



ACTION ALERT

League lobbyists are testifying February 5 - Feb. 8 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.

YES on PROP 403! NOTE DATE CHANGE.

League supports transparency in campaign donations.

Help Arizona Advocacy Network launch its campaign to promote Prop. 403 in Tempe.

February 9, Friday, 5:30 pm, Boulders On Broadway, 530 West Broadway, Tempe

Arizona Advocacy Network helped push for an amendment to the Tempe City Charter (Prop. 403) that would shine a light on unaccountable money, increase transparency and trust in Tempe elections, and guard against potential corruption. That Charter Amendment is on the ballot in Tempe on March 13th. Come help AzAN lead the way to passing this amendment!

[Info and registration \(free\) by clicking here.](#)

We Want Scheduled Hearings on the ERA!

The chairs of both Senate Judiciary and House Judiciary refuse to schedule the 3 ERA bills to be heard in their committees. Call or email!

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Protest in person! Sign up in advance on the RTS system to speak on *any* bill the committee is hearing that day. When called to speak, ask the Chair, "Why haven't you scheduled the ERA bills to be heard in committee?" or "Please schedule the ERA bills to be heard now". And then tell them why they should. This may be disruptive but they need to hear from us – ERA bills need a fair hearing!

House Judiciary hearings: Wednesday Feb. 7th at 2:00 pm in HHR4

Senate Judiciary hearings: Thursday Feb. 8th at 9:00 a.m. in SHR109 on Feb. 8 and 15.

TUESDAY, February 6

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

(click here for contact information)

Bob Thorpe, Chair; Blanc, Campbell, Finchem, Grantham, Hernandez, Navarette, Payne, Stringer

HCR 2022 -- Grantham. Senate candidates, legislative nomination (NEW)

League **OPPOSES**

Effect: Would limit Senate choices in November elections to only those candidates that state legislators from each major party determine are worthy. And as crafted, those choices would be only Republicans and Democrats: It contains no method for minor parties to name their own candidates, and no way for independents to run in the general election unless they somehow got the blessing and nomination of partisan legislators. Choosing Senators is the work of the voters, not the legislature, and all qualified parties need to be represented on the general election's ballot.

HCR2024 -- Peterson. Article V convention; term limits (NEW in House -- see SCR1005)

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.

The League opposes term limits for members of the U.S. Congress on the grounds that such limits would adversely affect the accountability, representativeness and effective performance of Congress, and by decreasing the power of Congress, would upset the balance of power between Congress and an already powerful presidency.

HCR2008 – Leach. Initiatives, conflicting federal law, preemption

League **OPPOSES**

(Held from January 30th; written RTS still applies if you provided one, 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.

[WEDNESDAY, February 7](#)

Bill being heard in Senate Finance Committee

[\(click here for contact information\)](#)

Sean Bowie; Olivia Cajero Bedford; Karen Fann; Steve Farley; David Farnsworth; Rick Gray; Warren Petersen.

SB1467 -- Yarbrough. STOs; corporations; caps; scholarship eligibility (NEW)

League **OPPOSES**

Effect: The bill will cap corporate tax credits at \$100 million. Tax credits go to STOs (student tuition organizations) which, in turn, give these for scholarships to “non-governmental” schools (private, religious, and home schooling). Allows credits to increase annually by inflation, AND opens the program to home schooling in addition to private and religious schools. Will permit an application fee to be charged, and for some students permits the scholarship not to be limited to \$4,200 but to be the full amount of the tuition.

The League believes the size of the cap, the extra spending allowances and the inflation factors still undermine the adequate funding of public schools, and and continues to oppose any public funds going to private or religious schools, particularly in light of reduced accountability of those schools in comparison with public schools.

Bills being heard in Senate Government Committee

[\(click here for contact information\)](#)

Sonny Borrelli, Chair; Contreras, Farnsworth, Griffin, Kavanagh, Mendez, Meza

SCR1005 -- Peterson. Article V convention; term limits

(Held over again from previous week; written RTS still applies but you may add comments)

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. The League opposes term limits for members of the U.S. Congress on the grounds that such limits would adversely affect the accountability, representativeness and effective performance of Congress, and by decreasing the power of Congress, would upset the balance of power between Congress and an already powerful presidency.

THURSDAY, February 8

Bills being heard in House Government Committee

(click here for contact information)

Douglas Coleman, Chair; Clark, Clodfelter, John, Martinez, Salman, Thorpe, Ugenti-Rita

HB2284 -- Leach. Initiative, referendum, campaign finance filings (NEW)

League **OPPOSES**

Effect: Requires a PAC that supports or opposes a ballot measure to file monthly campaign reports once receiving more than \$25 thousand in aggregate contributions. AND, for referendums against legislative bills, applications for such will not be accepted by the SOS until after the legislature adjourns.

HCR2007 -- Coleman. Clean Elections, unlawful contributions, rulemaking

(Held from Feb 1st; written RTS still applies if you provided one, but you can add comments.)

League **OPPOSES**

Effect: Would prohibit Clean Elections' candidates from hiring organizers, field staff or other resources from any organized political party.

Designed to hamstring those who do not have the deep pockets to finance their own campaigns, and thus the very purpose of Clean Elections. Yet one more attempt to discourage candidates from running Clean by dictating how or rather in this case, how they may *not use* their funds. The Clean Elections Commission has strict rules regarding expenditures; the bill attempts to actively change the rule making process of the Commission, without providing rationale.

WHAT HAPPENED TO THESE BILLS?

League opposed these bills over the last weeks, but they **passed their 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 that committee.

HB2153 -- Campaign finance, non profits, disclosure

Effect: An attack on campaign funding transparency. Allows any nonprofit to secretly fund campaigns, as long as it is registered in good standing as a 501-c(3) or c-(4) organization with the IRS. It will keep cities from requiring that these entities register as PACs, disclose donors, and submit to audits.

HB2182 -- Campaign Finance, candidate committee, transfer

Effect: A candidate committee for a city or town candidate would be able to transfer unlimited contributions made to a candidate for a lower elected government office to that same candidate's committee for a statewide or legislative office.

This is a campaign finance transparency issue. Donors to the original candidate committee will not have agreed to have their monies transferred to a new campaign, for a different office.

HB2184 -- Coleman. Secretary of State, rulemaking

Effect: Puts the State administrative code above the rules passes by agencies that legally have a right to pass such rules. Specifically of concern for us, the Clean Elections Commission may, if this bill is adopted, be prohibited from making its own rules.