; state aid; appropriation				SPONSORS: BIASIUCCI			
					1st Read: 01/12		2nd Read: 01/13	
					<b>APPROP</b> 01/19 - DP 11-1-0-0-1-0			
					<b>RULES</b> None			
	Comments: Establish a juvenile dependency proceedings fund to assist counties disproportionately impacted by an increase in petitions.							
	Allocates \$2 million in State General Fund aid to assist counties that continue to see an increase in costs associated with providing mandated attorney services for indigent defendants in juvenile dependency matters.							
HB2067	county improvement districts; recreation; governance				SPONSORS: BLACKMAN			
					1st Read: 01/18		2nd Read: 01/19	
					<b>GE</b> None			
					<b>RULES</b> None			
	Comments: Allows the Board of Supervisors in a county with a "county improvement district providing recreational improvements" to transition governance to a locally elected board by December 31, 2025. One county recreation district exists in the state. Located in Navajo County, it has operated since 1993.							
HB2197	medical examiner; pathologist assistant; autopsies				SPONSORS: OSBORNE, JOHN, et al			
					1st Read: 01/18		2nd Read: 01/19	
					<b>HHS</b> 01/31 - DP 9-0-0-0-0-0			
					<b>RULES</b> None			
	Comments: Summary: Grants the County Medical Examiner the authority to authorize a pathologists' assistant to perform autopsies under the direct supervision of a licensed physician. Currently County Medical Examiners are authorized to use medical students, residents, and pathology training fellows to perform autopsies.							
	A Pathologists' Assistant is a medical professional trained in pathology practices, including the examination and evaluation of laboratory and surgical pathology specimens, performance of autopsies, as well as laboratory supervision and management.							

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HB2201	counties; committed youth contributions; repeal				SPONSORS: WENINGER			
					1st Read: 01/18		2nd Read: 01/19	
					<b>APPROP</b> 01/26 - DP 11-1-0-0-1-0			
					<b>RULES</b> None			
Comments: Summary: This bill would repeal the ADJC annual assessment of the committed youth confinement cost sharing fee to each county and the ADJC local cost sharing fund. Unexpended monies would be appropriated to ADOA to distribute proportionally using U.S. decennial census data.								
SB1188	unincorporated areas; transient lodging assessment				SPONSORS: GABALDON			
Comments: Summary: Provide counties with a population of 500,000 or less the optional authority to approve and levy a transient lodging user fee in unincorporated areas of the county. Tourism is the leading industry in many of Arizona's rural counties. Establishes tax equity for rural counties to support tourism activity, invest in tourism promotion and economic development projects.								

**Legislative Bills for Discussion and Possible Action  
February 4, 2022**

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Bills	Committee Actions	COW Action	3rd Read & Votes	Final Read & Votes	Committee Actions	COW Action	3rd Read & Votes	Final Read & Votes
HB2453	governmental entities; mask requirement; prohibition				SPONSORS: CARTER, BIASIUCCI, et al			
					1st Read: 01/24		2nd Read: 01/25	
					<b>GE</b> None			
					<b>RULES</b> None			
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SB1093	property tax; class one; equalization assistance 1st Read: 01/10 <b>FIN</b> 01/26 - DPA 7-3-0-0-0-0 <b>RULES</b> 01/31 - PFC 0-0-0-0-0-0 Rep Caucus: 02/01 Dem Caucus: 02/01		2nd Read: 01/11				SPONSORS: MESNARD, LEACH, et al	
Comments: 01.28.2022: Staff explained the bill. Supervisors provided a variety of input, including (a) hope that this would hold counties harmless due to its incentivizing larger companies, and (b) fear that smaller counties who do not attract larger businesses could see this impact their funding. The LPC did not take a position on the bill and asked for staff to provide additional information on potential county impacts.								
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. Reduces the State Equalization Tax Rate by \$0.0452 in FY 2027 and \$0.0801 in FY 2028.								
SB1161	prescription drug coverage; steering prohibition 1st Read: 01/13 <b>HHS</b> 01/19 - DP 7-1-0-0-0-0 <b>RULES</b> None 0-0-0-0-0-0		2nd Read: 01/18				SPONSORS: BARTO	
Comments: Summary: Prohibits pharmacy benefit managers from requiring or directing enrollees to utilize an “affiliated provider” or a pharmacy to receive physician administered prescription drugs. There is a concern that eliminating the ability to direct patients to less-expensive pharmacies through use of preferred pharmacy networks will increase the overall cost of some county health plans by restricting the ability to have user use more-affordable options like home-delivery of prescriptions or specialty pharmacies within the benefit plans.								
SB1191	civil actions; virtual court appearance 1st Read: 01/18 <b>JUD</b> 01/27 - HELD 0-0-0-0-0-0 <b>RULES</b> None 0-0-0-0-0-0		2nd Read: 01/19				SPONSORS: PETERSEN	
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SB1270	state parks; lottery; heritage fund 1st Read: 01/24 <b>APPROP</b> None 0-0-0-0-0-0 <b>RULES</b> None 0-0-0-0-0-0		2nd Read: 01/25					SPONSORS: SHOPE
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SB1460	election law amendments 1st Read: 01/27 <b>GOV</b> None 0-0-0-0-0-0 <b>RULES</b> None 0-0-0-0-0-0		2nd Read: 01/31					SPONSORS: SHOPE
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SB1496	remote sellers; TPT; administration 1st Read: 01/27 <b>FIN</b> None 0-0-0-0-0-0 <b>RULES</b> None 0-0-0-0-0-0		2nd Read: 01/31					SPONSORS: LEACH
<p>Comments: Summary: Allows a remote seller who is required to remit local excise and special district excise taxes in Arizona to elect to pay a single municipal tax rate instead of the rates of each individual taxing jurisdiction. Directs the department to calculate the single rate as the average rate of municipal taxes imposed in the state for the preceding fiscal year. Requires the Arizona Department of Revenue to allow remote sellers to remit taxes through a central clearinghouse or another state tax agency, if established. Changes the threshold to be required to be considered a remote seller from \$100,000 in gross proceeds of sales or gross income from customers in Arizona to \$100,000 in taxable sales from customers in Arizona.</p>								

SB1629	registration; verification; images; audits; boxes 1st Read: 02/01 <b>GOV</b> None 0-0-0-0-0-0 <b>RULES</b> None 0-0-0-0-0-0							SPONSORS: BORRELLI, BARTO, et al
<p>Comments: Summary: Makes a variety of changes to election law, including: - Adding "performing election integrity audits" to the powers and duties of the Auditor General. Specifies how these audits are to be conducted, including rotating the counties audited and audit topics.</p>								

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HB2023	electronic ballot images; public record							SPONSORS: FINCHEM, BURGES, et al
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Comments: 1/14/2022: CSA staff provided an update on some of the concerns regarding liability, cost, and timing related to this legislation. The LPC voted to OPPOSE the bill in the current form and work with stakeholders to address concerns.

Summary: After the polls close the officer in charge of elections is required to make available to the public an online copy of any digital images of ballots, searchable by precinct but that precludes any alteration of the images. States that the digital images of the ballots are public records. The bill does not provide specifics on when the images must be made available, how long they must be retained online, or provide any immunity to the county for potential inappropriate content written on the ballots. Identical Senate Bill SB 1119

HB2037	expenditures; authority; water; wastewater							SPONSORS: COOK, CARTER
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1st Read: 01/24	2nd Read: 01/25
<b>NREW</b> None	
<b>RULES</b> None	

Comments: 1/20/2022: Staff provided a summary of the bill, specifically the amendment to the definition of "economic development activities" for which county supervisors are permitted to appropriate and spend public monies and the added powers of county flood control districts. After deliberation by Board Members the decision was made to hold the bill for a future meeting and did not take a position on the bill.

Summary: County boards of supervisors are authorized to appropriate and spend public monies to participate in water reuse and recycling programs; regional water recharge projects; and purchasing water rights to demonstrate an assured water supply. County flood control district boards of directors are authorized to cooperate and join with private water and wastewater utilities that engage in underground water storage and recovery projects.

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Bills	Committee Actions	COW Action	3rd Read & Votes	Final Read & Votes	Committee Actions	COW Action	3rd Read & Votes	Final Read & Votes
HB2038	state lake improvement fund							SPONSORS: BIASIUCCI
					1st Read: 01/12 <b>APPROP</b> 01/19 - DP 12-0-0-0-1-0 <b>RULES</b> None		2nd Read: 01/13	
<p>Comments: LPC - 01/14/2022 - Staff provided a brief explanation of HB 2038, including the Association's support of the bill's prior-year form, and the LPC voted to SUPPORT the bill.</p> <p>Summary: Limits the amount of State Lake Improvement Fund (SLIF) monies used to fund staff support to 10 percent of monies deposited in SLIF annually. Allows SLIF monies to be used for water search and rescue operations. Allows monies in the State Parks Revenue Fund (SPRF) to be used for the administration of the state park system.</p>								
HB2041	ballot fraud countermeasures; paper; ink							SPONSORS: BIASIUCCI, BLACKMAN, et al
					1st Read: 01/25 <b>GE</b> None <b>APPROP</b> None <b>RULES</b> None		2nd Read: 01/26	
<p>Comments: LPC - 01/14/2022 - Staff provided an explanation of the bill, including stakeholder concerns about (1) the ability of current tabulation machines to detect all elements of the special paper, (2) difficulties obtaining the special paper due to a paper shortage, and (3) the difficulty of implementing these changes before the upcoming 2022 election. The LPC voted to OPPOSE the bill as currently drafted.</p> <p>Summary: Sets forth requirements for vendors that provide paper used for ballots that have fraud countermeasures including the following: watermarking, secure holographic foil, security inks, invisible ultraviolet microtext, a serialized black QR code, and a paper receipt for the voter. Requires the 2022 general election and subsequent elections for state and federal offices to use paper that meets the above counter fraud measures. Requires the legislature is required to appropriate sufficient monies to the State Treasurer to provide counties with the ballot paper prescribed by this legislation. Identical Senate Bill SB 1120.</p>								
HB2070	open meetings; capacity; posting; violation							SPONSORS: KAVANAGH
					1st Read: 01/18 <b>GE</b> 01/26 - DPA 7-6-0-0-0-0 <b>RULES</b> 01/31 - C&P 5-3-0-0-0-0 Maj Caucus: 02/01 Min Caucus: 02/01		2nd Read: 01/19	
<p>Comments: 01.28.2022: Staff explained the bill, noting concerns around the lack of specificity - namely that the bill (a) does not define a "reasonable" amount of seating, and (b) that the eventual difference between the time "the public will have physical access" and the time the event begins could lead to confusion. Supervisors mentioned that this could hurt smaller counties, who do not have as much seating as larger counties, and that this probably arouse out of the move to ZOOM meetings during the pandemic. The LPC voted, to OPPOSE the bill as currently drafted.</p> <p>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.</p>								

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HB2102	survival of action; deceased sheriff				1st Read: 01/24 <b>MAPS</b> 01/31 - DP 15-0-0-0-0-0 <b>RULES</b> None		SPONSORS: GRIFFIN, BLACKMAN, et al 2nd Read: 01/25	
<p>Comments: 1/20/22: Staff summarized the bill and conveyed its intent to remedy an outdated law that has remained in statute. The Board voted to SUPPORT the bill.</p> <p>Summary: Repeals statute that allowed any action for the malfeasance or nonfeasance of a sheriff or his deputies to be prosecuted against the personal representative of the sheriff in the same manner as if the cause of action survived at common law. AACo bill that repeals a statute that was put in place in 1955 that is not used.</p>								
HB2145	governmental entities; ransomware payment; prohibition				1st Read: 01/18 <b>GE</b> None <b>RULES</b> None		SPONSORS: BOLICK, BIASIUCCI, et al 2nd Read: 01/19	
<p>Comments: 01.28.2022: Staff explained the bill, noting that its specificity might prevent payment of helpful entities for decryption assistance and that the procedures specified do not conform to current practices. Supervisors raised broad concerns about cyberattacks, generally. The LPC voted to OPPOSE the bill as currently drafted.</p> <p>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.</p>								
HB2162	open meeting law; violations; penalty				1st Read: 01/18 <b>GE</b> None <b>RULES</b> None		SPONSORS: KAISER 2nd Read: 01/19	
<p>Comments: 01.28.2022: Staff explained the bill, noting that it could increase the civil penalties for violations of open meetings laws and that it adds the designation of some violations as "reckless." Supervisors mentioned that the open meeting laws can be confusing, especially on small Boards, and that accusations are often leveled during campaigns. The LPC voted to OPPOSE the bill as currently drafted.</p> <p>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.</p>								
HB2226	fireworks; use; overnight hours; prohibition.				1st Read: 01/18 <b>MAPS</b> 01/31 - DP 13-1-0-1-0-0 <b>RULES</b> None		SPONSORS: SHAH, BOWERS, et al 2nd Read: 01/19	
<p>Comments: 01.28.2022: Staff summarized the bill, noting that it would expand county and municipal authorities to restrict fireworks between specified hours. The LPC voted, to SUPPORT the bill as currently drafted.</p>								

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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.

HB2316	misconduct involving weapons; public places				1st Read: 01/19		SPONSORS: KAVANAGH, BARTON, et al	
					<b>GE</b> None		2nd Read: 01/20	
					<b>RULES</b> None			
<p>Comments: 01.28.2022: Staff noted the bill exempts a person who possesses a valid concealed carry permit from being required to remove their weapon at a public establishment or event. Unless the public place or event establishes a secured facility. The LPC voted, to OPPOSE the bill as currently drafted.</p> <p>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.</p>								

HB2337	deferred retirement optional plan; reinstatement				1st Read: 01/20		SPONSORS: PAYNE	
					<b>GE</b> None		2nd Read: 01/24	
					<b>RULES</b> None			
<p>Comments: 1/20/2022: Staff summarized the bill, adding concerns that this legislation has not been thoroughly analyzed - with staff yet to receive analysis on programmatic costs to the employer and potential benefits to recruitment and intention. Staff recommended, and the Board voted, to OPPOSE the bill as currently drafted.</p> <p>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%). Establishes a new DROP plan for Tier 2 and 3 members for a period of no more than 5 years. DROP amounts paid under the new plan would earn interest at the System's actual rate of return.</p>								

HB2412	open meetings; digital recordings				1st Read: 01/24		SPONSORS: PARKER, CARROLL, et al	
					<b>GE</b> None		2nd Read: 01/25	
					<b>RULES</b> None			
<p>Comments: 01.28.2022: Staff explained the bill, noting that it would require the "digital recording" - which remains undefined - of Board executive sessions and all open meetings. Staff noted that the bill does not provide procedure for if the "digital recording" device breaks. The LPC voted to OPPOSE the bill as currently drafted.</p> <p>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.</p>								

HB2454	statutory conformity; property tax exemptions				1st Read: 01/24		SPONSORS: CARTER, BIASIUCCI, et al	
					<b>WM</b> None		2nd Read: 01/25	
					<b>RULES</b> None			
<p>Comments: 1/20/2022: Staff summarized the intent of the legislation, which was to make changes to a constitutional property tax exemption for disabled veterans - currently halted by a 1989 court order - to allow it to function as intended. Staff recommended, and the Board voted, to SUPPORT the bill as currently drafted.</p>								

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Summary: Coinciding with HCR 2017, which puts the question to the ballot of consolidating and reorganizing constitutional provisions relating to property tax exemptions for disabled veterans and widows, in addition to repealing and reinserting the constitutional sections relating to property tax exemptions overall. This bill merely makes statutory changes necessary to implement HCR 2017, if approved by the voters. This is an AACo bill to fix the disabled veterans property tax exemption that was struck down in Benjamin v. ADOR in 1989.

HB2541	deputy sheriff; detention officer; salary				1st Read: 01/24 <b>MAPS</b> None <b>RULES</b> None		SPONSORS: PAYNE, BIASIUCCI, et al 2nd Read: 01/25	
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Comments: 1/20/2022: Staff summarized the bill, voicing concerns that this could limit county workforce flexibility and have unintended budgetary consequences. Staff did not recommend a position, asking instead for further direction. Board members noted that each county is diverse and there is a need to manage personnel salaries at the local level. Additionally, Board members noted this is an unfunded mandate that will hurt smaller counties and the Board voted to OPPOSE the bill as currently drafted.

Summary: 1) The starting salary for deputy sheriff cannot be lower than 5% of the average starting salary of law enforcement officers of the 2 highest paying agencies within the same county. Initial feedback has been this would include the Department of Public Safety since they operate in all counties in the state.  
2) The starting salary for detention officers may not be lower than 10% of the average starting salary of detention and corrections officers of the 3 highest paying county detention facilities in the State and State Department of Corrections.

HB2544	law enforcement; fire; employment status						SPONSORS: PAYNE	
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Comments: 1/20/2022: Staff summarized the bill, adding concerns that this would expand county liability in the event that probation, detention, or corrections officers are at-fault in an incident that occurred on their way to work. Staff recommended, and the Board voted, to OPPOSE the bill as currently drafted.

Summary: Extends workers compensation benefits for a "Law Enforcement Employee" that are injured or killed while traveling directly to or from work. Currently this is in place for peace officers and firefighters and would increase that to probation, detention and corrections officers.

HB2558	community colleges; out-of-county reimbursement.				1st Read: 01/24 <b>ED</b> None <b>APPROP</b> None <b>RULES</b> None		SPONSORS: GRIFFIN 2nd Read: 01/25	
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Comments: 01.28.2022: Staff summarized the bill, noting that it requires the state to pay a portion of the reimbursement required of Greenlee and Apache counties to out-of-county community college districts. Staff brought the matter up for discussion, and the LPC voted to SUPPORT the bill as currently drafted.

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.

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HB2573	alternative prosecution; diversion; fund; appropriation							SPONSORS: BLACKMAN
					1st Read: 01/24		2nd Read: 01/25	
					<b>JUD</b> None			
					<b>APPROP</b> None			
					<b>RULES</b> None			
<p>Comments: 1/20/2022: Staff summarized the bill, noting that it would create an "Alternative Prosecution and Diversion Program" fund for county attorneys. Staff noted that this would allow county attorneys to develop and operate alternative prosecution practices and evidence-based actions for diversion from prosecution. Staff recommended, and the Board voted, to SUPPORT the bill as currently written.</p> <p>Summary: Appropriates \$20 million for the Alternative Prosecution and Diversion Program Fund for county attorneys to establish and operate alternative prosecution and evidence-based practices for diversion from prosecution. This is an AACo bill.</p>								
HB2587	public records; point of contact							SPONSORS: GRANTHAM
					1st Read: 01/26		2nd Read: 01/27	
					<b>GE</b> None			
					<b>RULES</b> None			
<p>Comments: 01.28.2022: Staff summarized the bill, noting feedback received cited concerns that the bill's language was unclear with respect to whether the receipt of the request, or the fulfillment of the request, was required within the five days. Concerns also include (a) whether the county needs to provide a separate individual for every department, and (b) whether statute should specify that specific names are posted online. Staff mentioned that they were reaching out to the sponsor to discuss the language. The LPC voted to OPPOSE as drafted.</p> <p>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.</p>								
HCR2017	constitutional property tax exemptions; consolidation							SPONSORS: CARTER, BIASIUCCI, et al
					1st Read: 01/24		2nd Read: 01/25	
					<b>WM</b> None			
					<b>RULES</b> None			
<p>Comments: 1/20/2022: Staff summarized the intent of the legislation, which was to make changes to a constitutional property tax exemption for disabled veterans - currently halted by a 1989 court order - to allow it to function as intended. Staff recommended, and the Board voted, to SUPPORT the bill as currently drafted.</p> <p>Summary: Puts the question to the ballot of consolidating and reorganizing constitutional provisions relating to property tax exemptions for disabled veterans and widows, in addition to repealing and reinserting the constitutional sections relating to property tax exemptions overall.</p> <p>Coincides with HB2454, which makes necessary statutory changes, enacted conditionally upon the voters approving this HCR. This is an AACo bill to fix the disabled veterans property tax exemption that was struck down in Benjamin v. ADOR in 1989.</p>								

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	Committee Actions	COW Action	3rd Read & Votes	Final Read & Votes	Committee Actions	COW Action	3rd Read & Votes	Final Read & Votes
SB1008	elections; recount margin 1st Read: 01/10 <b>GOV</b> 01/24 - DP 4-3-0-0-0-0 <b>RULES</b> 01/31 - PFC 0-0-0-0-0-0 Rep Caucus: 02/01 Dem Caucus: 02/01	CON CAL - 01/31 Object: No	2nd Read: 01/11					SPONSORS: UGENTI-RITA
<p>Comments: LPC - 01/14/2022 - Staff provided an explanation of the bill, including stakeholder concerns that increasing the "voting differential threshold" would trigger more recounts, necessitating higher staffing levels. Staff also mentioned that ballots begin to lose structural integrity as they are tabulated and re-tabulated and that stakeholders had additional concerns on the timing of the bill's implementations. The LPC voted to OPPOSE the bill as drafted.</p> <p>Summary: Specifies that voting differential threshold necessary to trigger an automatic recount for an election will increase from 0.01% to 0.5%. This language is identical to the House Engrossed version of SB 1083 from last year.</p>								
SB1026	vacation rentals; short-term rentals; repeal 1st Read: 01/10		2nd Read: 01/11					SPONSORS: ROGERS
<p>Comments: 1/20/2022: Staff used this bill as an example for the plethora (7) of short-term rental (STR) bills currently at the Legislature. STR bills have emerged from both parties and a variety of perspectives. This bill was presented FOR INFORMATION ONLY.</p> <p>1/14/2022: Due to time constraints this was not discussed and will be discussed at the Board meeting next week.</p> <p>Summary: Repeals statute that prohibits municipalities and counties from prohibiting vacation rentals or short-term rentals and that restricts the types of regulations that municipalities and counties may impose on vacation rentals or short-term rentals.</p>								
SB1035	political subdivisions; lobbying; prohibition							SPONSORS: ROGERS
<p>Comments: LPC - 01/14/2022 - Staff explained the bill, adding concerns that the bill would limit the ability of local governments to have a voice at the Legislature. The LPC voted to OPPOSE the bill as currently drafted.</p> <p>Summary: Prohibits political subdivisions (counties, municipalities, school districts, and special districts) from entering into a contract with a person or entity for lobbying services unless that person is directly employed by the political subdivision.</p>								

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Bills	Committee Actions	COW Action	3rd Read & Votes	Final Read & Votes	Committee Actions	COW Action	3rd Read & Votes	Final Read & Votes
SB1048	emergency powers; business closure; repeal 1st Read: 01/10 <b>GOV</b> 01/31 - DP 4-3-0-0-0-0 <b>RULES</b> None 0-0-0-0-0-0		2nd Read: 01/11					SPONSORS: PETERSEN, BARTO, et al
<p>Comments: LPC - 01/14/2022 - Staff provided an explanation of the bill, adding broad concerns about how the bill's limitations on county Boards of Supervisors abilities could prevent emergency evacuations in dangerous scenarios. The LPC voted to OPPOSE the bill as currently drafted.</p> <p>Summary: Modifies the emergency powers of mayors of incorporated municipalities and chairmen of county boards of supervisors by removing the authority to order the closing of any business in the event of an emergency including fire, flood, or other natural disaster.</p>								
SB1060	survival of action; deceased sheriff. 1st Read: 01/10 <b>JUD</b> 01/20 - DP 7-0-1-0-0-0 <b>RULES</b> 01/24 - PFC 0-0-0-0-0-0 Rep Caucus: 01/25 Dem Caucus: 01/25	CON CAL - 01/24 Object: No	2nd Read: 01/11 01/27 - PASSED 27-0-3-0-0-0					SPONSORS: BORRELLI, FANN
<p>Comments: 1/20/22: Staff summarized the bill and conveyed its intent to remedy an outdated law that has remained in statute. The Board voted to SUPPORT the bill as drafted.</p> <p>Repeals statute that allowed any action for the malfeasance or nonfeasance of a sheriff or his deputies to be prosecuted against the personal representative of the sheriff in the same manner as if the cause of action survived at common law. AACo bill that repeals a statute that was put in place in 1955 that is not used.</p>								
SB1063	legislative vacancies; precinct committeemen 1st Read: 01/10 <b>GOV</b> None 0-0-0-0-0-0 <b>RULES</b> None 0-0-0-0-0-0		2nd Read: 01/11					SPONSORS: LEACH
<p>Comments: LPC - 01/14/2022 - Staff provided a detailed explanation of SB 1063, including concerns that the bill would remove county Boards of Supervisors from the appointment process for legislative vacancies. Staff also mentioned that additional provisions of the bill remove the specific county residency requirement for nominees and voting precinct committeemen. Feedback included that the nomination process is inherently political, that the Board plays an important role in vetting candidates, and that the current exclusion of in-district out-of-county PCs may be problematic. The LPC discussed the bill, but took NO POSITION.</p> <p>Summary: Specifies if a vacancy occurs in the legislature and the vacant seat was represented by a political party that has at least 30 elected precinct committeemen from precincts in the legislative district, those elected precinct committeemen are required to elect a qualified elector to fill the vacancy who belongs to the same political party and who resides in the legislative district. The person filling the vacancy is no longer required to live in the same county as the person vacating the seat.</p> <p>Precinct committeemen would no longer be required to nominate three qualified electors and the county board of supervisors would no longer appoint a person to fill the vacancy.</p>								

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Bills	Committee Actions	COW Action	3rd Read & Votes	Final Read & Votes	Committee Actions	COW Action	3rd Read & Votes	Final Read & Votes
SB1082	ASRS; employer contributions; prepayment 1st Read: 01/10 <b>FIN</b> 01/12 - DP 8-0-2-0-0-0 <b>RULES</b> 01/24 - PFC 0-0-0-0-0-0 Rep Caucus: 01/25 Dem Caucus: 01/25	CON CAL - 01/24 Object: Yes	2nd Read: 01/11					SPONSORS: LIVINGSTON
<p>Comments: 1/20/2022: Staff summarized the bill, emphasizing that the program is voluntary and provides additional flexibility for employers. Staff recommended, and the Board voted, to SUPPORT the bill as currently drafted.</p> <p>Summary: Allows the Arizona State Retirement System (ASRS) to establish a program to accept excess contributions from participating employers. Excess contributions are able to be used to pay for the employer's future required contributions into ASRS on an amortization schedule determined by the employer.</p>								
SB1085	PSPRS; funded ratio; asset transfers 1st Read: 01/10 <b>FIN</b> 01/19 - DP 9-0-1-0-0-0 <b>RULES</b> 01/24 - PFC 0-0-0-0-0-0 Rep Caucus: 01/25 Dem Caucus: 01/25	CON CAL - 01/24 Object: No	2nd Read: 01/11 01/27 - PASSED 27-0-3-0-0-0					SPONSORS: LIVINGSTON
<p>Comments: LPC - 01/14/2022 - Staff provided an explanation of the bill, including that the bill is an attempt to conform with new funding policies of the PSPRS Advisory Committee - where CSA has a seat - that were then adopted by the Board of Trustees. The LPC voted to SUPPORT.</p> <p>Summary: Makes various changes to PSPRS statute to conform with new funding policy recommended by the PSPRS Advisory Committee and adopted by the Board of Trustees. Changes include modifying when plans with a funded status higher than 100% of their actuarial accrued liability (AAL) reduce their normal cost contributions, clarifying how Tier 2 employee contributions above 7.65% are accounted for once a plan reaches 100% funded on an AAL basis and establishing a process for transferring any excess assets once a plan has no remaining liabilities.</p>								
SB1089	liens; fees; exemption 1st Read: 01/10 <b>GOV</b> 01/31 - DP 7-0-0-0-0-0 <b>RULES</b> None 0-0-0-0-0-0		2nd Read: 01/11					SPONSORS: SHOPE
<p>Comments: LPC - 01/14/2022 - Staff provided an explanation of the bill, including that this bill originates at AACo as a "clean up" bill for county recorders. The LPC voted in SUPPORT.</p> <p>Summary: AACo bill to clean-up county recorder provisions in statute with certified copies, document recording and lien release fees. The county recorder is prohibited from receiving a fee for performing the duties of recording specified papers as required by statute or for any act necessary to record or release a restitution lien or any lien necessary to enforce a support order. A recording fee or any other charge is not required for releasing a restitution lien.</p>								

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SB1093	property tax; class one; equalization assistance 1st Read: 01/10 <b>FIN</b> 01/26 - DPA 7-3-0-0-0-0 <b>RULES</b> 01/31 - PFC 0-0-0-0-0-0 Rep Caucus: 02/01 Dem Caucus: 02/01		2nd Read: 01/11					SPONSORS: MESNARD, LEACH, et al
<p>Comments: 01.28.2022: Staff explained the bill. Supervisors provided a variety of input, including (a) hope that this would hold counties harmless due to its incentivizing larger companies, and (b) fear that smaller counties who do not attract larger businesses could see this impact their funding. The LPC did not take a position on the bill and asked for staff to provide additional information on potential county impacts.</p> <p>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. Reduces the State Equalization Tax Rate by \$0.0452 in FY 2027 and \$0.0801 in FY 2028.</p>								
SB1119	electronic ballot images; public record. 1st Read: 01/10 <b>GOV</b> 01/24 - DP 4-3-0-0-0-0 <b>RULES</b> 01/31 - PFC 0-0-0-0-0-0 Rep Caucus: 02/01 Dem Caucus: 02/01	CON CAL - 01/31 Object: Yes	2nd Read: 01/11					SPONSORS: BORRELLI, FANN, et al
<p>Comments: 1/14/2022: CSA staff provided an update on some of the concerns regarding liability, cost, and timing related to this legislation. The LPC voted to OPPOSE the bill in the current form and work with stakeholders to address concerns.</p> <p>Summary: After the polls close the officer in charge of elections is required to make available to the public an online copy of any digital images of ballots, searchable by precinct but that precludes any alteration of the images. States that the digital images of the ballots are public records. The bill does not provide specifics on when the images must be made available, how long they must be retained online, or provide any immunity to the county for potential inappropriate content written on the ballots. Identical Senate Bill House Bill 2023</p>								
SB1120	ballot fraud countermeasures; paper; ink. 1st Read: 01/10 <b>GOV</b> 01/24 - DP 4-3-0-0-0-0 <b>APPROP</b> None 0-0-0-0-0-0 <b>RULES</b> None 0-0-0-0-0-0		2nd Read: 01/11					SPONSORS: BORRELLI, BARTO, et al
<p>Comments: LPC - 01/14/2022 - Staff provided an explanation of the bill, including stakeholder concerns about (1) the ability of current tabulation machines to detect all elements of the special paper, (2) difficulties obtaining the special paper due to a paper shortage, and (3) the difficulty of implementing these changes before the upcoming 2022 election. The LPC voted to OPPOSE the bill as currently drafted.</p>								



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SB1158	attorney fees; costs; recovery 1st Read: 01/12 <b>JUD</b> 01/20 - DP 4-2-2-0-0-0 <b>RULES</b> 01/24 - PFC 0-0-0-0-0-0 Rep Caucus: 01/25 Dem Caucus: 01/25	CON CAL - 01/24 Object: Yes	2nd Read: 01/13					SPONSORS: LEACH
<p>Comments: 01.28.2022: Staff explained the bill, noting it would eliminate the recovery of attorney fees for counties for lawsuits related to contested contracts, when a provision in the contract claims to violate the State Constitution, U.S. Constitution, or state law. Staff noted that it puts counties in a difficult predicament and would make them responsible for attorney fees for following state law that may conflict with the U.S. Constitution or State Constitution but has not yet been born out in court. The LPC voted to OPPOSE the bill as currently drafted.</p> <p>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.</p>								
SB1173	community colleges; out-of-county reimbursement 1st Read: 01/13 <b>APPROP</b> 01/25 - DP 9-0-1-0-0-0 <b>RULES</b> 01/31 - PFC 0-0-0-0-0-0 Rep Caucus: 02/01 Dem Caucus: 02/01	CON CAL - 01/31 Object: Yes	2nd Read: 01/18					SPONSORS: GOWAN
<p>Comments: 01.28.2022: Staff summarized the bill, noting that it requires the state to pay a portion of the reimbursement required of Greenlee and Apache counties to out-of-county community college districts. Staff brought the matter up for discussion, and the LPC voted to SUPPORT the bill as currently drafted.</p> <p>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.</p>								
SB1198	local governments; lobbying; prohibition 1st Read: 01/18 <b>GOV</b> None 0-0-0-0-0-0 <b>RULES</b> None 0-0-0-0-0-0		2nd Read: 01/19					SPONSORS: PETERSEN, LEACH, et al
<p>Comments: 1/20/2022: Staff summarized the bill, mentioning concerns that it could limit the voice of local government at the Legislature. Staff recommended, and the Board voted, to OPPOSE the bill as currently drafted.</p> <p>Summary: Counties, municipalities, school districts, and other political subdivisions and any person acting on behalf of a political subdivision are prohibited from entering into a contract with a person or entity for lobbying services and from spending monies for any person or entity to lobby on behalf of that political subdivision unless that person is directly employed by the political subdivision.</p>								

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If a county, municipality, school district or other political subdivision is a member of an organization of which the majority of the members are composed of political subdivisions or other public bodies, no portion of membership dues may be authorized for lobbying activities.

SB1258	government membership organizations; transparency 1st Read: 01/20 <b>GOV</b> 01/31 - DP 4-3-0-0-0-0 <b>RULES</b> None 0-0-0-0-0-0		2nd Read: 01/24					SPONSORS: MESNARD
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Comments: 01.28.2022: Staff explained the bill, noting that it would draw organizations like the County Supervisors Association and the Arizona Association of Counties into public records law. Staff mentioned concerns with the bill, namely that CSA was not staffed to handle public records requests and stated that they were working to further understand the impacts that the bill would have if passed. The LPC did not take a position on the bill.

Summary: Would make "government membership organizations" like the County Supervisors Association subject to public records laws.

SB1268	PSPRS; deferred retirement option plan 1st Read: 01/24 <b>FIN</b> None 0-0-0-0-0-0 <b>RULES</b> None 0-0-0-0-0-0		2nd Read: 01/25					SPONSORS: LIVINGSTON
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Comments: 01.28.2022: Staff summarized the bill, stating concerns that that additional unfunded liabilities would be created if the system underperforms the bill's assumptions. The LPC voted, to OPPOSE the bill as currently drafted.

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%).

SB1274	property tax levy; calculation; federal monies 1st Read: 01/24 <b>FIN</b> None 0-0-0-0-0-0 <b>RULES</b> None 0-0-0-0-0-0		2nd Read: 01/25					SPONSORS: LEACH
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Comments: 01.28.2022: Staff explained the bill, noting concerns that it would remove the ability of Supervisors to make some determinations with respect to spending American Rescue Plan Act monies. The LPC voted, to OPPOSE the bill as drafted.

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.

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SB1275 fireworks; use; overnight hours; prohibition SPONSORS: MESNARD, SHAH

1st Read: 01/24  
**COM** None  
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**RULES** None  
 0-0-0-0-0

2nd Read: 01/25

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Comments: 01.28.2022: Staff summarized the bill, noting that it would expand county and municipal authorities to restrict fireworks between specified hours. The LPC voted, to SUPPORT the bill as currently drafted.

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.

SB1277 board of supervisors; membership SPONSORS: MESNARD

1st Read: 01/24  
**GOV** 01/31 - DP  
 4-3-0-0-0  
**RULES** None  
 0-0-0-0-0

2nd Read: 01/25

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Comments: SB 1277: Staff explained the bill, noting that it would restructure county Boards of Supervisors by county population (as noted below) and that the LPC had voted to oppose this bill in 2021. The bill was brought by staff for discussion, and the LPC voted to OPPOSE the bill as currently drafted.

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.

SB1299 study committee; county boundaries SPONSORS: ROGERS

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Comments: 01.28.2022: Staff explained the bill, noting that the bill did not include an appropriation. One Supervisor brought concerns that this bill would essentially split the counties based on the location of indigenous peoples and tribal populations, and that both Apache and Navajo counties had been successfully operating independently since their split in the late-1800s. Staff brought this bill for discussion, and the LPC voted to OPPOSE the bill as currently drafted.

Summary: Would form a study committee to contemplate the formation of a new county, Sitgreaves County, from parts of Navajo and Apache counties.

SB1348 elections; hand count; tabulators prohibited SPONSORS: ROGERS

1st Read: 01/25  
**GOV** None  
 0-0-0-0-0  
**RULES** None  
 0-0-0-0-0

2nd Read: 01/26

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Comments: 01.28.2022: Staff summarized the bill, noting broad concerns that every ballot would be required to go through a "hand count" under the existing timelines for canvassing and conducting the post-election hand count already conducted. The LPC voted, to OPPOSE the bill as currently drafted

**Senate Information**

**House Information**

<b>Bills</b>	<b>Committee Actions</b>	<b>COW Action</b>	<b>3rd Read &amp; Votes</b>	<b>Final Read &amp; Votes</b>	<b>Committee Actions</b>	<b>COW Action</b>	<b>3rd Read &amp; Votes</b>	<b>Final Read &amp; Votes</b>
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Summary: States that "for all state, county, city or town elections, ballots shall be tabulated by hand."