



ACTION ALERT
February 13, 2018

League lobbyists are testifying February 13th on the bills below.

You can help League advocate by contacting Committee members from your computer or your phone -- call, email directly, or use RTS.

Show your thumbs-up or thumbs-down reaction to a bill in committee by using "Request to Speak" (RTS) online: [at azleg.gov](http://azleg.gov).
Need to open an RTS account? Send your request to info@lwwaz.org.

Do you need petitions for the Outlaw Dirty Money initiative campaign?

Contact: Cindy@OutlawDirtyMoney.com

We Want Scheduled Hearings on the ERA!

ERA bill **SCR2012**, sponsored by Rep. Ugenti-Rita, is the ERA bill that might possibly still move (as it's sponsored by a Republican).

We suggest contacting Speaker Mesnard. Ask him to assign HCR2012 to a Committee where it will be heard: (602) 926-4481; JMesnard@azleg.gov

And/or contact your Representative and ask him/her to push this bill! [Member Roster](#)

TUESDAY, February 13 at 2 pm

Bill being Heard in House Federalism, Property Rights and Public Policy Committee (FPRPP)

(click here for contact information)

Bob Thorpe, Chair (602-926-5219); Blanc, Campbell, Finchem, Grantham, Hernandez, Navarette, Payne, Stringer

HB2397 -- Thorpe. Voter data; validation (NEW)

League **OPPOSES**

Effect: Would subject voters to a \$25 fine if the address that they register to vote with does not match the address on file with the Motor Vehicle Division.

This is yet another voter suppression process, that burdens a potential voter with unnecessary anxiety. It unfairly targets Arizonans that move frequently or don't have adequate access to the MVD or to online voter registration or address change systems to complete the necessary updates.

If the goal is to prevent voter fraud, the existing checks and balances do that already.

HB2121 -- Leach. Ballot measures; paid circulator definition.

(Held, at previous hearing; your previous RTS still applies, but you can add comments)

League **OPPOSES**

Effect: Expands the definition of paid circulators to include anyone who receives monetary or other compensation for obtaining petition signatures, regardless of the number of signatures obtained.
Subtle difference: The prior version said that they had to register if they got monetary or other compensation *based on the number of signature or # of petitions*; the amended version says *any* compensation qualifies as payment for any amount of petition signature gathering.

HCR2022 - Grantham. U.S. Senate Candidates; legislative nomination

League **OPPOSES**

(Held, at previous hearing; your previous RTS still applies, but you can add comments)

Effect: Seeks to amend the Arizona Constitution to require that candidates for the U.S. Senate be chosen only by state legislators from each major party. Minor parties would not be able to name their own candidates, and independents (who make up a full third of Arizona voters) would not be allowed to run in the general election unless they somehow got the blessing and nomination of partisan legislators. This bill would roll Arizona back to the days before the 17th Amendment, when senators were largely appointed by corrupt state legislators bribed by special interests. Arizona has already been ranked the most corrupt state in the US. Who's to say such scandals couldn't happen again? And hasn't Arizona's legislature already had enough scandal recently?

HCR2008 – Leach. Initiatives, conflicting federal law, preemption

League **OPPOSES**

(Held, at previous hearing; your previous RTS still applies, but you can add comments)

Effect: Would require Arizona's attorney general to review initiative measures, before they are certified for the ballot, to determine whether they conflict with federal law. If so, the bill would disqualify that initiative from the ballot.

This weakens citizens' constitutional right to use the initiative process. This unnecessary requirement will likely result in additional law suits and thus costs to the state and the entity sponsoring the initiative. To the best of our knowledge, the League is not aware of any prior initiatives that would fall into this category. Thus, it appears only to be a burdensome step intended to delay voting by the public.

WHAT HAPPENED?

League opposed this bill over the last weeks, but it **passed through Committee** and will now be heard in the Rules Committee and passed on to the Committee of the Whole. RTS can not be used for Rules Committee.

HCR2024 -- Peterson. Article V convention; term limits

League **OPPOSES**

Effect: This is an application to the U.S. Congress to call an Article V Constitutional Convention once 2/3rds of states apply for the same, to propose an amendment to the Constitution that would limit the number of terms a person can be elected to the U.S. House of representatives and to the U.S. Senate.