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COUNTY SUPERVISORS ASSOCIATION
LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
AGENDA
April 1, 2022
(*Conducted Via Teleconference and Webinar*)
Teleconference 1-669-900-9128 OR 1-253-215-8782
Meeting ID: 861 5821 3273 **Password**: 256912
County Supervisors Association
1905 W. Washington St.
Phoenix, AZ

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

A. Approval of the Minutes of the March 25, 2022, CSA Legislative Policy Committee Meeting (*previously distributed*)

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      a) HB 2201 counties; committed youth contributions; repeal (Weninger)
      b) State/County Probation Salary Cost Share
   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

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   3) HB 2554 NOW: counties; land divisions; surveys (Griffin)
   4) HB 2675 right to jury; parent-child relationship (Biasiucci)
   5) SB 1269 conformity; internal revenue code / S/E School Funding Overhaul (Leach)

D. Other Legislative Issues

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F. Other Business

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D. Other Legislative Issues

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CSA Bills

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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**
HB2012	county improvement districts; formation							SPONSORS: KAVANAGH
	1st Read: 02/17		2nd Read: 02/21		1st Read: 01/11		2nd Read: 01/12	
	GOV 03/14 - DP 6-0-1-0-0-0	CON CAL - 03/21	03/24 - PASSED		**GE** 01/26 - DP 13-0-0-0-0-0	CON CAL - 01/31	02/03 - PASSED	
	RULES 03/21 - PFC 0-0-0-0-0-0	Object: No	25-2-3-0-0-0		**RULES** 01/31 - C&P 8-0-0-0-0-0	Object: No	58-0-2-0-0-0-0	
	Rep Caucus: 03/22				Maj Caucus: 02/01			
	Dem Caucus: 03/22				Min Caucus: 02/01			
								Transmitted to Governor: 03/28
	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: 03/01		2nd Read: 03/02		1st Read: 01/12		2nd Read: 01/13	
	APPROP 03/08 - DP 10-0-0-0-0-0				**APPROP** 01/19 - DP 11-1-0-0-1-0	CON CAL - 02/22	02/24 - PASSED	
	RULES None 0-0-0-0-0-0				**RULES** 02/22 - C&P 7-0-0-0-1-0	Object: No	49-10-1-0-0-0-0	
					Maj Caucus: 02/22			
					Min Caucus: 02/22			
	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: 02/21		2nd Read: 02/22		1st Read: 01/18		2nd Read: 01/19	
	GOV 03/14 - DP 7-0-0-0-0-0	CON CAL - 03/21	03/24 - PASSED		**GE** 02/09 - DPA 12-0-0-0-1-0	02/17 - DPA 0-0-0-0-0-0-	02/17 - PASSED	
	RULES 03/21 - PFC 0-0-0-0-0-0	Object: No	27-0-3-0-0-0		**RULES** 02/14 - C&P 7-0-0-0-1-0		59-0-1-0-0-0-0	
	Rep Caucus: 03/22				Maj Caucus: 02/15			
	Dem Caucus: 03/22				Min Caucus: 02/15			
								Transmitted to Governor: 03/28
	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.							

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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**
HB2197	medical examiner; pathologist assistant; autopsies							SPONSORS: OSBORNE, JOHN, et al
	1st Read: 02/17		2nd Read: 02/21		1st Read: 01/18		2nd Read: 01/19	
	HHS 03/02 - DP 7-0-1-0-0-0	CON CAL - 03/07	03/22 - PASSED		**HHS** 01/31 - DP 9-0-0-0-0-0	CON CAL - 02/07	02/10 - PASSED	
	RULES 03/07 - PFC 0-0-0-0-0-0	Object: No	29-0-1-0-0-0		**RULES** 02/07 - C&P 8-0-0-0-0-0	Object: No	55-0-5-0-0-0-0	
	Rep Caucus: 03/08				Maj Caucus: 02/08			
	Dem Caucus: 03/08				Min Caucus: 02/08			
								Transmitted to Governor: 03/23
	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.							
HB2201	counties; committed youth contributions; repeal							SPONSORS: WENINGER
	1st Read: 03/01		2nd Read: 03/02		1st Read: 01/18		2nd Read: 01/19	
	APPROP 03/15 - DPA/SE 10-0-0-0-0-0				**APPROP** 01/26 - DP 11-1-0-0-1-0	CON CAL - 02/22	02/24 - PASSED	
	RULES None 0-0-0-0-0-0				**RULES** 02/22 - C&P 7-0-0-0-1-0	Object: No	50-9-1-0-0-0-0	
					Maj Caucus: 02/22			
					Min Caucus: 02/22			
	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
	1st Read: 01/13		2nd Read: 01/18					
	COM None 0-0-0-0-0-0							
	RULES None 0-0-0-0-0-0							
	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.							

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Legislative Bills Updates, Discussion & Possible Action – April 1, 2022

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HB2102	survival of action; deceased sheriff						SPONSORS: GRIFFIN, BLACKMAN, et al	
	1st Read: 02/17		2nd Read: 02/21		1st Read: 01/24		2nd Read: 01/25	
	JUD 03/24 - DPA/SE 7-0-1-0-0-0 **RULES** 03/28 - PFC 0-0-0-0-0-0				**MAPS** 01/31 - DP 15-0-0-0-0-0 **RULES** 02/07 - C&P 8-0-0-0-0-0	CON CAL - 02/07 Object: No	02/15 - PASSED 58-1-1-0-0-0-0	
	Rep Caucus: 03/28 Dem Caucus: 03/28				Maj Caucus: 02/08 Min Caucus: 02/08			
	Comments: Update: The S/E amendment requires a person who is arrested for any felony offense to have a DNA test and provides a process for expungement. This bill was originally an AACo bill that CSA supported. AACo supports the S/E amendment as well. 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. 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.							
HB2528	area agencies on aging; appropriation						SPONSORS: HERNANDEZ A, BLACKWATER-NYGREN, et al	
	1st Read: 03/03		2nd Read: 03/07		1st Read: 01/24		2nd Read: 01/25	
	APPROP None 0-0-0-0-0-0 **RULES** None 0-0-0-0-0-0				**HHS** 02/03 - W/D **APPROP** 02/21 - DP 11-0-0-0-2-0 **RULES** 02/22 - C&P 7-0-0-0-1-0	CON CAL - 02/22 Object: No	02/24 - PASSED 42-17-1-0-0-0-0	
					Maj Caucus: 02/22 Min Caucus: 02/22			
	Comments: Appropriates $100,000,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act monies allocated to Arizona to be added into the Housing Trust Fund.							
HB2554	land divisions; property; technical correction NOW: counties; land divisions; surveys						SPONSORS: GRIFFIN	
	1st Read: 02/24		2nd Read: 02/28		1st Read: 02/10		2nd Read: 02/14	
	NREW 03/24 - W/D 0-0-0-0-0-0 **APPROP** None 0-0-0-0-0-0 **RULES** None 0-0-0-0-0-0				**NREW** 02/15 - DPA/SE 7-5-0-0-0-0 **RULES** 02/21 - C&P 8-0-0-0-0-0	02/22 - DPA 0-0-0-0-0-0-	02/22 - PASSED 31-27-2-0-0-0-0	
					Maj Caucus: 02/21 Min Caucus: 02/21			
	Comments: 03.25.22: Staff provided an update on the bills progress noting that it was not heard in Senate Natural Resources this week because it did not have the votes, but it was added to the appropriations committee meeting next week.							

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03.11.2022: Staff summarized the bill's movement to this point, noted that it had passed through the House, and further noted that Staff was monitoring the bill for movement in the Senate's Natural Resources, Energy, and Water committee.

03/04/2022: Staff encouraged Supervisors to reach out to Senators regarding the bill to share our concerns and provided an update on outreach.

02/25/2025: Staff provided an update on the bill noting that it passed out of the House and asked members to watch for an action alert in the near future.

02/17/2022: Staff explained the bill, noting the bill eliminates notice of ability to require validation of physical access as part of the lot split process, prohibits the requirement of a survey for a lot split or for a building permit for counties that have deficiencies noted on the deed.
The Board voted to OPPOSE the bill as currently drafted.

Update: Strike-everything removes the requirement that a land division applicant provide a statement from a surveyor or engineer or evidence indicating whether each lot, parcel or fractional interest is traversable by a two-wheel drive vehicle. Prohibits a county from requiring a land division applicant to conduct a survey as a condition of approving the land division, conveying the land or issuing a building permit.

1/20/2022: Staff summarized the bill as it currently stands, mentioning concerns that this "technical correction" could be a placeholder for a previously-opposed (2021) bill that would have eliminated the provision of critical information to buyers of land parcels. This bill was presented FOR INFORMATION ONLY.

Summary: Technical correction bill relating to land divisions. This may be a placeholder for last year's lot split bill.

HB2675 right to jury; parent-child relationship SPONSORS: BIASIUCCI

Senate			House		
1st Read: 03/07		2nd Read: 03/08	1st Read: 02/07		2nd Read: 02/08
HHS	03/24 - W/D 0-0-0-0-0-0		**JUD**	02/16 - DP 9-0-0-0-1-0	02/24 - DPA 0-0-0-0-0-0-
APPROP	None 0-0-0-0-0-0		**RULES**	02/21 - C&P 8-0-0-0-0-0	02/24 - PASSED 50-9-1-0-0-0-0
RULES	None 0-0-0-0-0-0				
			Maj Caucus: 02/21 Min Caucus: 02/21		

Comments: Update: The bill that was established the parents right to a jury trial during state-initiated child protection hearings was struck with language to require Department of Public Safety to collect information on criminal offenses that have evidence of prejudice based on anti-Semitism.

03/11/2022: Staff explained the bill, noting its attempts to work with the sponsor on a potential amendment that would limit this "right to jury" to termination proceedings. Staff stated that it had reached out to relevant county employees, including public defenders, and learned that this bill would add costs and could generate additional delays. The LPC voted to OPPOSE the bill as currently drafted.

02/17/2022: Staff explained the bill, noting that its passage would generate additional costs for counties, cause significant delays cases keeping children in limbo, and that prior attempts to ensure jury trials had not resulted in different outcomes and the state quickly moved back to bench trials. Some supervisors noted as written the bill would be unimplementable and a substantial unfunded mandate, while others noted that parents should have a right to full jury throughout the child dependency hearing process. The Board took no action on the bill.

Summary: A party to any hearing for the termination of the parent-child relationship has a right to a trial by jury and that right cannot be arbitrarily denied. The court is required to provide written notice to all parties of the right to a trial by jury. If the court fails to provide notice, any subsequent proceedings or rulings do not have the force of law. If a party believes the party's rights have been

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	violated and files a jury demand with the court within 20 days after court orders were filed, the court is required to set a new hearing before a jury within 20 days after the demand is filed. A party may have the jury reexamine discrete portion of the court's orders without the entire case being relitigated or reexamined.							
SB1269	conformity; internal revenue code							SPONSORS: LEACH
	1st Read: 01/24		2nd Read: 01/25		1st Read: 03/09		2nd Read: 03/10	
	FIN 02/09 - DPA 9-0-1-0-0-0 **RULES** 02/14 - PFC 0-0-0-0-0-0	02/16 - DPA	02/17 - PASSED 29-0-1-0-0-0		**APPROP** 03/28 - DPA/SE 8-5-0-0-0-0 **RULES** None			
	Rep Caucus: 02/15 Dem Caucus: 02/15							

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HB2023	electronic ballot images; public record							SPONSORS: FINCHEM, BURGES, et al

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

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HB2037	expenditures; authority; water; wastewater NOW: counties; powers; water supply projects							SPONSORS: COOK, CARTER
	1st Read: 03/01		2nd Read: 03/02		1st Read: 01/24		2nd Read: 01/25	
	NREW 03/16 - DPA 8-0-1-0-0-0 **RULES** 03/21 - PFC 0-0-0-0-0-0				**NREW** 02/15 - DPA/SE 11-0-0-1-0-0 **RULES** 02/22 - C&P 7-0-0-0-1-0	02/24 - DPA 0-0-0-0-0-0-	02/24 - PASSED 59-0-1-0-0-0-0	
	Rep Caucus: 03/22 Dem Caucus: 03/22				Maj Caucus: 02/22 Min Caucus: 02/22			

Comments: 3/4/2022: Staff provided a summary of the recently adopted strike-everything amendment. Supervisor Miller stated that he was in communication with the sponsor and the Chairs of the House and Senate Natural Resources, Energy, and Water Committees, and that this bill would allow counties to enter into agreements with the aforementioned governments to act as manager for certain federal grants. The LPC did not take a position on this bill.

Update 2/22/2022: Strike-Everything amendment authorizes a county board of supervisors to enter agreements with federal, state and local governments to enable federal funding for project that increase water supply and availability.

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.

HB2038	state lake improvement fund							SPONSORS: BIASIUCCI
	1st Read: 02/28		2nd Read: 03/01		1st Read: 01/12		2nd Read: 01/13	
	APPROP 03/08 - DP 10-0-0-0-0-0 **RULES** None 0-0-0-0-0-0				**APPROP** 01/19 - DP 12-0-0-0-1-0 **RULES** 02/21 - C&P 8-0-0-0-0-0	CON CAL - 02/21 Object: No	02/23 - PASSED 58-1-1-0-0-0-0	
					Maj Caucus: 02/21 Min Caucus: 02/21			

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.

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.

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HB2041	ballot fraud countermeasures; paper; ink							SPONSORS: BIASIUCCI, BLACKMAN, et al
					1st Read: 01/25		2nd Read: 01/26	
					GE 02/16 - HELD			
					APPROP None			
					RULES None			

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.

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.

HB2070	open meetings; capacity; posting; violation							SPONSORS: KAVANAGH
	1st Read: 02/28		2nd Read: 03/01		1st Read: 01/18		2nd Read: 01/19	
	GOV 03/07 - DP 4-2-1-0-0-0	CON CAL - 03/14 Object: Yes	03/23 - FAILED		**GE** 01/26 - DPA 7-6-0-0-0-0	02/03 - RET ON CAL	02/23 - PASSED	
	RULES 03/14 - PFC 0-0-0-0-0-0	03/23 - DP	15-13-2-0-0-0		**RULES** 01/31 - C&P 5-3-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0- 02/14 - DPA 0-0-0-0-0-0-	31-28-1-0-0-0-0	
	Rep Caucus: 03/15				Maj Caucus: 02/01			
	Dem Caucus: 03/15				Min Caucus: 02/01			

Comments: 03/11/2022: Staff summarized the bill as amended, noting that the majority of county concerns - aside from the requirement to post the time doors would be open - were addressed in the legislation's new form. The LPC voted to move to a position of NEUTRAL on the bill.

Updated Summary: Specifies that public bodies must provide seating for anticipated attendance, when feasible. Requires the meeting notice to indicate when access to the meeting location will be available on the agenda (when the doors will be open). Specifies that violations can result in a civil penalty.

02.04.22: Staff provided a brief update and noted that the sponsor was planning on making changes to ensure existing facilities could be used and considering removing the open meeting law violation.

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.

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.

* Vote Legend: Ayes-Nays-Not Voting-Present-Absent-Excused

	Senate Information				House Information			
Bills	**Committee Actions**	**COW Action**	**3rd Read & Votes**	**Final Read & Votes**	**Committee Actions**	**COW Action**	**3rd Read & Votes**	**Final Read & Votes**
HB2080	hand count; electronic tabulation verification						SPONSORS: FINCHEM, BARTON, et al	

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 canvasing and conducting the post-election hand count already conducted. The LPC voted, to OPPOSE the bill as currently drafted.

Summary: States that “for all state, county, city or town elections, ballots shall be tabulated by hand.”

HB2102	survival of action; deceased sheriff						SPONSORS: GRIFFIN, BLACKMAN, et al	
	1st Read: 02/17		2nd Read: 02/21		1st Read: 01/24		2nd Read: 01/25	
	JUD 03/24 - DPA/SE 7-0-1-0-0-0				**MAPS** 01/31 - DP 15-0-0-0-0-0	CON CAL - 02/07	02/15 - PASSED	
	RULES 03/28 - PFC 0-0-0-0-0-0				**RULES** 02/07 - C&P 8-0-0-0-0-0	Object: No	58-1-1-0-0-0-0	
	Rep Caucus: 03/28				Maj Caucus: 02/08			
	Dem Caucus: 03/28				Min Caucus: 02/08			

Comments: Update: The S/E amendment requires a person who is arrested for any felony offense to have a DNA test and provides a process for expungement. This bill was originally an AACo bill that CSA supported. AACo supports the S/E amendment as well.

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.

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.

HB2145	governmental entities; ransomware payment; prohibition						SPONSORS: BOLICK, BIASIUCCI, et al	
					1st Read: 01/18		2nd Read: 01/19	
					GE None			
					RULES None			

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.

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.

* Vote Legend: Ayes-Nays-Not Voting-Present-Absent-Excused

	Senate Information				House Information			
Bills	**Committee Actions**	**COW Action**	**3rd Read & Votes**	**Final Read & Votes**	**Committee Actions**	**COW Action**	**3rd Read & Votes**	**Final Read & Votes**
HB2162	open meeting law; violations; penalty							SPONSORS: KAISER
					1st Read: 01/18		2nd Read: 01/19	
					GE None **RULES** None			

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.

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.

HB2226	fireworks; use; overnight hours; prohibition.							SPONSORS: SHAH, BOWERS, et al
	1st Read: 02/17		2nd Read: 02/21		1st Read: 01/18		2nd Read: 01/19	
	COM 03/02 - DP 7-2-0-0-0-0 **RULES** 03/07 - PFC 0-0-0-0-0-0	CON CAL - 03/07 Object: Yes			**MAPS** 01/31 - DP 13-1-0-1-0-0 **RULES** 02/07 - C&P 8-0-0-0-0-0	CON CAL - 02/07 Object: No	02/15 - PASSED 42-17-1-0-0-0-0	
	Rep Caucus: 03/15 Dem Caucus: 03/08				Maj Caucus: 02/08 Min Caucus: 02/08			

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.

HB2240	elections; voting centers prohibited							SPONSORS: HOFFMAN, BARTON, et al
					1st Read: 01/20		2nd Read: 01/24	
					GE None **RULES** None			

Comments: 02/17/2022: Staff explained the bill, noting that it would prohibit an oft-used tool - voting centers - from being utilized in future elections. As this bill was recently held in committee, the bill was explained for information-only.

Summary: County boards of supervisors and any officer in charge of elections are prohibited from authorizing, establishing or using a voting center at which a voter who is a registered voter and resident anywhere in that county is allowed to receive the appropriate ballot for that specific voter.

* Vote Legend: Ayes-Nays-Not Voting-Present-Absent-Excused

	Senate Information				House Information			
Bills	**Committee Actions**	**COW Action**	**3rd Read & Votes**	**Final Read & Votes**	**Committee Actions**	**COW Action**	**3rd Read & Votes**	**Final Read & Votes**
HB2276	state law; violation; schools; universities							SPONSORS: FILLMORE
					1st Read: 01/20		2nd Read: 01/24	
					GE 02/16 - DPA 7-6-0-0-0-0 **RULES** 02/22 - C&P 7-0-0-0-1-0			
					Maj Caucus: 02/22 Min Caucus: 02/22			

Comments: 02/17/2022: Staff explained the bill and noted that it would open a greater amount of county actions to a potential "1487" - or referral to the Attorney General for investigation by any member of the Legislature. The Board voted to OPPOSE the bill as currently drafted.

Summary: State law currently allows state legislators to refer potential violations of the State's constitution or laws by cities, towns, and counties to the state's Attorney General for investigation and potential withholding of state shared revenues.

HB 2276 would expand the entities whose actions can be referred to the Attorney General to include the Arizona Board of Regents, the state's universities, and the governing boards of community college, school, and charter school districts.

In addition, it expands when a complaint may be lodged for any written policy, written rule, or written regulation if the member of the legislature provides written notification for 60 days before lodging the complaint.

HB2316	misconduct involving weapons; public places							SPONSORS: KAVANAGH, BARTON, et al
	1st Read: 02/21		2nd Read: 02/22		1st Read: 01/19		2nd Read: 01/20	
	JUD 03/03 - DP 5-3-0-0-0-0 **RULES** 03/07 - PFC 0-0-0-0-0-0	CON CAL - 03/07 Object: Yes			**GE** 02/02 - DPA 7-5-0-0-1-0 **RULES** 02/07 - C&P 8-0-0-0-0-0	02/17 - DPA 0-0-0-0-0-0-	02/17 - PASSED 31-28-1-0-0-0-0	
					Maj Caucus: 02/08 Min Caucus: 02/08			

Comments: 03.11.2022: Staff summarized the bill's movement to this point, noted that it had passed through the House and a Senate committee, and stated that Supervisors should expect an Action Alert from CSA in the coming week.

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.

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.

* Vote Legend: Ayes-Nays-Not Voting-Present-Absent-Excused

	Senate Information				House Information			
Bills	**Committee Actions**	**COW Action**	**3rd Read & Votes**	**Final Read & Votes**	**Committee Actions**	**COW Action**	**3rd Read & Votes**	**Final Read & Votes**
HB2337	deferred retirement optional plan; reinstatement							SPONSORS: PAYNE
	1st Read: 02/21		2nd Read: 02/22		1st Read: 01/20		2nd Read: 01/24	
	FIN 03/23 - FAILED 4-4-2-0-0-0				**GE** 02/09 - DPA 7-6-0-0-0-0	02/17 - DPA 0-0-0-0-0-0-	02/17 - PASSED	
	RULES None 0-0-0-0-0-0				**RULES** 02/14 - C&P 7-0-0-0-1-0		31-28-1-0-0-0-0	
					Maj Caucus: 02/15 Min Caucus: 02/15			
	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.							
	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.							
HB2378	election lawsuits; settlements; approvals							SPONSORS: BOLICK
	1st Read: 02/24		2nd Read: 02/28		1st Read: 01/24		2nd Read: 01/25	
	JUD 03/10 - DP 5-3-0-0-0-0	CON CAL - 03/14 Object: Yes			**GE** 02/16 - DP 7-6-0-0-0-0	02/22 - DP 0-0-0-0-0-0-	02/22 - PASSED	
	RULES 03/14 - PFC 0-0-0-0-0-0				**RULES** 02/22 - C&P 7-0-0-0-1-0		31-28-1-0-0-0-0	
	Rep Caucus: 03/15 Dem Caucus: 03/15				Maj Caucus: 02/22 Min Caucus: 02/22			
	Comments: 02/17/2022: Staff explained the bill, noting it will ensure county election officials are consulting on election related lawsuit settlements. The Board voted to SUPPORT the bill as currently drafted.							
	Summary: Requires the Secretary of State in elections related lawsuits to get the consent of the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections prior to settlement. Allows a county recorder or other officer in charge of elections is authorized to join in any election-related civil action that materially affects the county recorder or officer.							
HB2412	open meetings; digital recordings							SPONSORS: PARKER, CARROLL, et al
	1st Read: 02/28		2nd Read: 03/01		1st Read: 01/24		2nd Read: 01/25	
	GOV 03/07 - DPA 4-3-0-0-0-0				**GE** 02/02 - DPA 8-5-0-0-0-0	02/17 - RET ON CAL 0-0-0-0-0-0-	02/23 - PASSED	
	RULES 03/21 - PFC 0-0-0-0-0-0				**RULES** 02/07 - C&P 8-0-0-0-0-0	02/22 - RET ON CAL 0-0-0-0-0-0- 02/23 - DPA 0-0-0-0-0-0-	34-25-1-0-0-0-0	
	Rep Caucus: 03/22 Dem Caucus: 03/22				Maj Caucus: 02/08 Min Caucus: 02/08			
	Comments: 02/25/22: Staff noted that the sponsor amended the bill to address concerns brought forward. The LPC voted to move from a position from opposed to a NEUTRAL position.							

* Vote Legend: Ayes-Nays-Not Voting-Present-Absent-Excused

	Senate Information				House Information			
Bills	**Committee Actions**	**COW Action**	**3rd Read & Votes**	**Final Read & Votes**	**Committee Actions**	**COW Action**	**3rd Read & Votes**	**Final Read & Votes**

Updated Summary: The amendment allows executive session to allow for written minutes or a recording of executive session, allows for audio or an audio-visual recording of meetings to be posted in the current time frame that exists today for the digital recordings, and it specifies that meeting minutes don't have to be posted until 3 days after approval, to allow for the minutes to approved by the body before having to be posted.

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.

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.

HB2453	governmental entities; mask requirement; prohibition							SPONSORS: CARTER, BIASIUCCI, et al
	1st Read: 02/21		2nd Read: 02/22		1st Read: 01/24			2nd Read: 01/25
	GOV	02/28 - DP 4-3-0-0-0-0	CON CAL - 03/07 Object: Yes		**GE**	02/02 - DP 7-6-0-0-0-0	02/17 - DPA 0-0-0-0-0-0-	02/17 - PASSED
	RULES	03/07 - PFC 0-0-0-0-0-0			**RULES**	02/07 - C&P 5-3-0-0-0-0		31-28-1-0-0-0-0
	Rep Caucus: 03/08 Dem Caucus: 03/08				Maj Caucus: 02/08 Min Caucus: 02/08			

Comments: 02/04/2022: Staff summarized the bill. Supervisors expressed broad concerns about the erosion of local control perpetuated by the bill and the LPC voted to OPPOSE.

Summary: Prohibits a governmental entity, defined as "any political subdivision of this state," from imposing a mask or face covering requirement on their premises. Excludes longstanding workplace safety and infection control measures.

HB2454	statutory conformity; property tax exemptions							SPONSORS: CARTER, BIASIUCCI, et al
	1st Read: 02/21		2nd Read: 02/22		1st Read: 01/24			2nd Read: 01/25
	FIN	None 0-0-0-0-0-0			**WM**	02/09 - DP 9-0-0-0-1-0	CON CAL - 02/14 Object: No	02/17 - PASSED
	RULES	None 0-0-0-0-0-0			**RULES**	02/14 - C&P 7-0-0-0-1-0		52-5-2-0-0-1-0
					Maj Caucus: 02/15 Min Caucus: 02/15			

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.

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.

* Vote Legend: Ayes-Nays-Not Voting-Present-Absent-Excused

	Senate Information				House Information			
Bills	**Committee Actions**	**COW Action**	**3rd Read & Votes**	**Final Read & Votes**	**Committee Actions**	**COW Action**	**3rd Read & Votes**	**Final Read & Votes**
HB2541	deputy sheriff; detention officer; salary						SPONSORS: PAYNE, BIASIUCCI, et al	
					1st Read: 01/24		2nd Read: 01/25	
					MAPS 02/07 - DPA 8-7-0-0-0-0 **RULES** 02/14 - C&P 7-0-0-0-1-0	02/17 - RET ON CAL 0-0-0-0-0-0- 02/24 - DPA 0-0-0-0-0-0-		
					Maj Caucus: 02/15 Min Caucus: 02/15			

Comments: 03.25.22: Staff provided an update noting that there is not a striker for the language, but there have been conversations with the House and Senate Appropriation Chairs, and this will be part of the budget negotiations.

03/04/2022: Staff provided an update on the bill noting that a recent conversation between the Supervisors and the Sheriffs were productive. The Sheriffs will be seeking onetime funding from the legislature to provide 10K bonuses to sheriff deputies and detention officers totaling around $40M dollars and agreed to have ongoing talks regarding retention and recruitment of employees within the counties.

02/25/2022: Staff provided an update on the bill and the LPC discussed concerns.

02/04/2022: Staff provided an update on the bill's progress, noting that the conversation is ongoing and will require attention moving forward. Supervisors voiced concerns over the erosion of their ability to set salaries.

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

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.

* Vote Legend: Ayes-Nays-Not Voting-Present-Absent-Excused

	Senate Information				House Information			
Bills	**Committee Actions**	**COW Action**	**3rd Read & Votes**	**Final Read & Votes**	**Committee Actions**	**COW Action**	**3rd Read & Votes**	**Final Read & Votes**
HB2554	land divisions; property; technical correction NOW: counties; land divisions; surveys							SPONSORS: GRIFFIN
	1st Read: 02/24		2nd Read: 02/28		1st Read: 02/10		2nd Read: 02/14	
	NREW 03/24 - W/D 0-0-0-0-0-0 **APPROP** None 0-0-0-0-0-0 **RULES** None 0-0-0-0-0-0				**NREW** 02/15 - DPA/SE 7-5-0-0-0-0 **RULES** 02/21 - C&P 8-0-0-0-0-0	02/22 - DPA 0-0-0-0-0-0-	02/22 - PASSED 31-27-2-0-0-0-0	
					Maj Caucus: 02/21 Min Caucus: 02/21			

Comments: 03.25.22: Staff provided an update on the bills progress noting that it was not heard in Senate Natural Resources this week because it did not have the votes, but it was added to the appropriations committee meeting next week.

03.11.2022: Staff summarized the bill's movement to this point, noted that it had passed through the House, and further noted that Staff was monitoring the bill for movement in the Senate's Natural Resources, Energy, and Water committee.

03/04/2022: Staff encouraged Supervisors to reach out to Senators regarding the bill to share our concerns and provided an update on outreach.

02/25/2025: Staff provided an update on the bill noting that it passed out of the House and asked members to watch for an action alert in the near future.

02/17/2022: Staff explained the bill, noting the bill eliminates notice of ability to require validation of physical access as part of the lot split process, prohibits the requirement of a survey for a lot split or for a building permit for counties that have deficiencies noted on the deed.
The Board voted to OPPOSE the bill as currently drafted.

Update: Strike-everything removes the requirement that a land division applicant provide a statement from a surveyor or engineer or evidence indicating whether each lot, parcel or fractional interest is traversable by a two-wheel drive vehicle. Prohibits a county from requiring a land division applicant to conduct a survey as a condition of approving the land division, conveying the land or issuing a building permit.

1/20/2022: Staff summarized the bill as it currently stands, mentioning concerns that this "technical correction" could be a placeholder for a previously-opposed (2021) bill that would have eliminated the provision of critical information to buyers of land parcels. This bill was presented FOR INFORMATION ONLY.

Summary: Technical correction bill relating to land divisions. This may be a placeholder for last year's lot split bill.

HB2558	community colleges; out-of-county reimbursement.							SPONSORS: GRIFFIN
					1st Read: 01/24		2nd Read: 01/25	
					ED None **APPROP** None **RULES** None			

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

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	Senate Information				House Information			
Bills	**Committee Actions**	**COW Action**	**3rd Read & Votes**	**Final Read & Votes**	**Committee Actions**	**COW Action**	**3rd Read & Votes**	**Final Read & Votes**

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.

HB2573 alternative prosecution; diversion; fund; appropriation — SPONSORS: BLACKMAN

Senate		House		
1st Read: 03/03	2nd Read: 03/07	1st Read: 01/24		2nd Read: 01/25
JUD 03/21 - W/D 0-0-0-0-0-0		**JUD** 02/16 - DP 10-0-0-0-0-0	02/23 - RET ON CAL 0-0-0-0-0-0-	02/24 - PASSED 49-10-1-0-0-0-0
APPROP None 0-0-0-0-0-0		**APPROP** 02/21 - DPA 10-2-0-0-1-0	02/24 - DPA 0-0-0-0-0-0-	
RULES None 0-0-0-0-0-0		**RULES** 02/22 - C&P 7-0-0-0-1-0		
		Maj Caucus: 02/22		
		Min Caucus: 02/22		

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.

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.

HB2579 residential zoning; park model trailers — SPONSORS: COOK, CARTER

Senate		House		
1st Read: 02/28	2nd Read: 03/01	1st Read: 01/24		2nd Read: 01/25
GOV 03/14 - DPA 5-0-2-0-0-0		**COM** 02/15 - DPA 10-0-0-0-0-0	02/23 - DPA 0-0-0-0-0-0-	02/23 - PASSED 57-2-1-0-0-0-0
RULES 03/21 - PFC 0-0-0-0-0-0		**RULES** 02/21 - C&P 8-0-0-0-0-0		
Rep Caucus: 03/22		Maj Caucus: 02/21		
Dem Caucus: 03/22		Min Caucus: 02/21		

Comments: 03/11/2022: Staff noted that they had successfully reached agreement with the sponsor on an amendment that addressed a wide range of county concerns, including requiring affixture to the ground, requiring septic or sewer, allowing them only as Accessory Dwelling Units, requiring permits for installation and add-ons, only permitting them in certain zoning areas, and more. The LPC voted to move to NEUTRAL on the bill with the adoption of the amendment.

Current Language: Counties would be prohibited from adopting any regulation that prohibits or restricts the use of a "park model trailer" (defined) on a residential lot as a primary single-family residence if all other statutory requirements have been met.

03/04/2022: Staff provided an update on the conversation with the sponsor and his willingness to amend the bill and noted planning directors have been helpful in working on a draft amendment.

02/17/2022: Staff explained the legislation, noted CSA's recent testimony as "neutral-with-concerns," and referenced concerns that the bill's broad language would prohibit counties from requiring necessities like sewer systems, foundations, and more. Conversation from supervisors centered on the need for affordable housing, the potential "local control" issues created by the legislation, and the sentiment that county planning and zoning should handle these issues. The Board voted to OPPOSE the bill as currently drafted.

Summary: Counties and municipalities are prohibited from adopting any regulation that prohibits or restricts the use of a "park model trailer" (defined) on a residential lot as a primary single-family

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Bills	Senate Committee Actions	Senate COW Action	Senate 3rd Read & Votes	Senate Final Read & Votes	House Committee Actions	House COW Action	House 3rd Read & Votes	House Final Read & Votes
	residence if all other statutory requirements have been met.							
HB2587	public records; point of contact							SPONSORS: GRANTHAM
	1st Read: 02/28		2nd Read: 03/01		1st Read: 01/26		2nd Read: 01/27	
	GOV 03/21 - DP 7-0-0-0-0-0	CON CAL - 03/28 Object: No			**GE** 02/02 - DP 7-1-0-4-1-0	02/23 - DPA 0-0-0-0-0-0-	02/23 - PASSED	
	RULES 03/28 - PFC 0-0-0-0-0-0				**RULES** 02/14 - C&P 7-0-0-0-1-0		49-10-1-0-0-0-0	
	Rep Caucus: 03/28				Maj Caucus: 02/15			
	Dem Caucus: 03/28				Min Caucus: 02/15			

Comments: 02/25/22: Staff noted that the sponsor amended the bill to address concerns brought forward amendment added will allow for either an employee or department to be listed on the website or allowing for a centralized online portal. The LPC voted to move from a position from opposed to a NEUTRAL position.

02.04.2022: Staff summarized the bill, noting that there are ongoing conversations with the sponsor on how to ensure that the county is responsive while limiting exposure of specific employees.

01.28.2022: Staff summarized the bill, noting feedback received citied 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.

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.

HB2602	polling places; emergency voting centers							SPONSORS: BOLICK, BIASIUCCI, et al
	1st Read: 02/24		2nd Read: 02/28		1st Read: 01/31		2nd Read: 02/01	
	GOV 03/21 - DPA 4-3-0-0-0-0				**GE** 02/09 - DP 7-6-0-0-0-0	02/22 - DPA 0-0-0-0-0-0-	02/22 - PASSED	
	RULES 03/28 - PFC 0-0-0-0-0-0				**RULES** 02/14 - C&P 7-0-0-0-1-0		31-28-1-0-0-0-0	
	Rep Caucus: 03/28				Maj Caucus: 02/15			
	Dem Caucus: 03/28				Min Caucus: 02/15			

Comments: 3.4.22: Staff explained the bill restricts the BOS authority to establish
emergency voting locations that allow voters who have an emergency arise between 5:00pm on Friday and 5:00 pm on Monday before the election to vote to only allow them during an act of war, civil unrest or natural disaster. The LPC voted to OPPOSE the bill, with two members dissenting.

Summary: Removes a County Board of Supervisors current authority to establish emergency vote centers and specifies emergency voting centers may only be established in an act of war, civil unrest, or natural disaster that will impair a large number of voters ability to vote on election day.

Specifies that any location that is used as a polling place for early or election day voting shall allow persons to electioneer and engage in political activity outside of the 75-foot limit unless they are a nonelectioneering site.

Requires a list to be placed on the county website at least two weeks prior to the election any sites that are considered nonelectioneering sites. It also requires the county to post the reason the nonelectioneering designation was granted, the number of attempts that were made to find a polling place before granting the nonelectioneering designation.

* Vote Legend: Ayes-Nays-Not Voting-Present-Absent-Excused

	Senate Information				House Information			
Bills	**Committee Actions**	**COW Action**	**3rd Read & Votes**	**Final Read & Votes**	**Committee Actions**	**COW Action**	**3rd Read & Votes**	**Final Read & Votes**
HB2624	technical correction; state facilities NOW: law enforcement expenditure; minimum amount							SPONSORS: BLACKMAN
					1st Read: 02/08		2nd Read: 02/09	
					MAPS 02/14 - DPA/SE 11-4-0-0-0-0 **RULES** 02/21 - C&P 8-0-0-0-0-0	02/22 - RET ON CAL 0-0-0-0-0-0- 02/24 - RET ON CAL 0-0-0-0-0-0- 02/28 - RET ON CAL 0-0-0-0-0-0-		
					Maj Caucus: 02/21 Min Caucus: 02/21			

Comments: 03/04/2022: Staff provided an update on the bill. LPC members asked if the current language could inflate the budgets of sheriff's department due to large capital investments and federal COVID expenditures, staff indicated that yes the current language would allow for those types of expenditures to be included in the baseline budget.

02/25/2022: Staff provided an update on where the bill is at in the process nothing it had been scheduled, but retained on COW twice during the week.

02/17/2022: Staff explained the bill, noting concerns about the impact to local control and the inflexibility of enshrining levels of spending in statute. Supervisors had mixed feelings, expressing their support for their public safety personnel but displeasure with the further erosion of local decision making. Further, Supervisors worried how this, combined with the zero-sum nature of budgeting, would affect other county offices. The Board voted to OPPOSE the bill as currently drafted.

Summary: Requires the Economic Estimates Commission (EEC) to determine and inform all counties and municipalities in Arizona of its minimum law enforcement expenditure amount. Specifies consequences for municipalities that fail to meet the amount. This proposal will create a formula that limits local flexibility, fails to provide for local input on the funding formula or the recent influx of one-time federal dollars, includes capital/equipment expenditures in formula, and disincentivizes fiscally responsible cost-saving measures.

HB2636	appropriation; retention; certified peace officers							SPONSORS: HOFFMAN, BIASIUCCI, et al
					1st Read: 02/03		2nd Read: 02/07	
					MAPS 02/14 - DP 13-0-0-2-0-0 **APPROP** 02/21 - FAILED 4-6-0-2-1-0 **RULES** None			

Comments: 02/17/2022: Staff explained the bill, noting that it addresses retention and compensation issues in public safety without implementing an unfunded mandate or restricting financial flexibility. Supervisors commented on their support of options that provide funding for further compensation of public safety personnel. The Board voted to SUPPORT the bill as currently drafted.

Summary: Appropriates $74 million from the general fund in FY2022-23 to the State Treasurer to distribute to each state agency, board, commission, or department, and to each political subdivision that employs a certified peace officer to pay a onetime retention incentive payment to each certified peace officer. The State Treasurer is required to appoint Arizona Backs the Blue Ambassadors to distribute the monies, and is authorized to use up to $250,000 to administer the distribution of the monies and to reimburse the travel-related expenses of the Ambassadors. The monies are required to supplement and not supplant any other monies paid to certified peace officers in FY2022-23.

* Vote Legend: Ayes-Nays-Not Voting-Present-Absent-Excused

Bills	Senate Committee Actions	Senate COW Action	Senate 3rd Read & Votes	Senate Final Read & Votes	House Committee Actions	House COW Action	House 3rd Read & Votes	House Final Read & Votes
HB2663	short-term rentals; vacation rentals; licensing							SPONSORS: KAVANAGH, SHAH
					1st Read: 02/03		2nd Read: 02/07	
					GE 02/16 - DP 7-4-0-2-0-0			
					RULES None			

Comments: 02/17/2022: Staff explained the bill, noting that it provides counties with additional flexibility in attempts to regulate short-term rentals. The Board voted to SUPPORT the bill.

Summary: Counties and municipalities are authorized to require the owner of a vacation rental or short-term rental to obtain and maintain a local regulatory permit or license issued by the county or municipality before offering a vacation rental or short-term rental for rent. Counties and municipalities are authorized to require the owner of a vacation rental or short-term rental to provide proof of a valid transaction privilege tax license. Counties and municipalities are authorized to require the owner of a vacation rental or short-term rental to offer the rental for a minimum two-night rental period. Counties and municipalities are authorized to limit the percentage of vacation rentals or short-term rentals based on the total housing stock in that county or municipality. Vacation rentals and short-term rentals are not residential rental dwelling units and are subject to the health and safety regulations prescribed for the transient lodging classification.

HB2668	county salaries; approval							SPONSORS: GRIFFIN
					1st Read: 02/03		2nd Read: 02/07	
					GE 02/16 - HELD			
					RULES None			

Comments: 02/17/2022: Staff summarized the bill, noting that the intent of the legislation was unclear, it was thought to be a vehicle for a striker, and that the bill was later held in committee. Staff was concerned that this bill would put the Supervisors in a position where they would have to approve their own salary increases, as well as those of other elected officers. The bill was discussion-only.

Summary: The county board of supervisors in each county is required to approve an increase in any of the salaries of county officers. If there is an increase in the county officer salaries, the board is allowed to approve a lesser amount than that increase. The amount approved cannot be less than the county officer's current salary.

HB2675	right to jury; parent-child relationship							SPONSORS: BIASIUCCI
	1st Read: 03/07		2nd Read: 03/08		1st Read: 02/07		2nd Read: 02/08	
	HHS 03/24 - W/D 0-0-0-0-0-0				**JUD** 02/16 - DP 9-0-0-0-1-0	02/24 - DPA 0-0-0-0-0-0-	02/24 - PASSED	
	APPROP None 0-0-0-0-0-0				**RULES** 02/21 - C&P 8-0-0-0-0-0		50-9-1-0-0-0-0	
	RULES None 0-0-0-0-0-0							
					Maj Caucus: 02/21 Min Caucus: 02/21			

Comments: Update: The bill that was established the parents right to a jury trial during state-initiated child protection hearings was struck with language to require Department of Public Safety to collect information on criminal offenses that have evidence of prejudice based on anti-Semitism.

03/11/2022: Staff explained the bill, noting its attempts to work with the sponsor on a potential amendment that would limit this "right to jury" to termination proceedings. Staff stated that it had reached out to relevant county employees, including public defenders, and learned that this bill would add costs and could generate additional delays. The LPC voted to OPPOSE the bill as currently drafted.

* Vote Legend: Ayes-Nays-Not Voting-Present-Absent-Excused

	Senate Information				House Information			
Bills	**Committee Actions**	**COW Action**	**3rd Read & Votes**	**Final Read & Votes**	**Committee Actions**	**COW Action**	**3rd Read & Votes**	**Final Read & Votes**

02/17/2022: Staff explained the bill, noting that its passage would generate additional costs for counties, cause significant delays cases keeping children in limbo, and that prior attempts to ensure jury trials had not resulted in different outcomes and the state quickly moved back to bench trials. Some supervisors noted as written the bill would be unimplementable and a substantial unfunded mandate, while others noted that parents should have a right to full jury throughout the child dependency hearing process. The Board took no action on the bill.

Summary: A party to any hearing for the termination of the parent-child relationship has a right to a trial by jury and that right cannot be arbitrarily denied. The court is required to provide written notice to all parties of the right to a trial by jury. If the court fails to provide notice, any subsequent proceedings or rulings do not have the force of law. If a party believes the party's rights have been violated and files a jury demand with the court within 20 days after court orders were filed, the court is required to set a new hearing before a jury within 20 days after the demand is filed. A party may have the jury reexamine discrete portion of the court's orders without the entire case being relitigated or reexamined.

HB2678 state broadband office SPONSORS: COBB

Senate				House			
1st Read: 02/28			2nd Read: 03/01	1st Read: 02/03			2nd Read: 02/07
TAT	03/07 - DP 8-0-1-0-0-0	CON CAL - 03/14 Object: Yes		**COM**	02/15 - DP 8-0-0-2-0-0	CON CAL - 02/21 Object: No	02/23 - PASSED
RULES	03/14 - PFC 0-0-0-0-0-0			**RULES**	02/21 - C&P 8-0-0-0-0-0		46-13-1-0-0-0-0
Rep Caucus: 03/15 Dem Caucus: 03/15				Maj Caucus: 02/21 Min Caucus: 02/21			

Comments: 02/17/2022: Staff explained the bill, noting that it would ensure that the state continues to staff a State Broadband Office in spite of future gubernatorial changes. The Board voted to SUPPORT the bill as drafted.

Summary: Establishes the State Broadband Office in the Arizona Commerce Authority and establishes responsibilities of Office staff. The Office is required to publish and maintain a state broadband plan.

HB2701 TPT; prime contracting; tax base SPONSORS: BIASIUCCI

Senate				House			
1st Read: 02/28			2nd Read: 03/01	1st Read: 02/07			2nd Read: 02/08
FIN	None 0-0-0-0-0-0			**WM**	02/16 - DP 6-4-0-0-0-0	02/23 - DPA 0-0-0-0-0-0-	02/23 - PASSED
APPROP	None 0-0-0-0-0-0			**RULES**	02/21 - C&P 8-0-0-0-0-0		31-28-1-0-0-0-0
RULES	None 0-0-0-0-0-0						
				Maj Caucus: 02/21 Min Caucus: 02/21			

Comments: 3/11/2022: Staff again summarized the bill. Supervisors asked if staff had any recommendation on a position, and staff stated they were prepared to proceed with any recommendation from LPC members. The LPC took no action on the bill.

3/4/2022: Staff summarized the bill, noting that the issue has been explored in prior sessions. Staff was primarily concerned with the reduction in shared TPT revenues (-$14.3 million) and excise taxes (-$24.7) to counties. Supervisor Miller mentioned that when he was a contractor and builder, he often thought that the current 35% standard deduction should be raised. As the bill is double-assigned and not scheduled for a hearing next week, the LPC took no action and will review the bill before the next LPC.

Summary: Reduces the tax base for the prime contracting classification of transaction privilege taxes to 60 percent of the gross proceeds of sales or gross income derived from the business for contracts entered into July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, and to 55 percent of the gross proceeds of sales or gross income derived from the business for contracts entered into July 1, 2024, and after, from 65 percent.

* Vote Legend: Ayes-Nays-Not Voting-Present-Absent-Excused

	Senate Information				House Information			
Bills	**Committee Actions**	**COW Action**	**3rd Read & Votes**	**Final Read & Votes**	**Committee Actions**	**COW Action**	**3rd Read & Votes**	**Final Read & Votes**
HB2729	regional councils; expenses; reimbursement							SPONSORS: DALESSANDRO
	1st Read: 02/28		2nd Read: 03/01		1st Read: 02/09		2nd Read: 02/10	
	TAT 03/07 - DP 8-0-1-0-0-0 **RULES** 03/21 - PFC 0-0-0-0-0-0	CON CAL - 03/21 Object: Yes			**TRANS** 02/17 - W/D **GE** 02/17 - W/D **APPROP** 02/21 - DPA 8-4-0-0-1-0 **RULES** 02/22 - C&P 7-0-0-0-1-0	02/23 - DPA 0-0-0-0-0-0-	02/23 - PASSED 38-21-1-0-0-0-0	
	Rep Caucus: 03/22 Dem Caucus: 03/22				Maj Caucus: 02/22 Min Caucus: 02/22			

Comments: 02/25/2022: Staff explained the bill, noting that it may affect Supervisors who are members of COGs. The bill was presented for information only.

Summary: A person who is covered by reimbursement under a federal transportation contract is required to be reimbursed for travel at the federal mileage reimbursement rate, and for lodging, meal and incidental expenses at the federal per diem reimbursement rate. All claims for reimbursement are required to be accompanied by expense receipts.

HB2748	distribution; safe and smart fund							SPONSORS: PAYNE
					1st Read: 02/09		2nd Read: 02/10	
					MAPS 02/14 - DP 13-0-0-2-0-0 **RULES** 02/21 - C&P 8-0-0-0-0-0	02/23 - DP 0-0-0-0-0-0-	03/02 - FAILED 43-15-2-0-0-0-0	
					Maj Caucus: 02/21 Min Caucus: 02/21			

Comments: 3.25.22: Staff noted that the bill failed on the floor recently, but the sponsor added the language to SB 1324.

2/25/22: Staff noted that the bill would add DPS into the 31.4 percent of the funds collected on the excise tax on adult recreational marijuana sales reducing local resources to fund law enforcement. The LPC voted to OPPOSE the bill.

Summary: Modifies the distributions from the Smart and Safe Fund by adding the Department of Public Safety to the list of entities that receive 31.4 percent of Fund monies in proportion to the number of enrolled members in the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System. Currently city, town, and county law enforcement departments.

The bill does require a 3/4 vote since it is voter protected.

* Vote Legend: Ayes-Nays-Not Voting-Present-Absent-Excused

	Senate Information				House Information			
Bills	**Committee Actions**	**COW Action**	**3rd Read & Votes**	**Final Read & Votes**	**Committee Actions**	**COW Action**	**3rd Read & Votes**	**Final Read & Votes**
HB2822	personal property; additional depreciation							SPONSORS: WENINGER
	1st Read: 02/28		2nd Read: 03/01		1st Read: 02/08		2nd Read: 02/09	
	COM 03/09 - DP 6-3-0-0-0-0	CON CAL - 03/21 Object: Yes	03/23 - PASSED		**COM** 02/15 - DP 8-2-0-0-0-0	02/23 - DP 0-0-0-0-0-0-	02/23 - PASSED	03/29 - PASSED 35-24-1-0-0-0
	RULES 03/21 - PFC 0-0-0-0-0-0	03/23 - DPA	18-10-2-0-0-0		**RULES** 02/21 - C&P 8-0-0-0-0-0		35-24-1-0-0-0-0	
	Rep Caucus: 03/22				Maj Caucus: 02/21			
	Dem Caucus: 03/22				Min Caucus: 02/21			
								Transmitted to Governor: 03/29

Comments: 02/25/2022: Staff explained the bill and discussed the compounding effect the bill would have on taxing capacity. The LPC voted to OPPOSE the bill, one member dissenting.

02/17/2022: Staff explained the bill, noting that the bill was still undergoing analysis and that it could affect different areas differently. At this time, the bill was for discussion-only.

Summary: For personal property that is initially classified during or after tax year 2022 as class one, class two (P), or class 6, the county assessor is required to use a valuation factor of 2.5 percent. Previously, the valuation ranged from 25 percent of the scheduled depreciated value in the first tax year of assessment to 89 percent of the scheduled depreciated value in the fifth tax year of assessment.

HCM2006	FEMA; wildfires; flooding; cost threshold							SPONSORS: COOK, CANO
	1st Read: 02/21		2nd Read: 02/22		1st Read: 01/31		2nd Read: 02/01	
	NREW 03/16 - DP 7-0-2-0-0-0	CON CAL - 03/21 Object: No			**NREW** 02/01 - DP 12-0-0-0-0-0	CON CAL - 02/07	02/17 - PASSED	
	RULES 03/21 - PFC 0-0-0-0-0-0				**RULES** 02/07 - C&P 8-0-0-0-0-0	Object: No	58-0-2-0-0-0-0	
	Rep Caucus: 03/22				Maj Caucus: 02/08			
	Dem Caucus: 03/22				Min Caucus: 02/08			

Comments: 2/25/2022: Staff explained the bill noting that it is a letter to congress urging them to allow the costs resulting from flooding caused by wildfires cumulative costs connected to wildfires to receive Fire Management Assistance Grant monies. LPC noted that this is a good bill and will help counties to get to thresholds based on the total costs from fires including resulting flooding. The LPC voted to SUPPORT the bill.

Summary: The bill urges the Federal Emergency Management Agency to include the costs resulting from flooding caused by wildfires in the cumulative cost threshold required for states to receive Fire Management Assistance Grant monies.

HCR2017	constitutional property tax exemptions; consolidation							SPONSORS: CARTER, BIASIUCCI, et al
	1st Read: 02/21		2nd Read: 02/22		1st Read: 01/24		2nd Read: 01/25	
	FIN 03/24 - W/D 0-0-0-0-0-0				**WM** 02/09 - DP 8-0-0-0-2-0	CON CAL - 02/14	02/17 - PASSED	
	APPROP None 0-0-0-0-0-0				**RULES** 02/14 - C&P 7-0-0-0-1-0	Object: No	51-7-2-0-0-0-0	
	RULES None 0-0-0-0-0-0							
					Maj Caucus: 02/15			
					Min Caucus: 02/15			

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

* Vote Legend: Ayes-Nays-Not Voting-Present-Absent-Excused

	Senate Information				House Information			
Bills	**Committee Actions**	**COW Action**	**3rd Read & Votes**	**Final Read & Votes**	**Committee Actions**	**COW Action**	**3rd Read & Votes**	**Final Read & Votes**

order - to allow it to function as intended. Staff recommended, and the Board voted, to SUPPORT the bill as currently drafted.

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.

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.

HCR2028 minimum law enforcement expenditure amount

SPONSORS: BLACKMAN, BARTON, et al

		1st Read: 02/07	2nd Read: 02/08
		MAPS 02/14 - DP 9-6-0-0-0-0	CON CAL - 02/21 Object: No
		RULES 02/21 - C&P 8-0-0-0-0-0	
		Maj Caucus: 02/21 Min Caucus: 02/21	

Comments: 03/04/2022: Staff provided an update on the bill. LPC members asked if the current language could inflate the budgets of sheriff's department due to large capital investments and federal COVID expenditures, staff indicated that yes the current language would allow for those types of expenditures to be included in the baseline budget.

02/25/2022: Staff provided an update on where the bill is at in the process nothing it had been scheduled, but retained on 3rd read twice during the week.

02/17/2022: Staff explained the bill, noting concerns about the impact to local control and the inflexibility of enshrining levels of spending in statute. Supervisors had mixed feelings, expressing their support for their public safety personnel but displeasure with the further erosion of local decision making. Further, Supervisors worried how this, combined with the zero-sum nature of budgeting, would affect other county offices. The Board voted to OPPOSE the bill as currently drafted.

Summary: The 2022 general election ballot is to carry the question of whether to amend the state Constitution to require the Economic Estimates Commission to determine a minimum law enforcement expenditure amount by adjusting the amount of local law enforcement services spending for each county and municipality for FY2019-20 to reflect the changes in the population and the cost of providing local law enforcement services. County and municipal governing bodies are prohibited from authorizing total law enforcement expenditures that are less than the minimum law enforcement expenditure amount for the county or municipality. The Board voted to OPPOSE the measure.

HCR2031 employee benefits; compensation; state preemption

SPONSORS: COBB

1st Read: 02/28		2nd Read: 03/01	1st Read: 02/07		2nd Read: 02/08
COM	03/23 - DP 5-3-1-0-0-0		**COM**	02/15 - DP 6-4-0-0-0-0	02/23 - DP 0-0-0-0-0-0-	02/23 - PASSED
RULES	None 0-0-0-0-0-0		**RULES**	02/21 - C&P 8-0-0-0-0-0		31-28-1-0-0-0-0
			Maj Caucus: 02/21 Min Caucus: 02/21		

Comments: 3/25/2022: Staff summarized the bill and noted that due to the broad language of the bill they will be working to have an amendment that will ensure counties can set wages and benefits for county employees. The LPC did not take a position on the HCR.

02/17/2022: Staff summarized the bill, noting that the current broad language in the bill was concerning, but the intention was to prohibit cities/towns from raising the minimum wage. Staff noted they would do additional digging and work with the sponsor to ensure county employee compensation packages would not be included.

* Vote Legend: Ayes-Nays-Not Voting-Present-Absent-Excused

	Senate Information				House Information			
Bills	**Committee Actions**	**COW Action**	**3rd Read & Votes**	**Final Read & Votes**	**Committee Actions**	**COW Action**	**3rd Read & Votes**	**Final Read & Votes**

Summary: The 2022 general election ballot is to carry the question of whether to amend the state Constitution to declare that the regulation of employee benefits is of statewide concern and not subject to further regulation by a political subdivision.

SB1002 technical correction; double punishment SPONSORS: LEACH

NOW: EORP; appropriation; resignation; retirement

Senate				House			
1st Read: 01/10			2nd Read: 01/11	1st Read: 03/14			2nd Read: 03/15
APPROP	02/22 - DPA/SE 9-0-1-0-0-0	02/24 - RETAINED	03/09 - PASSED	**GE**	03/23 - DP 9-2-0-0-2-0		
RULES	02/23 - PFC 0-0-0-0-0-0	03/02 - RETAINED 03/09 - DPA	23-5-2-0-0-0	**APPROP**	03/28 - DP 12-1-0-0-0-0		
				RULES	None		

Rep Caucus: 02/23
Dem Caucus: 02/23

Comments: 2/25/2022: Staff explained the onetime deposit would cover the cost of the policy change to allow for the early retirement. LPC members noted that additional funds would be useful to shoring up the Elected Officials' Retirement Plan (EORP) and would help reduce the burden of EORP costs to counties.

Summary: Allows a member of the Elected Officials' Retirement Plan (EORP) to receive early pension payments for normal retirement if they give an irrevocable notice of resignation by June 30, 2022 with a retirement date no later than September 30, 2022. The EORP member must be 55 years of age with 10 years of service or 59.5 of age with 5 years of service. Repeals the legislation on July 1, 2023 and appropriates $60 million from the GF to pay unfunded liability.

SB1008 elections; recount margin SPONSORS: UGENTI-RITA

Senate				House			
1st Read: 01/10			2nd Read: 01/11	1st Read: 03/17			2nd Read: 03/21
GOV	01/24 - DP 4-3-0-0-0-0	CON CAL - 01/31 Object: Yes	02/09 - PASSED	**GE**	03/23 - DP 12-0-0-0-1-0		
RULES	01/31 - PFC 0-0-0-0-0-0	02/09 - DP	17-12-1-0-0-0	**RULES**	None		

Rep Caucus: 02/01
Dem Caucus: 02/01

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.

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.

* Vote Legend: Ayes-Nays-Not Voting-Present-Absent-Excused

	Senate Information				House Information			
Bills	**Committee Actions**	**COW Action**	**3rd Read & Votes**	**Final Read & Votes**	**Committee Actions**	**COW Action**	**3rd Read & Votes**	**Final Read & Votes**
SB1026	vacation rentals; short-term rentals; repeal							SPONSORS: ROGERS
	1st Read: 01/10		2nd Read: 01/11					
	COM None 0-0-0-0-0-0							
	RULES None 0-0-0-0-0-0							
	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. 1/14/2022: Due to time constraints this was not discussed and will be discussed at the Board meeting next week. 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.							
SB1035	political subdivisions; lobbying; prohibition							SPONSORS: ROGERS
	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. 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.							
SB1048	emergency powers; business closure; repeal							SPONSORS: PETERSEN, BARTO, et al
	1st Read: 01/10		2nd Read: 01/11		1st Read: 02/23		2nd Read: 02/24	
	GOV 01/31 - DP 4-3-0-0-0-0	CON CAL - 02/07 Object: Yes	02/16 - PASSED		**MAPS** 02/28 - HELD			
	RULES 02/07 - PFC 0-0-0-0-0-0	02/15 - DPA	16-13-1-0-0-0		**RULES** None			
	Rep Caucus: 02/08 Dem Caucus: 02/08							
	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. 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.							

* Vote Legend: Ayes-Nays-Not Voting-Present-Absent-Excused

	Senate Information				House Information			
Bills	**Committee Actions**	**COW Action**	**3rd Read & Votes**	**Final Read & Votes**	**Committee Actions**	**COW Action**	**3rd Read & Votes**	**Final Read & Votes**
SB1060	survival of action; deceased sheriff.							SPONSORS: BORRELLI, FANN
	1st Read: 01/10		2nd Read: 01/11		1st Read: 02/23		2nd Read: 02/24	
	JUD 01/20 - DP 7-0-1-0-0-0	CON CAL - 01/24 Object: No	01/27 - PASSED		**MAPS** 03/07 - DP 14-0-0-0-1-0	CON CAL - 03/14	03/17 - PASSED	
	RULES 01/24 - PFC 0-0-0-0-0-0		27-0-3-0-0-0		**RULES** 03/14 - C&P 7-0-0-0-1-0	Object: No	58-0-2-0-0-0-0	
	Rep Caucus: 01/25 Dem Caucus: 01/25				Maj Caucus: 03/15 Min Caucus: 03/15			
							Transmitted to Governor: 03/17 Signed: 03/23 Chapter: 27	

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.

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.

SB1063	legislative vacancies; precinct committeemen							SPONSORS: LEACH
	1st Read: 01/10		2nd Read: 01/11					
	GOV 02/14 - DP 4-3-0-0-0-0	CON CAL - 02/21 Object: Yes	03/02 - FAILED					
	RULES 02/21 - PFC 0-0-0-0-0-0	02/24 - RETAINED 02/28 - RETAINED 03/01 - DPA	14-14-2-0-0-0					
	Rep Caucus: 02/21 Dem Caucus: 02/21							

Comments: 03/04/2022: Staff provided an update on the bill language with the COW amendment added on Tuesday and noted that the bill failed on the Senate floor, but the sponsor has a motion to reconsider outstanding.

Updated Bill Language with COW amendment:
Specifies if the legislative district is in more than one county the PCs must elect one qualified elector to fill a vacancy and the legislative appointment to be based on the number of PC's within the legislative district.
- Requires that the qualified elector must reside in the district where the vacancy has occurred.
- Specifies that if the vacancy occurs in a Requires the state party chairman of the appropriate political party to immediately forward the name of the elected person to the appropriate presiding officer of house of the Legislature and the county BOS for appointment.

Specifies that if the appointment occurred legislative district that has more than 30 PCs and that is contained within a single county,
- The PCs in the district must still nominate three names to the county BOS and the county BOS would still appoint a person to fill the vacancy from the three submitted nominees

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

* Vote Legend: Ayes-Nays-Not Voting-Present-Absent-Excused

	Senate Information				House Information			
Bills	**Committee Actions**	**COW Action**	**3rd Read & Votes**	**Final Read & Votes**	**Committee Actions**	**COW Action**	**3rd Read & Votes**	**Final Read & Votes**

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.

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.

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.

SB1082 ASRS; employer contributions; prepayment — SPONSORS: LIVINGSTON

NOW: ASRS; lease-purchase agreements; contributions; prepayment

Senate				House		
1st Read: 01/10			2nd Read: 01/11	1st Read: 02/23		2nd Read: 02/24
FIN	01/12 - DP 8-0-2-0-0-0	CON CAL - 01/24 Object: Yes	02/08 - PASSED	**GE**	03/23 - DPA 11-1-0-0-1-0	
RULES	01/24 - PFC 0-0-0-0-0-0	02/03 - DPA	27-0-3-0-0-0	**RULES**	None	
Rep Caucus: 01/25						
Dem Caucus: 01/25						

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.

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.

SB1085 PSPRS; funded ratio; asset transfers — SPONSORS: LIVINGSTON

Senate				House		
1st Read: 01/10			2nd Read: 01/11	1st Read: 02/23		2nd Read: 02/24
FIN	01/19 - DP 9-0-1-0-0-0	CON CAL - 01/24 Object: No	01/27 - PASSED	**GE**	03/02 - DP 13-0-0-0-0-0	
RULES	01/24 - PFC 0-0-0-0-0-0		27-0-3-0-0-0	**RULES**	03/21 - HELD	
Rep Caucus: 01/25						
Dem Caucus: 01/25						

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.

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.

* Vote Legend: Ayes-Nays-Not Voting-Present-Absent-Excused

Bills	Senate Committee Actions	Senate COW Action	Senate 3rd Read & Votes	Senate Final Read & Votes	House Committee Actions	House COW Action	House 3rd Read & Votes	House Final Read & Votes
SB1089	liens; fees; exemption							SPONSORS: SHOPE
	1st Read: 01/10		2nd Read: 01/11		1st Read: 02/23		2nd Read: 02/24	
	GOV 01/31 - DP 7-0-0-0-0-0	CON CAL - 02/07 Object: No	02/10 - PASSED		**GE** 03/02 - DP 13-0-0-0-0-0	CON CAL - 03/07 Object: No	03/10 - PASSED	
	RULES 02/07 - PFC 0-0-0-0-0-0		28-0-2-0-0-0		**RULES** 03/07 - C&P 8-0-0-0-0-0		57-0-3-0-0-0-0	
	Rep Caucus: 02/08				Maj Caucus: 03/08			
	Dem Caucus: 02/08				Min Caucus: 03/08			
							Transmitted to Governor: 03/14 Signed: 03/18 Chapter: 9	

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.

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.

Bills	Senate Committee Actions	Senate COW Action	Senate 3rd Read & Votes	Senate Final Read & Votes	House Committee Actions	House COW Action	House 3rd Read & Votes	House Final Read & Votes
SB1093	property tax; class one; equalization assistance							SPONSORS: MESNARD, LEACH, et al
	NOW: equalization assistance; class one property							
	1st Read: 01/10		2nd Read: 01/11		1st Read: 02/23		2nd Read: 02/24	
	FIN 01/26 - DPA 7-3-0-0-0-0	02/02 - DPA	02/02 - PASSED		**WM** 03/02 - DP 6-4-0-0-0-0	03/22 - DPA 0-0-0-0-0-0-	03/23 - PASSED	
	RULES 01/31 - PFC 0-0-0-0-0-0		18-11-1-0-0-0		**RULES** 03/21 - C&P 7-0-0-0-1-0		31-28-1-0-0-0-0	
	Rep Caucus: 02/01				Maj Caucus: 03/22			
	Dem Caucus: 02/01				Min Caucus: 03/22			

Comments: 02.04.2022: Staff explained the bill, presenting analysis on the disparate impact of the legislation across all of Arizona's counties and the growth needed to compensate. Supervisors expressed concerns about the legislation's impact on the state's smaller counties, the shifting of burden onto the homeowners, and the issues inherent in narrowing a county's tax base during economic growth. The LPC voted to OPPOSE the bill as drafted.

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.

* Vote Legend: Ayes-Nays-Not Voting-Present-Absent-Excused

	Senate Information				House Information			
Bills	**Committee Actions**	**COW Action**	**3rd Read & Votes**	**Final Read & Votes**	**Committee Actions**	**COW Action**	**3rd Read & Votes**	**Final Read & Votes**
SB1119	electronic ballot images; public record.						SPONSORS: BORRELLI, FANN, et al	
	1st Read: 01/10		2nd Read: 01/11					
	GOV 01/24 - DP 4-3-0-0-0-0 **RULES** 01/31 - PFC 0-0-0-0-0-0	CON CAL - 01/31 Object: Yes 03/08 - DPA	03/09 - FAILED 13-15-2-0-0-0					
	Rep Caucus: 02/01 Dem Caucus: 02/01							

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 House Bill 2023

SB1120	ballot fraud countermeasures; paper; ink.						SPONSORS: BORRELLI, BARTO, et al	
	1st Read: 01/10		2nd Read: 01/11					
	GOV 01/24 - DP 4-3-0-0-0-0 **APPROP** 02/01 - DPA 6-4-0-0-0-0 **RULES** 02/21 - PFC 0-0-0-0-0-0	03/09 - RETAINED						
	Rep Caucus: 02/21 Dem Caucus: 02/21							

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.

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 House Bill 2041.

* Vote Legend: Ayes-Nays-Not Voting-Present-Absent-Excused

	Senate Information				House Information			
Bills	**Committee Actions**	**COW Action**	**3rd Read & Votes**	**Final Read & Votes**	**Committee Actions**	**COW Action**	**3rd Read & Votes**	**Final Read & Votes**
SB1125	firearms and equipment; regulation							SPONSORS: ROGERS
	1st Read: 01/12		2nd Read: 01/13					
	JUD 01/27 - DP 5-3-0-0-0-0 **RULES** 01/31 - PFC 0-0-0-0-0-0	CON CAL - 01/31 Object: Yes						
	Rep Caucus: 02/01 Dem Caucus: 02/01							
	Comments: 01.28.2022: Staff explained the bill, noting the language could limit the abilities of separate counties to allow (or disallow) firearms in their buildings according to their preference. Staff noted the bill was being brought forward for discussion. Some supervisors mentioned that this bill was simply further codifying the state's "second amendment sanctuary" status, while other supervisors worried that it could limit the abilities of local governments. The LPC voted to OPPOSE the bill as currently drafted.							
	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.”							
SB1145	ABOR; optional retirement programs							SPONSORS: PETERSEN
	1st Read: 01/12		2nd Read: 01/13					
	FIN None 0-0-0-0-0-0 **RULES** None 0-0-0-0-0-0							
	Comments: 1/20/2022: Staff summarized the bill, explaining that the unfunded liabilities left behind by ABOR's potential departure from ASRS would shift payment to other employers in the system. Staff recommended, and the Board voted, to OPPOSE the bill as currently drafted.							
	Summary: The optional retirement programs that the Arizona Board of Regents (ABOR) is authorized to establish are allowed to be purchased for all employees of the institutions under ABOR jurisdiction who are hired on or after January 1, 2023, instead of only faculty and administrative officers. If an employee does not continue in service with an institution under the jurisdiction of ABOR for at least five years, the amount of employer contributions, with interest, are forfeited to the institution and used to make future employer contributions, instead of refunded to the state.							
SB1148	vehicle sale price; VLT							SPONSORS: UGENTI-RITA
	1st Read: 01/12		2nd Read: 01/13					
	APPROP 02/22 - DPA 6-4-0-0-0-0 **RULES** 02/23 - PFC 0-0-0-0-0-0	03/10 - DPA	03/14 - PASSED 16-13-1-0-0-0					
	Rep Caucus: 02/23 Dem Caucus: 02/23							
	Comments: 2/25/2022: Staff explained that the value would only apply to the actual sale price of a vehicle instead of the MSRP price. Noting that the sponsor noted that a fiscal memo from JLBC indicated that noted it would have about a $70M cost, ADOT indicated that implementation would be challenging, and there are opportunities for fraud. The LPC voted to OPPOSE the bill, noting that the only fair way to address this is with MSRP.							
	Summary: Modifies the calculation of the amount of vehicle license tax (VLT) on a motor vehicle so that the value of the vehicle is based on the actual sale price of the vehicle instead of the manufacturer's base retail price of the vehicle.							

* Vote Legend: Ayes-Nays-Not Voting-Present-Absent-Excused

	Senate Information				House Information			
Bills	**Committee Actions**	**COW Action**	**3rd Read & Votes**	**Final Read & Votes**	**Committee Actions**	**COW Action**	**3rd Read & Votes**	**Final Read & Votes**
SB1158	attorney fees; costs; recovery							SPONSORS: LEACH
	1st Read: 01/12		2nd Read: 01/13					
	JUD 01/20 - DP 4-2-2-0-0-0	CON CAL - 01/24 Object: Yes	02/09 - FAILED					
	RULES 01/24 - PFC 0-0-0-0-0-0	02/09 - DP	14-15-1-0-0-0					
	Rep Caucus: 01/25 Dem Caucus: 01/25							

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.

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.

SB1161	prescription drug coverage; steering prohibition							SPONSORS: BARTO
	1st Read: 01/13		2nd Read: 01/18					
	HHS 01/19 - DP 7-1-0-0-0-0							
	RULES None 0-0-0-0-0-0							

Comments: 02/04/2022: Staff summarized the bill, stated that they were currently seeking feedback from local partners, and advised a 2020 Supreme Court Decision may reduce the impact to counties. The LPC took no action on the bill.

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.

SB1173	community colleges; out-of-county reimbursement							SPONSORS: GOWAN
	1st Read: 01/13		2nd Read: 01/18		1st Read: 02/23		2nd Read: 02/24	
	APPROP 01/25 - DP 9-0-1-0-0-0	CON CAL - 01/31 Object: Yes	02/07 - PASSED		**ED** 03/01 - DP 10-0-0-0-0-0			
	RULES 01/31 - PFC 0-0-0-0-0-0	02/03 - DPA	27-0-3-0-0-0		**APPROP** 03/09 - DP 12-1-0-0-0-0			
					RULES None			
	Rep Caucus: 02/01 Dem Caucus: 02/01							

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.

* Vote Legend: Ayes-Nays-Not Voting-Present-Absent-Excused

	Senate Information				House Information			
Bills	**Committee Actions**	**COW Action**	**3rd Read & Votes**	**Final Read & Votes**	**Committee Actions**	**COW Action**	**3rd Read & Votes**	**Final Read & Votes**
SB1191	civil actions; virtual court appearance NOW: union labor; prohibition; prevailing wage							SPONSORS: PETERSEN
	1st Read: 01/18		2nd Read: 01/19		1st Read: 03/14		2nd Read: 03/15	
	JUD 02/10 - DPA/SE 5-3-0-0-0-0 **RULES** 02/14 - PFC 0-0-0-0-0-0	02/17 - DPA	02/23 - FAILED 13-15-2-0-0-0 03/09 - PASSED 16-12-2-0-0-0		**JUD** 03/23 - DP 6-4-0-0-0-0 **RULES** 03/28 - C&P 4-3-0-0-1-0	CON CAL - 03/28 Object: Yes		
	Rep Caucus: 02/15 Dem Caucus: 02/15				Maj Caucus: 03/29 Min Caucus: 03/29			

Comments: 02.04.2022: Staff summarized the bill, sharing that the courts are concerned with the cost of equipping rural locations with the necessary technology. Staff stated that the bill is currently stalled as the sponsor works to assuage the courts' concerns. The LPC took no action.

Summary: Allows for any proceeding related to a civil action before a court to allow for participation virtually or telephonically. The courts have indicated they are concerned about the costs associated with the bill and resources in rural counties to hold hybrid meetings.

SB1198	local governments; lobbying; prohibition							SPONSORS: PETERSEN, LEACH, et al
	1st Read: 01/18		2nd Read: 01/19					
	GOV 02/14 - DPA 4-3-0-0-0-0 **RULES** 02/21 - PFC 0-0-0-0-0-0	03/02 - DPA	03/07 - FAILED 12-17-1-0-0-0					
	Rep Caucus: 02/21 Dem Caucus: 02/21							

Comments: 02/25/2022: Staff noted that it was amended to limit it to populations of 250K people or more.

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.

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.

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.

* Vote Legend: Ayes-Nays-Not Voting-Present-Absent-Excused

	Senate Information				House Information			
Bills	**Committee Actions**	**COW Action**	**3rd Read & Votes**	**Final Read & Votes**	**Committee Actions**	**COW Action**	**3rd Read & Votes**	**Final Read & Votes**
SB1238	state lands; appraisals; leases; rights-of-way							SPONSORS: KERR
	1st Read: 01/20		2nd Read: 01/24		1st Read: 02/23		2nd Read: 02/24	
	NREW 02/02 - DP 9-0-0-0-0-0 **RULES** 02/07 - PFC 0-0-0-0-0-0	CON CAL - 02/07 Object: No	02/10 - PASSED 28-0-2-0-0-0		**LARA** 02/28 - DP 11-0-0-0-0-0 **RULES** 03/07 - C&P 8-0-0-0-0-0	CON CAL - 03/07 Object: No	03/10 - PASSED 57-0-3-0-0-0-0	
	Rep Caucus: 02/08 Dem Caucus: 02/08				Maj Caucus: 03/08 Min Caucus: 03/08			
							Transmitted to Governor: 03/14 Signed: 03/18 Chapter: 14	

Comments: 03/11/2022: Staff summarized the bill, noting that the Commissioner's testimony in the Senate's NREW committee indicated the Department's support of this bill for reasons of efficiency. Staff noted that the new provision on leases less than 10 years would introduce efficiencies into the approval of communication towers, which were previously first forwarded to the Board of Appeals, and that the change allowing application of the deposit to "right of way" would prevent State Land from having to go to local communities for monies to pay for the right of way in case a buyer fell through. The LPC took no action on this bill.

Summary: Increases the length of time between requirement to reappraise a property for the exchange or sale of state land once approved by the State Land Department Board from 180 days to 240 days. Allows the Commissioner, when the lease lasts for 10 years or less to lease state land for commercial purposes without Board approval. Allows the deposit for auctioned state land to apply to the principal and the associated right of way to ensure if a purchaser backs out the cost connected to the right-of-way.

SB1258	government membership organizations; transparency							SPONSORS: MESNARD
	1st Read: 01/20		2nd Read: 01/24					
	GOV 01/31 - DP 4-3-0-0-0-0 **RULES** 02/14 - PFC 0-0-0-0-0-0	CON CAL - 02/14 Object: Yes 03/02 - DPA	03/07 - FAILED 13-16-1-0-0-0					
	Rep Caucus: 02/15 Dem Caucus: 02/15							

Comments: 03.11.2022: Staff provided an update on the bill, noting that it had recently died on the Senate floor and that the bill would be monitored for further attempts to pass it through the Senate on reconsideration.

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.

* Vote Legend: Ayes-Nays-Not Voting-Present-Absent-Excused

	Senate Information				House Information			
Bills	**Committee Actions**	**COW Action**	**3rd Read & Votes**	**Final Read & Votes**	**Committee Actions**	**COW Action**	**3rd Read & Votes**	**Final Read & Votes**
SB1268	PSPRS; deferred retirement option plan							SPONSORS: LIVINGSTON
	1st Read: 01/24		2nd Read: 01/25		1st Read: 03/14		2nd Read: 03/15	
	FIN 02/09 - DPA 6-3-1-0-0-0 **RULES** 02/14 - PFC 0-0-0-0-0-0	02/24 - DPA	03/02 - PASSED 21-6-3-0-0-0		**GE** 03/23 - DPA 9-4-0-0-0-0 **RULES** None			
	Rep Caucus: 02/15 Dem Caucus: 02/15							

Comments: 3.25.22: Staff provided an update on the bill and noted an amendment adopted in committee this week will for years 6 and 7, interest rate would be the actuarial smoothed rate of return, capped between 0% and the assumed rate of return (currently 7.3%).

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%).

SB1270	state parks; lottery; heritage fund							SPONSORS: SHOPE
	1st Read: 01/24		2nd Read: 01/25		1st Read: 03/01		2nd Read: 03/02	
	APPROP 02/01 - DP 10-0-0-0-0-0 **RULES** 02/07 - PFC 0-0-0-0-0-0	CON CAL - 02/07 Object: No	02/10 - PASSED 27-1-2-0-0-0		**LARA** 03/14 - DPA 11-0-0-0-0-0 **APPROP** 03/16 - DP 11-1-0-1-0-0 **RULES** None			
	Rep Caucus: 02/08 Dem Caucus: 02/08							

Comments: 02.04.2022: Staff summarized the bill, noting the history of the State Parks Heritage Fund and the association's historic support of funding it after it was eliminated during the recession. The LPC voted to SUPPORT the bill as drafted.

Summary: Changes annual distributions from the state lottery fund, depositing $3 million from the state's lottery fund into the Arizona State Parks Heritage Fund beginning in FY '24 if certain conditions - namely that the state general fund has received deposits greater than $84,150,000 from the state lottery fund in the same FY - are met. Makes further distributions from the state's lottery fund to the Arizona State Parks Heritage Fund ($1 million in FY '23, $2 million in FY '24) if the lottery fund has capacity after its mandated distributions.

SB1274	property tax levy; calculation; federal monies							SPONSORS: LEACH
	1st Read: 01/24		2nd Read: 01/25					
	FIN 02/16 - DISC/ONLY 0-0-0-0-0-0 **RULES** None 0-0-0-0-0-0							

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.

* Vote Legend: Ayes-Nays-Not Voting-Present-Absent-Excused

	Senate Information				House Information			
Bills	**Committee Actions**	**COW Action**	**3rd Read & Votes**	**Final Read & Votes**	**Committee Actions**	**COW Action**	**3rd Read & Votes**	**Final Read & Votes**

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.

SB1275	fireworks; use; overnight hours; prohibition							SPONSORS: MESNARD, SHAH
	1st Read: 01/24		2nd Read: 01/25		1st Read: 02/23		2nd Read: 02/24	
	COM 02/02 - DP 7-2-0-0-0-0	CON CAL - 02/07 Object: Yes	02/17 - PASSED		**MAPS** 02/28 - DP 14-1-0-0-0-0	CON CAL - 03/07	03/10 - PASSED	
	RULES 02/07 - PFC 0-0-0-0-0-0	02/16 - DP	23-6-1-0-0-0		**RULES** 03/07 - C&P 8-0-0-0-0-0	Object: No	36-21-3-0-0-0-0	
	Rep Caucus: 02/08				Maj Caucus: 03/08			
	Dem Caucus: 02/08				Min Caucus: 03/08			
					Transmitted to Governor: 03/14 Signed: 03/18 Chapter: 18			

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		2nd Read: 01/25					
	GOV 01/31 - DP 4-3-0-0-0-0	02/15 - RETAINED						
	RULES 02/07 - PFCA 0-0-0-0-0-0	02/23 - RETAINED						
	Rep Caucus: 02/08							
	Dem Caucus: 02/08							

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

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.

* Vote Legend: Ayes-Nays-Not Voting-Present-Absent-Excused

Bills	Senate Information: Committee Actions	Senate Information: COW Action	Senate Information: 3rd Read & Votes	Senate Information: Final Read & Votes	House Information: Committee Actions	House Information: COW Action	House Information: 3rd Read & Votes	House Information: Final Read & Votes

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

Senate Committee Actions		Senate COW Action	Senate 3rd Read & Votes	Senate Final Read & Votes	House Committee Actions	House COW Action	House 3rd Read & Votes	House Final Read & Votes
1st Read: 01/25			2nd Read: 01/26					
GOV	None 0-0-0-0-0-0							
RULES	None 0-0-0-0-0-0							

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 canvasing and conducting the post-election hand count already conducted. The LPC voted, to OPPOSE the bill as currently drafted

Summary: States that “for all state, county, city or town elections, ballots shall be tabulated by hand.”

SB1349 budget reduction; law enforcement; hearing — SPONSORS: ROGERS

Senate Committee Actions		Senate COW Action	Senate 3rd Read & Votes	Senate Final Read & Votes	House Committee Actions	House COW Action	House 3rd Read & Votes	House Final Read & Votes
1st Read: 01/25			2nd Read: 01/26					
JUD	None 0-0-0-0-0-0							
RULES	None 0-0-0-0-0-0							

Comments: 01.28.2022: Staff summarized the bill, noting that the legislation would prevent Arizona municipalities from allocating resources to their various departments as they see fit. Staff recommended, and the LPC voted, to OPPOSE the bill as currently drafted.

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.

SB1362 early ballot on-site tabulation — SPONSORS: MESNARD

Senate Committee Actions		Senate COW Action	Senate 3rd Read & Votes	Senate Final Read & Votes	House Committee Actions	House COW Action	House 3rd Read & Votes	House Final Read & Votes
1st Read: 01/25			2nd Read: 01/26		1st Read: 03/17		2nd Read: 03/21	
GOV	02/07 - DP 4-3-0-0-0-0	CON CAL - 02/21 Object: Yes	03/14 - PASSED		**GE**	03/23 - DP 7-6-0-0-0-0		
APPROP	02/15 - DP 7-2-1-0-0-0	03/09 - DPA	16-13-1-0-0-0		**RULES**	None		
RULES	02/21 - PFC 0-0-0-0-0-0							
Rep Caucus: 02/21 Dem Caucus: 02/21								

Comments: 02/17/2022: Staff summarized the bill, noting that although the sponsor was willing to provide one-time funding for the tabulators, the bill would still require counties to provide significantly more staffing and training at each of their locations. The Board voted to OPPOSE the bill as currently drafted.

Summary: Allows voters to have early ballots tabulated at the polls, they must be tabulated on a separate machine, an unspecified appropriation is included.

* Vote Legend: Ayes-Nays-Not Voting-Present-Absent-Excused

	Senate Information				House Information			
Bills	**Committee Actions**	**COW Action**	**3rd Read & Votes**	**Final Read & Votes**	**Committee Actions**	**COW Action**	**3rd Read & Votes**	**Final Read & Votes**
SB1371	county salaries; precinct officers.							SPONSORS: PACE
	1st Read: 01/25		2nd Read: 01/26					
	APPROP 02/15 - DPA 10-0-0-0-0-0 **RULES** 02/21 - PFC 0-0-0-0-0-0	02/23 - RETAINED 03/23 - DPA	03/23 - PASSED 25-3-2-0-0-0					
	Rep Caucus: 02/21 Dem Caucus: 02/21							

Comments: 03/25/2022: Staff noted the bill did come out of the Senate this week but is not on the appropriations agendas. Staff noted there will be ongoing conversations on this bill as the session moves forward and potentially over the interim.

03/11/2022: Staff provided an update on the legislation, noting that they'd be meeting with the sponsor in coming days to present data and work on potential solutions.

03/04/2022: Staff provided an update on the meeting with the sponsor and constables and noted the sponsor is looking for an avenue to provide pay for performance to constables and staff is evaluating options. An additional meeting with the sponsor will likely occur next week.

02/25/2022: Staff provided an update on the bill and noted that there will be a meeting with the sponsor next week.

01.28.2022: Staff explained the bill, noting concerns that the legislation removes flexibility in the salary determination process. The LPC moved to OPPOSE the bill as currently drafted noting that there may be an amendment that the constables currently working on.

Summary: Provides a pay raise to constables across all categories of documents served.

SB1377	off-highway vehicles; fund NOW: off-highway vehicles; fund; instruction; operation							SPONSORS: KERR, ROGERS
	1st Read: 01/26		2nd Read: 01/27		1st Read: 03/02		2nd Read: 03/03	
	APPROP 02/08 - DPA 8-2-0-0-0-0 **RULES** 02/21 - PFC 0-0-0-0-0-0	02/23 - DPA	02/24 - PASSED 18-10-2-0-0-0		**TRANS** 03/16 - FAILED 6-6-0-0-0-0 **TRANS** 03/23 - DP ON RECON 9-3-0-0-0-0 **RULES** None			
	Rep Caucus: 02/21 Dem Caucus: 02/21							

Comments: 02/17/2022: Staff summarized the bill, noting that individuals had raised concerns about aspects of the education requirement and the interplay of State Land and State Parks. As conversations on this bill were ongoing, this bill was presented for information only.

Summary:
- Modifies how the OHV fund monies are distributed and the allowable use
- Removes the distribution of 30% of the fund into HURF. In FY 2021 distribution was $247,809 for all 15 counties
- Increases percentage of funds that the Land Department must spend on trails

* Vote Legend: Ayes-Nays-Not Voting-Present-Absent-Excused

	Senate Information				House Information			
Bills	**Committee Actions**	**COW Action**	**3rd Read & Votes**	**Final Read & Votes**	**Committee Actions**	**COW Action**	**3rd Read & Votes**	**Final Read & Votes**

- Lowers the amount that AZ Parks can use on Fund administration and to spend at least 10% of the fund on enforcement of OHV laws and at least 10% for the state land lessee impacts.
- Requires the AZ Parks Board to have a public meeting when designating land for OHV use.
- Requires the AZ Parks Park to when spending monies on projects to give preference to projects for mitigation efforts, address impacts to state land lessees, and for nonfederal projects and for projects where federal entities work with state and local entities.
- Makes OHV operators and passengers responsible for risks associated with use of personal injury or death associated with recreational use on public or private land.
- Removes the responsibility of landowners and authorized lessees to have a duty to keep lands safe for entry and use by recreational users or to warn of or maintain lands and trails for OHV use.
- Requires a person to complete a course of instruction in off-highway vehicle safety and environmental ethics and provide proof to the ADOT of completion before getting an off-highway vehicle user indicia.
- Requires that before a person may rent or sell an off-highway vehicle to a customer they must provide vehicle safety and environmental educational maters approved by AZ Game and Fish.

Increases the number of AZ Game and Fish employees to enforce OHV use (from 7 to up to 14)-

SB1381	salary; deputy sheriff; detention officer							SPONSORS: BORRELLI
	1st Read: 01/26		2nd Read: 01/27					
	APPROP 02/08 - DP 7-3-0-0-0-0	CON CAL - 02/14 Object: Yes						
	RULES 02/14 - PFC 0-0-0-0-0-0	02/23 - RETAINED						
	Rep Caucus: 02/15							
	Dem Caucus: 02/15							

Comments: 03.25.22: Staff provided an update noting that there is not a striker for the language, but there have been conversations with the House and Senate Appropriation Chairs, and this will be part of the budget negotiations.

03/04/2022: Staff provided an update on the bill noting that a recent conversation between the Supervisors and the Sheriffs were productive. The Sheriffs will be seeking onetime funding from the legislature to provide 10K bonuses to sheriff deputies and detention officers totaling around $40M dollars and agreed to have ongoing talks regarding retention and recruitment of employees within the counties.

02/25/2022: Staff provided an update on the bill and the LPC discussed concerns.

02/04/2022: Staff provided an update on the bill's progress, noting that the conversation is ongoing and will require attention moving forward. Supervisors voiced concerns over the erosion of their ability to set salaries.

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.

* Vote Legend: Ayes-Nays-Not Voting-Present-Absent-Excused

	Senate Information				House Information			
Bills	**Committee Actions**	**COW Action**	**3rd Read & Votes**	**Final Read & Votes**	**Committee Actions**	**COW Action**	**3rd Read & Votes**	**Final Read & Votes**
SB1460	election law amendments							SPONSORS: SHOPE
	1st Read: 01/27		2nd Read: 01/31		1st Read: 03/16		2nd Read: 03/17	
	GOV 02/14 - DP 7-0-0-0-0-0 **RULES** 02/21 - PFC 0-0-0-0-0-0	CON CAL - 02/21 Object: Yes 03/08 - RETAINED 03/14 - DPA	03/14 - PASSED 17-12-1-0-0-0		**GE** 03/23 - DPA 11-2-0-0-0-0 **RULES** 03/28 - C&P 7-0-0-0-1-0			
	Rep Caucus: 02/21 Dem Caucus: 02/21				Maj Caucus: 03/29 Min Caucus: 03/29			

Comments: 02.04.2022: Staff summarized the bill, noting its origin at the Arizona Association of Counties (AACo) and the uncontroversial nature of the proposed changes to statute. The LPC voted to SUPPORT the bill as drafted.

Summary: Makes various changes to election law including specifying when the recorder will send a notification of the confidentiality related to a person's voter registration, updates methods that can be used to identify a voters change of address, increases the notification for a consolidated election from 180 days to 210 days before the consolidated election, clarifies posting guidelines for nonpartisan elections, modifies when write in candidates may file a nomination paper, clarifies signature requirements for county districts established after January 2nd.

SB1496	remote sellers; TPT; administration							SPONSORS: LEACH
	1st Read: 01/27		2nd Read: 01/31					
	FIN 02/16 - DISC/ONLY 0-0-0-0-0-0 **RULES** None 0-0-0-0-0-0							

Comments: 02.04.2022: Staff summarized the bill, noting concerns that the bill (a) does not define how the average tax rate will be applied, (b) confusion as to the inclusion of excise taxes, and (c) the potential impact on collections. The LPC voted to OPPOSE the bill as currently drafted.

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.

SB1509	state officers; residency requirements							SPONSORS: PETERSEN
	1st Read: 01/31		2nd Read: 02/01		1st Read: 03/08		2nd Read: 03/09	
	GOV 02/14 - DP 4-3-0-0-0-0 **RULES** 02/21 - PFC 0-0-0-0-0-0	CON CAL - 02/21 Object: Yes 02/23 - DP	02/23 - PASSED 17-11-2-0-0-0		**GE** 03/23 - FAILED 6-7-0-0-0-0 **RULES** None			
	Rep Caucus: 02/21 Dem Caucus: 02/21							

Comments: 03/11/2022: Staff summarized the bill, noting that it originated with a County Attorney who was looking to retain the services of a staffer who was moving out of state. Supervisors commented on the interesting public policy philosophy of changing state law in these very specific scenarios. The LPC took no action on this bill.

* Vote Legend: Ayes-Nays-Not Voting-Present-Absent-Excused

	Senate Information				House Information			
Bills	**Committee Actions**	**COW Action**	**3rd Read & Votes**	**Final Read & Votes**	**Committee Actions**	**COW Action**	**3rd Read & Votes**	**Final Read & Votes**
	Summary: The bill specifies that the deputy or assistant of an elected officer is not required to be a resident of the state, but they must be a citizen of the United States.							
SB1593	sexual offenses; forensic examination; expenses							SPONSORS: KERR
	1st Read: 02/01		2nd Read: 02/02		1st Read: 03/02		2nd Read: 03/03	
	JUD 02/17 - DPA 7-0-1-0-0-0	02/23 - DPA	02/24 - PASSED		**JUD** 03/16 - DP 10-0-0-0-0-0	CON CAL - 03/21		
	RULES 02/21 - PFC 0-0-0-0-0-0		28-0-2-0-0-0		**RULES** 03/21 - C&P 7-0-0-0-1-0	Object: No		
	Rep Caucus: 02/21 Dem Caucus: 02/21				Maj Caucus: 03/22 Min Caucus: 03/22			
	Comments: 03/11/2022: Staff summarized the bill, noting that it was the Legislature's attempt to address an issue raised by the Governor in his 2022 "State of the State" address. Staff mentioned that counties and local reporters were having difficulty finding the documentation that might have led to the Governor's stance on the issue, but the language does create additional clarity for health care institutions to ensure they don't bill victims of sexual assault. The LPC did not take a position on the bill.							
	Summary: Health care institutions are prohibited from charging an intake, consultation, facility or other fee to a patient as part of a medical or forensic interview or examination related to a dangerous crime against children or a sexual assault, for which the county is required to pay. Counties are required to publish on the county website the name of the county official who is responsible for paying the expenses arising out of the need to secure evidence for a dangerous crime against children or a sexual assault.							
SB1596	off-highway vehicles NOW: off-highway vehicle study committee							SPONSORS: KERR
	1st Read: 02/01		2nd Read: 02/02		1st Read: 03/02		2nd Read: 03/03	
	TAT 02/14 - DPA/SE 9-0-0-0-0-0	02/24 - DPA	02/28 - PASSED		**TRANS** 03/23 - DP 10-0-0-0-2-0	CON CAL - 03/28		
	RULES 02/21 - PFC 0-0-0-0-0-0		27-0-3-0-0-0		**RULES** 03/28 - C&P 7-0-0-0-1-0	Object: No		
	Rep Caucus: 02/21 Dem Caucus: 02/21				Maj Caucus: 03/29 Min Caucus: 03/29			
	Comments: 02/17/2022: Staff explained the bill, noting that its inclusion was for information-only as talks with the sponsor on broader OHV legislation progress.							
	Summary (with S/E amendment): Establishes an Arizona off-highway vehicle study committee to (a) collect and study information related to off-highway vehicle issues, and (b) submit a report of the committees activities on or before January 1st of each year. Repeals the committee on May 31, 2024.							
SB1629	registration; verification; images; audits; boxes							SPONSORS: BORRELLI, BARTO, et al
	1st Read: 02/01		2nd Read: 02/02					
	GOV 02/17 - DPA 4-3-0-0-0-0	03/08 - DPA	03/09 - FAILED					
	RULES 02/23 - PFC 0-0-0-0-0-0		13-15-2-0-0-0					
	Rep Caucus: 02/23 Dem Caucus: 02/23							
	Comments: 02.04.2022: Staff summarized the bill, noting that the legislation makes a variety of changes to a long list of election processes. Staff also noted that AACo has been working to implement the changes recomended by the county election directors and recorders. The LPC took no action on the bill.							

* Vote Legend: Ayes-Nays-Not Voting-Present-Absent-Excused

	Senate Information				House Information			
Bills	**Committee Actions**	**COW Action**	**3rd Read & Votes**	**Final Read & Votes**	**Committee Actions**	**COW Action**	**3rd Read & Votes**	**Final Read & Votes**

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.
- Implements a registration system at the Secretary of State for specific categories of individuals who register voters.
- 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.
- 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.
- Requires the electronic publication of ballots within 48 hours of an official canvass. Appropriates an unspecified amount for creation of a “ballot image portal.”
- Requires County Recorders to notify electors when USPS determines that their address of residence is a forwarding address.
- Increases required frequency of County Recorder checks of voter rolls against USPS change of address information. Requires that an elector provide confirmation of their address in these cases in order to vote.

SB1656 water and energy; improvement district SPONSORS: PACE, SHOPE, et al

1st Read: 02/02 2nd Read: 02/03

NREW None
0-0-0-0-0-0
RULES None
0-0-0-0-0-0

Comments: 02/17/2022: Staff explained the bill, noting that it had not progressed out of committee by the relevant "first chamber" deadline. As such, this bill is presumed dead and was presented for information only.

Summary: Establishes Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) as an authorized public improvement for commercial, industrial, agricultural, multifamily properties.
o The proponent’s goal is to allow property owners to access additional capital financing to make building energy efficiency/renewable energy improvements through a special assessment on the property instead of taking out a loan for the business or requiring the company to pay upfront out of pocket.
• Cities, towns, and counties would have the authority to authorize (through resolution or ordinance) these types of financial agreements and would be responsible for administering the collection and disbursement of the special assessment until the special assessment until the lien is paid. If the property is sold, the responsibility for the lien transfers to the new owner.
• The language does require a city/town to enter into an agreement with the county if the county is going to administer the program
• A county treasurer may impose a fee for expenses directly related to collecting the special assessment.

* Vote Legend: Ayes-Nays-Not Voting-Present-Absent-Excused