KNOW BEFORE YOU VOTE

# **2024 BALLOT MEASURES**

#### **STATEWIDE**



#### **Preserves Our Fair Primary System**

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Arizona has always had an election system with a partisan primary, where voters who associate with one party nominate a candidate or candidates who most align with their values to represent them on the general election ballot. Recently, special interests have tried to upend this simple system and force a faulty one called Jungle Primaries. This measure would strengthen our existing constitutional requirement to hold direct, partisan primaries, protecting against the threat of California systems like Jungle Primaries.



#### Guarantees Our Ballot Initiative Process Is Fair & Balanced

Every year, out of state special interests pour millions of dollars into Arizona to put bad ideas on the ballot by collecting most of the required signatures in heavily populated areas including Phoenix and Tucson, stripping the rest of Arizona from having any say. If passed, Prop 134 would require citizen initiatives to collect signatures in every legislative district, ensuring that only measures with support from Arizonans – urban and rural – make it on the ballot.



#### Protects Against The Abuse Of Emergency Powers

Recent COVID lockdowns made very clear that executives – Governors and the President – have been given far too much "emergency" power. There is a place for executive response. Real emergencies exist, so legislatures have delegated some of their power to better respond to protect the public. However, emergencies are temporary, so those powers must too be temporary and limited. Prop 135 would automatically terminate emergency powers 30 days after one is declared, empower the legislature to call themselves into a special session with just 1/3 of the members and with a simple majority terminate or alter an emergency declaration, restoring checks and balances and preventing future COVID like lockdowns.





# **PROP 136**



#### **Prevents Unconstitutional Ballot Measures**

Each election cycle, out of state special interests spend millions to buy their bad ideas onto our ballot. Sometimes, those measures are unconstitutional. Often, they know it, but force a costly campaign and litigation after it has passed. Prop 136 would allow a person to challenge the constitutionality of a measure before it gets on the ballot, and if deemed by the courts unconstitutional, prevent it from proceeding in the election. This protects the ballot from unconstitutional measures that confuse voters, require multi-million-dollar campaigns, and places undue pressure on the judiciary who must "overturn the will of the voters" in order to uphold the constitution.



#### **Judicial Retention Elections**

Instead of judges regularly appearing on the ballot for retention, this constitutional amendment would only put judges on the ballot if they are convicted of certain crimes or if the judge does not meet judicial performance standards.



## **Tipped Wage Protection**

Protects the food service industry by allowing employers to pay tipped employees 25% less than minimum wage as long as their combined wage and tip income is greater than the minimum wage plus two dollars.



#### Enacts California-Style Election Schemes In AZ

Prop 140 is a sprawling measure that adds 15 separate amendments to the state constitution to enact California-style election schemes like Jungle Primaries and Ranked Choice Voting in Arizona, gives all power to one partisan politician, the Secretary of State, to decide how many candidates appear on the general election ballot for every single election, including his own, and results in candidates from only one political party appearing on the general election ballot, removing choice for voters.

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#### Defends Property Owners From Out Of Control Homelessness

When cities fail to enforce their ordinances against homeless encampments and public nuisances, property owners bear the brunt and cost of protecting their homes and businesses. This measure would allow affected property owners to be reimbursed for some of those costs up to their property tax liability. Those taxes ought to be funding the cities' law enforcement to protect their communities from crime and degradation, so when cities fail to uphold their obligations, there should be a remedy for afflicted property owners and that remedy is Prop 312.



#### **Secures the Border**

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The Biden Administration has abandoned our country's southern border completely leaving Arizona prey to a flood of illegal crossings including by cartels and foreign adversaries. As a consequence, Arizona communities are being victimized by a rise in violent crimes and an inundation of drugs, especially fentanyl. The Secure the Border Act enacts a law similar to Texas' SB 4 allowing state law enforcement to apprehend persons who have entered the state outside a legal port of entry, detain them, and provide the option of self-deportation.



#### Legislative Oversight of Regulations

Requires legislative ratification of any regulation adopted by an agency if the regulation is expected to cost more than \$500,000 to implement. If the legislature does not ratify the regulation, it may not be implemented.

### **MARICOPA COUNTY**

PROP 479 📂 VOTE NO

#### Extends The Maricopa Transit Subsidy Tax For 20 Years

Extends the half cent sales tax in Maricopa county for 20 years to support a \$64 billion spending plan funding light rail and road diets.

## **NO POSITION**

# **PROP 139**

#### **Abortion on Demand**

Makes abortion a fundamental right and removes restrictions on accessing abortions including through late term as well as the regulation and oversight of abortion providers. See itgoestoofar.com

# **PROP 311**

#### First Responder Death Benefit

The federal government administers a death benefit for the family members of first responders killed or permanently disabled in connection with their work which is currently a payout of \$437,503. This measure would create a state fund for an additional benefit of \$250,000, funded by a new \$20 fee for every criminal penalty imposed by the state.

# **PROP 313**

# **Increasing Penalties for Sex Trafficking**

Increases the penalty for a person convicted of a class 2 felony for child sex trafficking to a mandatory sentence of natural life, without eligibility for parole.



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