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## Proposition 133

### Requiring Partisan Primaries Required for All Partisan Offices

Constitutional Amendment referred to ballot by the legislature

Requires partisan primary elections for all partisan offices

Prohibits open primaries

Supersedes (preempts) local charters & ordinances

Designed to thwart the Arizona Eliminate Partisan Primaries Act

[AzPHA Argument Against Prop 133](#)



## Proposition 134

### Signature Distribution Requirement for Voter Initiatives

Constitutional amendment referred to the ballot by the legislature

Voter initiatives would need to proportionately collect signatures EACH of Arizona's 30 LD's

Opponents could target a single district by thwarting local signature gathering

A single legislative district would have veto power over the rest of the state

Future voter initiatives designed to address public health threats will be MUCH harder

[AzPHA Argument Against Prop 134](#)



## Proposition 135

### Arizona Emergency Declaration Limits

Referred to the ballot by the Legislature

Ends governor declared states of emergency after 30 days unless the legislature extends the emergency (in 30-day increments)

Emergencies related to floods and fires are exempt

If approved, this ballot referral would severely restrict a future governor's ability to save lives during a public health emergency

[AzPHA Argument Against Prop 135](#)

## Prop 136: Court Challenges of Voter Initiatives Before the Election

Allows people to challenge the constitutionality of proposed voter initiatives before the initiative is even on the ballot

Challenges must happen at least 90 days before the election

Organizers would need to raise funds not just to get signatures, but to also defend the initiative in court before the election

# Prop 137: Judicial Retention Elections

Allows Supreme Court justices to hold office during 'good behavior' rather than standing for periodic voter retention during elections

Allows intermediate appellate court judges to hold office during good behavior, rather than for the normal 6 years

Allows superior court judges in counties with a population of at least 250,000 hold office during good behavior, rather than for a regular term of four years

Defines 'good behavior' as the absence of a felony, crime of 'dishonesty', bankruptcy, or mortgage foreclosure

Retroactive to 2024 to protect two Supreme Court justices at risk for not being retained in 2024's election

## Prop 138: Minimum Wage for Tipped Workers

Authorizes employers to pay tipped workers 25% less than the minimum wage if they can prove the employee still would make \$2/hr more than the state minimum wage

Inappropriately Called the “Tipped Workers Protection Act”



# Prop 139: Arizona for Abortion Access Act

Voter Initiative

Constitutional Amendment

Establishes a fundamental right to abortion before the point of fetal viability

Constitutional amendment ensures future legislatures can't further restrict abortion care w/o voter approval

[AZPHA Argument For AZ Abortion Access Act](#)





## Prop 140: Make Elections Fair

Voter-driven constitutional amendment eliminating partisan primaries

Single open primaries lets voters pick candidates regardless of party affiliation

Top vote getters would be on general election ballot

Makes general election races more competitive

Gives independent & moderate voters more of a voice

Makes candidates accountable to more voters

[AzPHA Argument For Eliminating Partisan Primaries](#)

## Proposition 311

### Conviction Fee for 1<sup>st</sup> Responder Death Benefit

Would charge a \$20 excise tax on all criminal conviction cases

Proceeds going to any law enforcement officer's family who dies on the job

## Proposition 312

### Tax Refund for Non-Enforcement of Nuisance Laws



Allows property owners to avoid some or all their property taxes if their city doesn't enforce ordinances regarding camping, loitering, obstructing roads, panhandling, public urination, public consumption of booze or illegal substances



Applicants for tax relief would need to establish their expenses

## Proposition 313

### Arizona Life Imprisonment for Sex Trafficking of a Child Measure

Makes a sentencing requirement of life in prison for convictions of child sex trafficking

Removes judicial discretion



## Prop 314: Secure the Border Act

Gives police the authority to detain & arrest persons they believe arrived in AZ from anywhere except a port of entry; unclear how officers would identify such persons

No explicit limits on what actions local or state police could take to screen people for their immigration status except vague reference to 'probable cause'

Prohibits submitting false documents when applying for public benefits or employment

Increases penalties for possession of Fentanyl (single subject violation?)

AzPHA Argument opposing Prop xxx Under way



## Prop 315: Legislative Approval of State Agency Rules

Requires state agencies to submit proposed rules to the legislature for review if they are estimated to increase state regulatory costs by more than \$100,000 within 5 years after implementation

Rules that are estimated to cost more than \$500K (as a whole) over 5 years could not be implemented without legislature approval

Arizona law already mandates that state agencies have statutory authority with guardrails before they enact regulations such as approval by the Governor's Regulatory Review Council

Existing oversight ensures that any new regulations are carefully vetted and justified, balancing regulatory needs with public interests

Would stifle regulatory development crucial for maintaining and improving care standards in Arizona, especially in the most vulnerable sectors such as assisted living and nursing homes and the environment

AZPHA Argument Opposing Prop xxx in Development