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# Arizona Emergency Declarations Constitutional Amendment

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

[See AzPHA's Argument \(Against\)](#)

# Arizona Signature Distribution Requirement for Initiatives Constitutional Amendment

Referred to the ballot by the legislature

Future voter initiatives would need to proportionately collect signatures EACH of Arizona's 30 legislative districts

Opponents could stop initiatives by targeting 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 (e.g. the Smoke Free Arizona Act, Minimum AZ Wage Act) will have a MUCH harder time making it to the ballot

[See AzPHA's Argument \(Against\)](#)

# Arizona Eliminate Partisan Primaries Constitutional Amendment

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 by giving independent & moderate voters more of a voice

Makes candidates accountable to more voters

[See AzPHA's Draft Argument \(For\)](#)

## Partisan Primaries Regardless of Party Affiliation 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

[See AZPHA's Draft Argument \(Against\)](#)

# 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

[See AzPHA's Draft Argument \(For\)](#)

# Secure the Border Act

Referred to the ballot by the legislature

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

Prohibits submitting false documents when applying for public benefits or employment

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

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

## 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

# Property Tax Refund for Non-Enforcement of Public 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