

# Election 2022: The Arizona Answer Sheet

## THE STATEWIDE BALLOT MEASURES (PROPOSITIONS)

### The Northside Democrats recommend the following actions:

*NOTE* that propositions passed by the voters can only be changed by a statewide vote or a supermajority of the Legislature. The wording of propositions may be obscure or deceptive. **If you don't understand the wording or don't agree with ALL parts of a measure, consider voting NO** and working for change within the Legislature.

### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

*(amendments to the Arizona Constitution can only be enacted by the voters)*

**VOTE:**

**128: "INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM"** - Allows the Legislature, by a simple majority vote, to **make unrestricted changes to a voter-approved initiative** if a Supreme Court deems part of the measure illegal/ unconstitutional. Current law requires 3/4 majority & limits changes to those that "further the purpose" of the law. *Proposed by the Legislature.*

**NO**

**129: "INITIATIVE MEASURES"** - Limits a voter initiative to a single "subject" and "matters properly connected therewith". **Would require multiple initiatives to address a single issue** and would result in **extensive litigation** over what is "connected". Seems intended to **keep citizens' initiatives off the ballot**. *Proposed by the Legislature.*

**NO**

**130: "PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS"** - Restores disabled veterans' property tax exemption on their primary residence. Has bipartisan support. *Proposed by the Legislature. The Northside Democrats offer no opinion on this measure.*

**131: "EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT"** - Requires **each nominee for Governor** to select a **running mate** to serve as **Lt. Governor**, who will serve in an administrative job. In current law the elected Secretary of State becomes "Acting Governor" even if not a member of the same party as the Governor. Support is bipartisan., no opposing arguments were submitted. *Proposed by the Legislature. The Northside Democrats offer no opinion on this measure.*

**132: "INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM"** - Requires a **60% "supermajority" vote of the people to pass any initiative that includes a tax**. **Would reduce Arizona citizens' power to legislate**: current law requires only a simple majority (50.01%) vote of the people for any initiative; the Legislature needs 2/3 to increase taxes, but only simple majority to cut taxes. As a result, the Legislature almost never raises taxes but often cuts them. *Proposed by the Legislature.*

**NO**

### CITIZENS' INITIATIVES FOR NEW STATE LAWS

*(if passed, voters' initiatives cannot be vetoed & the Legislature needs a 3/4 majority to amend)*

**209: "PREDATORY DEBT COLLECTION PROTECTION ACT"** - Aims to **relieve "extreme economic hardship"** caused by debt collection. **Reduces interest rate for medical debt** from 10% to 3%, raises amount of home equity exempted from seizure and wages protected from garnishment. Aligns these values and rates with cost-of-living changes.

**YES**

**211: "VOTERS' RIGHT TO KNOW ACT"** - also known as "**Stop Dark Money**". Requires anyone expending a certain amount on election campaign advertising in AZ to disclose **by name** the actual persons or companies giving \$5,000+ to fund the media spending. **Would remove the cloak of secrecy from big-money influences on Arizona elections.**

**YES**

### REFERENDA

*(The AZ Constitution requires the Legislature to "refer" certain laws to the voters for approval)*

**308: Permits in-state college tuition for all students, regardless of immigration status**, if the student (a) attended a school in Arizona for at least 2 years *and* (b) graduated from any AZ public school, private school, or home-school.

**YES**

**309: Imposes more requirements for voter identification**, including an affidavit with **birth date** and special **ID number** for mail-in ballots and **photo ID** for in-person voting. Would put greater burden on election workers & invade voters' privacy; appears to be another Legislative attempt to **discourage and disqualify legitimate voters**.

**NO**

**310: Proposes a 20-year tenth-of-a-penny increase in the state's sales tax to help fund operations of Fire Districts**. Aims to improve emergency services in all areas outside of towns & cities (served by municipal Fire Departments). **Fire Districts** are currently funded only by local property taxes but **serve all travelers** on AZ highways & Interstates.

**YES**

*For more information on each Proposition, visit: [azsos.gov/2022-ballot-measure-information](https://azsos.gov/2022-ballot-measure-information)*

★ **Important note: YOU ARE ALLOWED by law to look at this or any paper when you are in the voting booth, but you must not display any candidates' names in the polling place.** Please put this paper in your pocket before entering the polling place, and look at it only in the privacy of the voting booth; otherwise you might not be permitted to enter the polling place.

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