

Arizona Legislature 101

*How to Use RTS for Public Comment
Effectively!*



Don't Let Government Steal Your Pie!

THE LEGISLATURE is the government body elected by the people established to vote by majority vote on bills that become bills and make up our state statutes.

There are **49 Chapters of Law** in our current **Arizona Revised Statutes**.

WHAT IS THE LEGISLATURE? WHAT IS THE JOB OF A LEGISLATOR?

LEGISLATORS are the members of the LEGISLATURE that submit bills and vote to establish our laws. The legislators vote to select the leadership of their respective chambers.

There are **two chambers**. House and Senate.

- **House** has **60** legislative members – two members from each district. Led by the Speaker of the House.
- **Senate** has **30** legislative members – one member from each district. Led by the Senate President.
- There are **30 legislative districts** in Arizona

Legislative Schedule

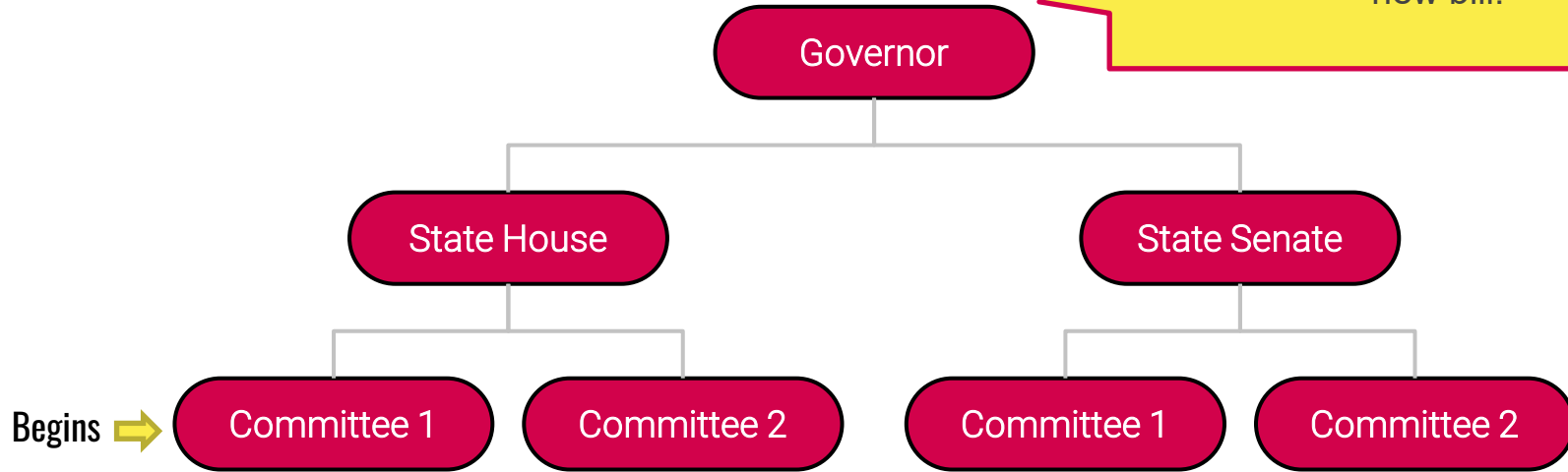
If you want a legislator to run a bill, plan to reach out to them starting in September prior to the next session.

- November – January:
 - Usually, folder opportunities for new bills opens
 - Every new bill must have a folder opened for it with a deadline around February.
- Mid-January: Session opens
- Statutory requirement is for the session to last 100 days minimum
 - A majority vote of the legislature can extend the session
- Budget must be completed and signed by the Governor by June 30th to avoid a shutdown
 - There are options for a “skinny budget” to avoid a shutdown

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How a Bill Becomes Law

The Governor can veto bills from the Legislature. The Legislature may override the veto with a super-majority vote. They may also run a new bill.



The Speaker of the House or Senate President assign bills to committees. Every non-appropriation bill goes through a standing committee and the Rules Committee.

P.S. We don't put pie on the slides at risk for government to take a piece.

Committees

(these are where bills go to die)

Committee Chairs decide at their own discretion what bills get heard and what bills get killed.

Senate House Appropriations	
Committee Members	
Member	Position
Kelli Butler	Member
César Chávez	Member
Regina E. Cobb	Chairman
Gail Griffin	Member
Jake Hoffman	Member
Steve Kaiser	Member
John Kavanagh	Vice-Chairman
Jennifer L. Longdon	Member
Quang H. Nguyen	Member
Joanne Osborne	Member
Judy Schwiebert	Member
Lorenzo Sierra	Member
Michelle Udall	Member

Senate House Education	
Committee Members	
Member	Position
Lupe Diaz	Member
John M. Fillmore	Member
Daniel Hernandez, Jr.	Member
Joel John	Member
Quang H. Nguyen	Member
Jennifer Pawlik	Member
Beverly Pingerelli	Vice-Chairman
Judy Schwiebert	Member
Myron Tsosie	Member
Michelle Udall	Chairman

Steps for a Bill to Become a Law

The Legislative Process is Purposely Set Up for Most Bills to Die as a Self-Defense Mechanism Against Bad Laws.

Do Not Count on Any Legislator to Lobby Your Favorite Bill through for You.

1. Speaker/Senate President Assigns Bills to Subcommittees
2. Subcommittee Chairs Assign the Bills to the Agenda to be Heard
3. Subcommittee Members Vote
4. Rules Committee Chair Assigns the Bill to an Agenda to Be Heard
5. If passed, the Speaker/Senate President Assigns the Bill to Agendas to be Heard in a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Reading where the Committee as a Whole (COW) Votes

Not every bill gets heard. There are deadlines for every step and bills can die along the way if they do not proceed before the deadline.

How to Thumbs Up or Down A Bill?

Public Comment & Request to Speak

Arizona's Request to Speak system allows you to leave public comments and sign up to speak at committee meetings.







You can also   bills at any time through the legislative process from My Bill Positions.

Go to EZAZ.org Step 1 to Sign up.
Step 2 For Training Videos.

My Bill Positions

Session: 2021 - Fifty-fifth Legislature - First Regular Session

Bill Number: Your position: ☐ For ☐ Neutral ☐ Against

Session	Description	Representing	Your Position	
1R	HB2035 - (NOW: parental rights; sex education instruction)	Self	  	<input type="button" value="Update"/> <input type="button" value="Delete"/>
1R	HB2111 - 2nd amendment; unenforceable federal laws	Self	  	<input type="button" value="Update"/> <input type="button" value="Delete"/>

Request To Speak

Request to Speak Topic Search

Please use the following search criteria to find the topic you would like to speak on.

Legislative Body: ☐ Senate ☐ House ☒ Both

Session: 2021 - Fifty-fifth Legislature - First Regular Session

Committee: Select a committee . . .

Search Phrase:

RTS

- Using the Request to Speak at the AZ Legislature
- [Azleg.gov](https://azleg.gov)
- Look for the Legislative Information Tab
- Hover over it and click on Request to Speak
- Bookmark this page for faster access

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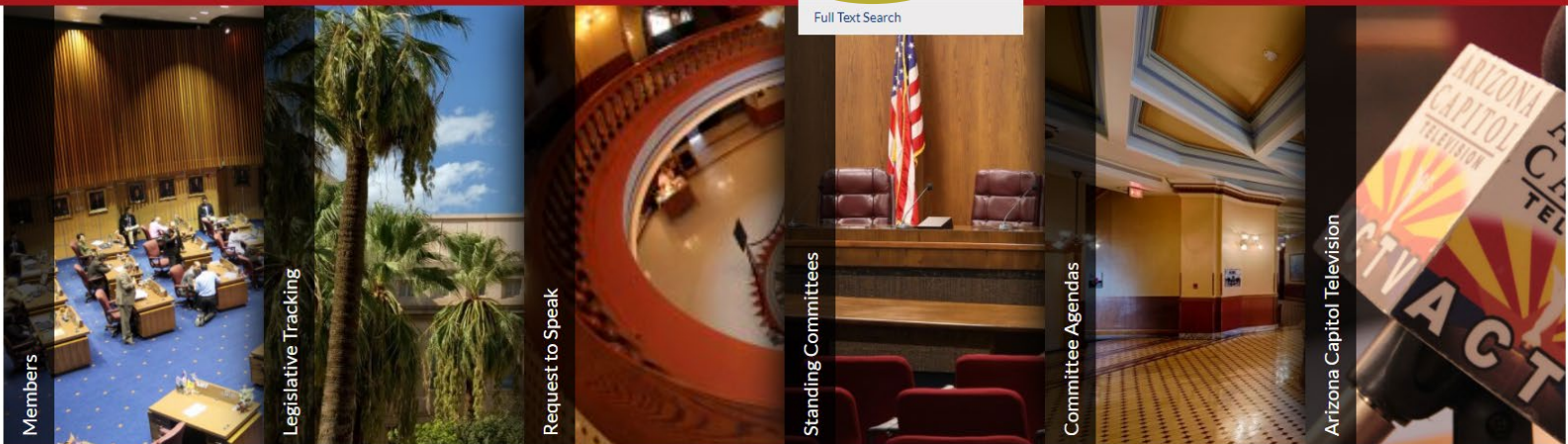


Bill # Search

- Senate
- House
- Legislative Council
- JLBC
- Other Agencies
- Bills
- Committees
- Legislative Information
- Calendar & News

- Request To Speak
- Full Text Search

The Arizona Revised Statutes have been updated to include the re Arizona, 2nd Regular Session.

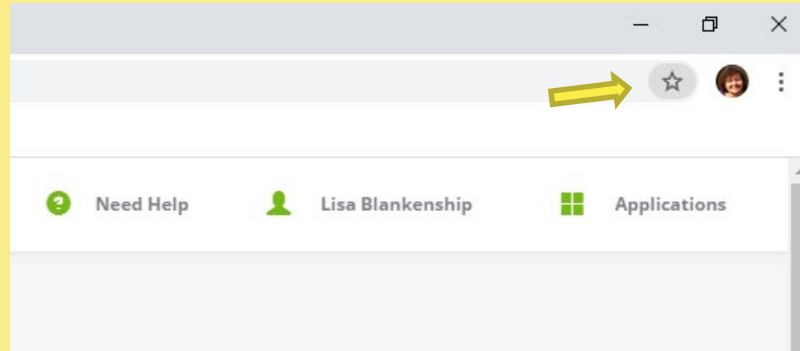


FEATURED ITEMS

- Ensuring Public Health and Safety at Legislature
- 2020/2021 Capitol Lawn Information



LEGISLATIVE EVENTS

Bookmark Page



- This is where I change the name to use less room on my taskbar
- Just type in Leg. Bills and make sure it is set to Bookmarks Bar

MY BILL POSITIONS

- Type in the bill you were looking for
- Click on the auto-populated title
- Choose your position  or 
- Click add

Request To Speak

- Home
- My Requests
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My Bill Positions

Session: 2021 - Fifty-fifth Legislature - First Regular Session

Bill Number: 1083

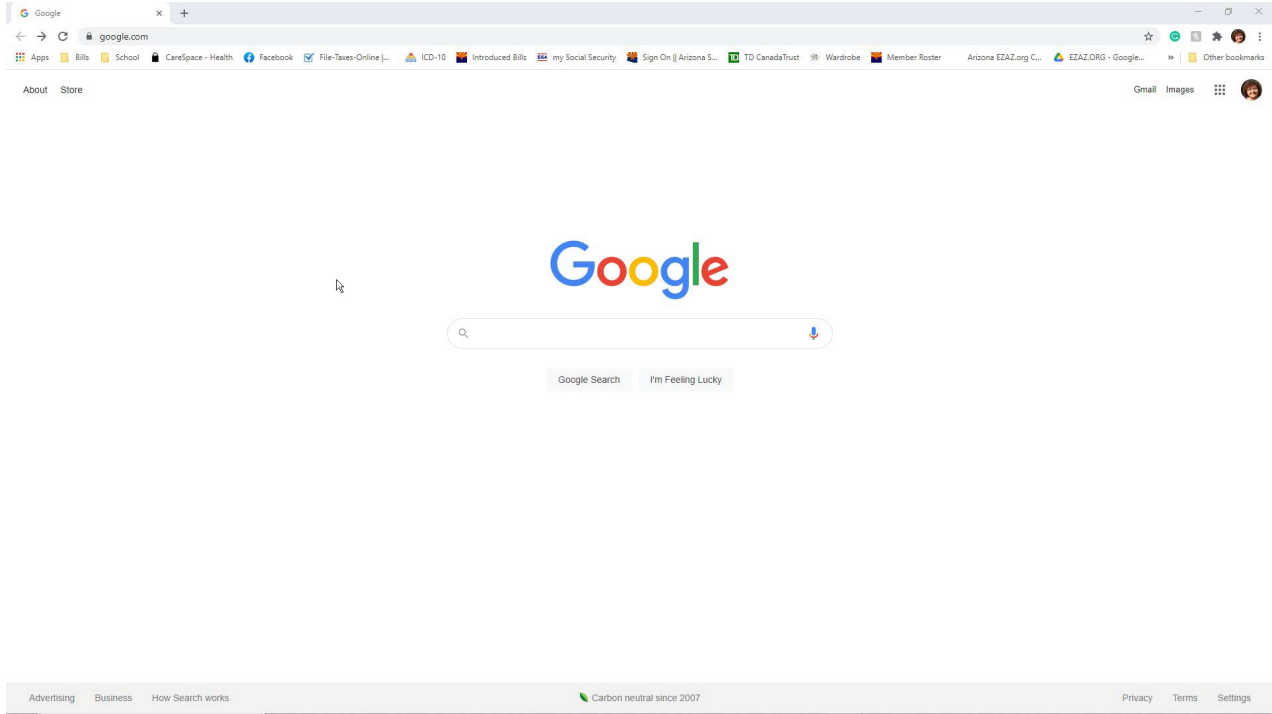
Your position: ☐ For ☒ Neutral ☐ Against

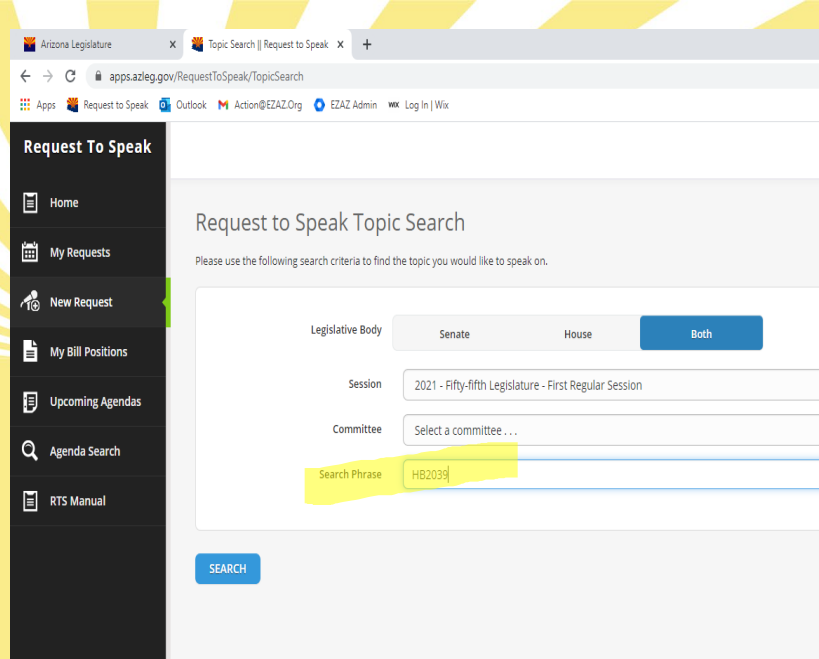
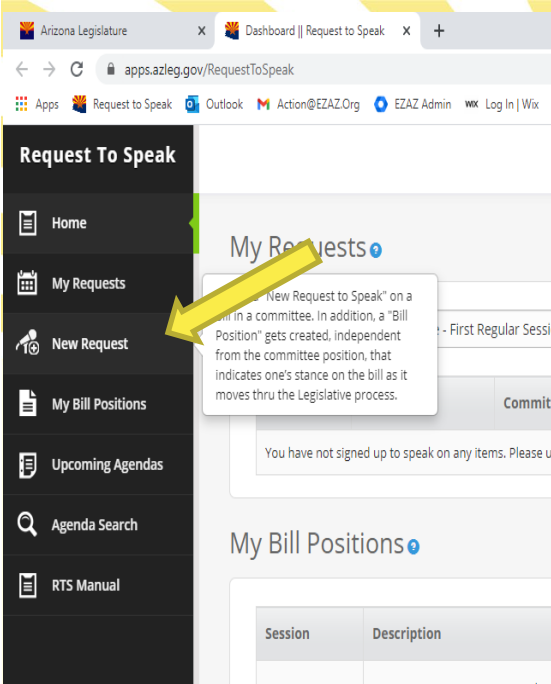
Add

Session	Description	Representing	Your Position
1R	HB2017 - appropriation; STEM; learning; workforce development	Self	

How to Register to Speak

LOGGING IN





- Choose New Request
- Enter Bill
- Hit Search



If bill is coming up the Add Request button will show

Arizona Legislature x Topic Search || Request to Speak x Agendas || Bill Status Inquiry x Agenda || Request to Speak x +

apps.azleg.gov/RequestToSpeak/TopicSearch

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Request To Speak

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Session 2021 - Fifty-fifth Legislature - First Regular Session

Committee Select a committee . . .

Search Phrase 1382

SEARCH

Search Results

Session	Agenda Date	Type	Description	Committee Name	Location	Requests To Speak
1R	3/24/2021	Bill	SB1382 - essential businesses; firearms; ammunition; sales	House Judiciary	HHR 4	Add Request

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Make Your Opinion Known!

★
or not
★

Choose



neutral



choose to speak

you may comment

Arizona Legislature x New Request | Request to Speak: x Agendas | Bill Status Inquiry x Agenda | Request to Speak: x +

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New Request to Speak

Your position on the item:

☒ For

☐ Neutral

☐ Against

Do you wish to speak?

☒ Yes

☐ No

☐ If Necessary

☐ Yes - Remotely

Comment

250 characters remaining

SUBMIT

Item Description: SB1382 - essential businesses; firearms; ammunition; sales

Session: 1R

Agenda Date: 3/24/2021

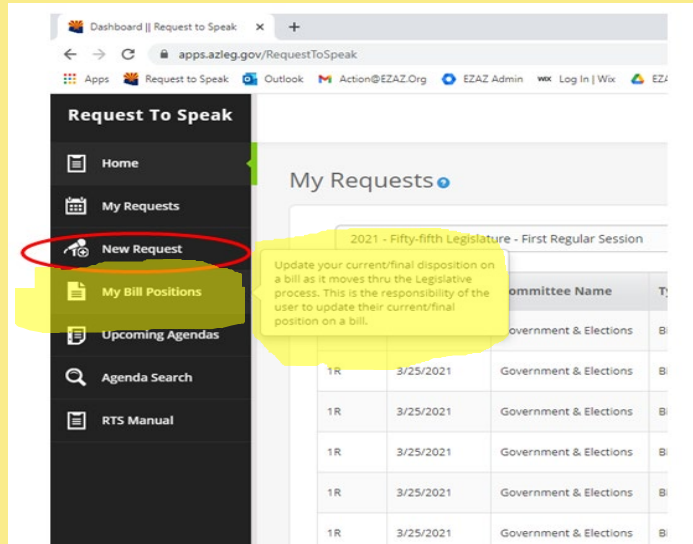
Agenda Time: 9:00 A.M.

Agenda Room: HHR 4

People with disabilities may request reasonable accommodations such as interpreters, alternative formats, or assistance with physical accessibility. If you require accommodations, please contact the Chief Clerk's Office at (602) 926-3032, TDD (602) 926-3241.

BILL DOESN'T POPULATE!!!

- No worries – we've got you covered!



The screenshot shows the 'Request To Speak' dashboard at apps.azleg.gov/RequestToSpeak. The left sidebar contains a menu with the following items: Home, My Requests, New Request (highlighted with a red circle), My Bill Positions (highlighted with a yellow box), Upcoming Agendas, Agenda Search, and RTS Manual. The main content area is titled 'My Requests' and displays a table for the '2021 - Fifty-fifth Legislature - First Regular Session'. A yellow callout box points to the table with the text: 'Update your current/final disposition on a bill as it moves thru the Legislative process. This is the responsibility of the user to update their current/final position on a bill.'

2021 - Fifty-fifth Legislature - First Regular Session		
		Committee Name
1 R	3/25/2021	Government & Elections
1 R	3/25/2021	Government & Elections
1 R	3/25/2021	Government & Elections
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HELP !



FINDING NEW BILLS

Dashboard | Request to Speak

apps.azleg.gov/RequestToSpeak

Apps Bills School CareSpace - Health Facebook File-Taxes-Online ICD-10 Introduced Bills my Social Security Sign On || Arizona S... TD Canada Trust Wardrobe Member Roster Arizona EAZ.ORG... EAZ.ORG - Google... Other bookmarks




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



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My Requests

2021 - Fifty-fifth Legislature - First Regular Session

Session	Agenda Date	Committee Name	Type	Description	Your Position	Representing	Location	Actions
1R	3/29/2021	Rules	Bill	HB2359 - election equipment: access: locks	  	Self	SHR 109	Update Delete

My Bill Positions

Session	Description	Representing	Your Position	Actions
1R	HB2017 - appropriation: STEM: learning: workforce development	Self	  	Update Delete
1R	HB2020 - schools: child care: reduced fees	Self	  	Update Delete
1R	HB2022 - schools: resources: services: consolidation grants	Self	  	Update Delete
1R	HB2025 - delinquent property tax: interest: waiver	Self	  	Update Delete
1R	HB2039 - (NOW: elections: five percent: hand counts)	Self	  	Update Delete
1R	HB2052 - homeowners' associations: political: community activity	Self	  	Update Delete
1R	HB2054 - voter registration database: death records	Self	  	Update Delete
1R	HB2111 - 2nd amendment: unenforceable federal laws	Self	  	Update Delete

Type here to search

7:37 PM 3/26/2021

How to Enter Your Voter ID Info



1. From the Bill Status Inquiry or RTS Page, Click Account Management

Account Management

Reset Password Update Personal Information

Update Your Personal Information

Note: Fields outlined in orange are required.

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Agency / Organization

Do you wish to identify yourself as an Arizona registered voter?

Yes No ?

Update Personal Information

2. Click Update Personal Information

3. Click Yes on “Do you wish to identify yourself as an Arizona registered voter?”

4. Complete your Date of Birth and license number

5. Click Update Personal Information

How to Read a Bill?

How to Read a Bill? Go to AZLEG.gov.

The User Manual for the Bill Tracking Application is located [HERE](#). To get access to the system, go to [EAAZ.org](#) and click “[Sign Up Here](#)” on Step 1 on the Home Page.

Bill Number:

HB2054

SEARCH

Copy Bill URL

STEP 1: Find the Bill Documents



Short Title: voter registration database; death records

Overview

BillStatus

Videos

Sponsor/Keywords/Sections

RTS Current Bill Positions

Documents

**Bills have a Primary Sponsor & Co-Sponsors.
Expect Bills that lack Co-Sponsors to Die.**

Bill Versions

Introduced Version	PDF	HTML	
House Engrossed Version	PDF	HTML	
Chaptered Version	PDF	HTML	

How to Read a Bill?

BLUE CAPS – New added text

~~Red-Lined~~ – Deleted text

Black Sentence Case – Existing text that will remain

CHAPTER 49

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

HOUSE BILL 2054
Rep. Kaiser LD15 (R)

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

Section 1. Section 16-165, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

16-165. Causes for cancellation

A. The county recorder shall cancel a registration:

1. At the request of the person registered.
2. When the county recorder knows of the death of the person registered.
3. If the person has been adjudicated an incapacitated person as defined in section 14-5101.

4. When the person registered has been convicted of a felony, and the judgment of conviction has not been reversed or set aside. The county recorder shall cancel the registration on receipt of notice of a felony conviction from the court or from the secretary of state or when reported by the elector on a signed juror questionnaire that is completed pursuant to section 21-314.

5. On production of a certified copy of a judgment directing a cancellation to be made.

6. Promptly after the election if the person registered has applied for a ballot pursuant to section 16-126.

7. When a person has been on the inactive voter list and has not voted during the time periods prescribed in section 16-166, subsection C.

8. When the county recorder receives written information from the person registered that the person has a change of residence within the county and the person does not complete and return a new registration form within twenty-nine days after the county recorder mails notification of the need to complete and return a new registration form with current information.

9. When the county recorder receives written information from the person registered that the person has a change of address outside the county.

B. If the county recorder cancels a registration pursuant to subsection A, paragraph 8 of this section, the county recorder shall send the person notice that the registration has been cancelled and a registration form with the information described in section 16-131, subsection C attached to the form.

C. When proceedings in the superior court or the United States district court result in a person being declared incapable of taking care of himself and managing his property, and for whom a guardian of the person and estate is appointed, result in such person being committed as an insane person or result in a person being convicted of a felony, the clerk of the superior court in the county in which those proceedings occurred shall file with the secretary of state an official notice of that fact. The secretary of state shall notify the appropriate county recorder and the recorder shall cancel the name of the person on the register. Such notice shall name the person covered, shall give the person's date and place of birth if available, the person's social security number, if available, the person's usual place of residence, the person's address and the date of the notice, and shall be filed with the recorder of the county where the person last resided.

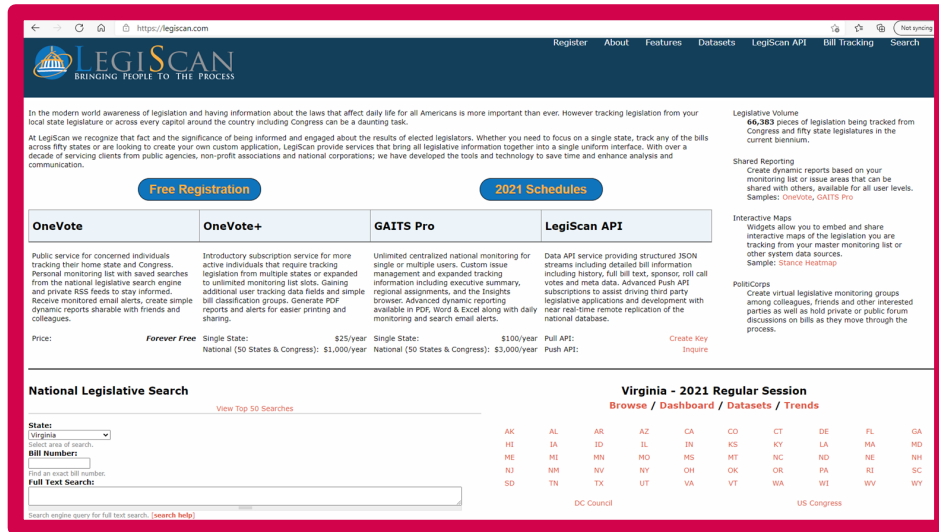
D. Each month the department of health services shall transmit to the secretary of state without charge a record of the death of every resident of the state reported to the department within the preceding month. This record shall include only the name of the decedent, the decedent's date of birth, the decedent's date of death, the decedent's social security number, if available, the decedent's usual legal residence at the time of death and, if available, the decedent's father's name or mother's maiden name. The secretary of state shall use the record for the sole purpose of canceling the names of deceased persons from the statewide voter registration database. In addition, the department of health services shall annually provide to the secretary of state from the statewide electronic death registration system without charge a record of all deaths of residents of this state that are reported to the department of health services. The records transmitted by the department of health services shall include only the name of the decedent, the decedent's date of birth, the decedent's social security number, if available, the decedent's usual legal residence at the time of death and, if available, the decedent's father's name or mother's maiden name. The secretary of state ~~may~~ **SHALL** compare the records of deaths with the statewide voter registration database. Public access to the records is prohibited. Use of information from the records for purposes other than those required by this section is prohibited. The name of each deceased person shall promptly be canceled from the statewide voter registration database and the secretary of state shall notify the appropriate county recorder and the recorder shall cancel the name of the person from the register.

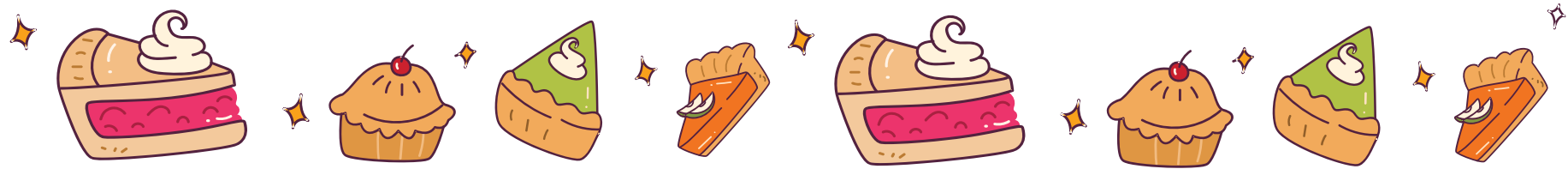
APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR MARCH 18, 2021.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE MARCH 18, 2021.

The only change this bill is making is removing the word “may” and replacing it with “SHALL”. The impact is now the Secretary of State must compare death records to the voter database. Whereas prior to this bill, it was optional.

Your New Best Friend

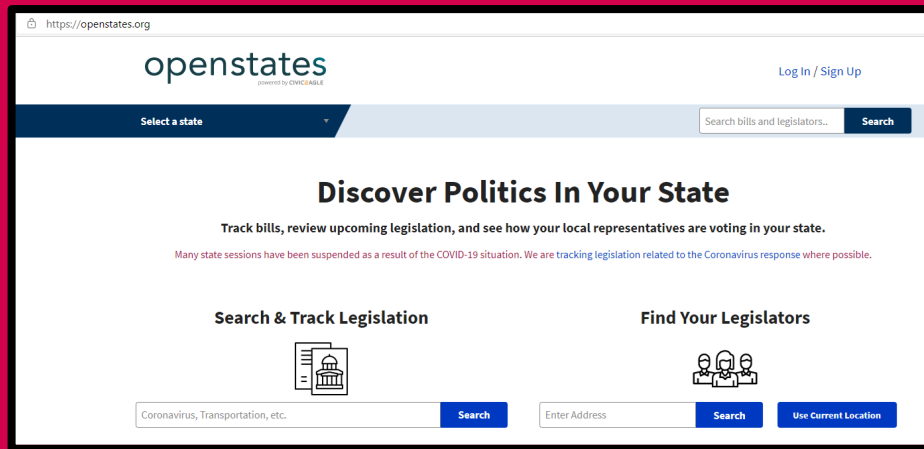




Steps to Communicating with Legislators



Step 1: Find Your Legislators



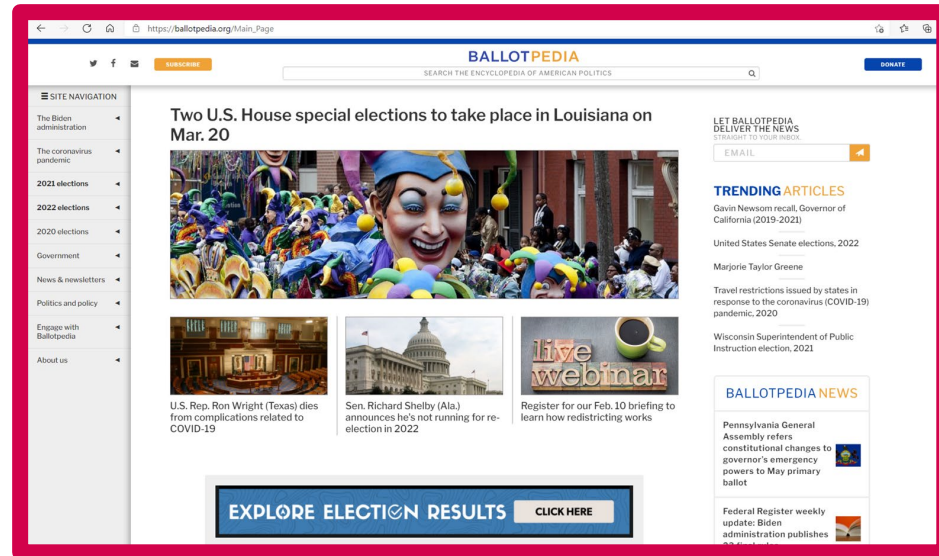
OpenStates.org

Learn About Your Legislators' Campaign Promises and Top Issues: [Ballotpedia.org](https://ballotpedia.org)

To be Persuasive, Find Out What is the Legislator's Self-Interest.

What Motivates Them?

Politicians are often motivated by their self-interest. The most persuasive argument will always be catering to the self-interest of the legislator. Their Ballotpedia page or their social media will help you identify their self-interest.



Step 2:

Title	Name	Phone	Email
Senate President	Karen Fann	(602) 926-5874	kfann@azleg.gov
Senate Majority Leader	Rick Gray	(602) 926-5413	rgray@azleg.gov
Senate Majority Whip	Sonny Borrelli	(602) 926-5051	sborrelli@azleg.gov
Senate President Pro Tempore	Vince Leach	(602) 926-3106	vleach@azleg.gov
House Speaker	Rusty Bowers	(602) 926-3128	rbowers@azleg.gov
House Majority Whip	Leo Biasiucci	(602) 926-3018	lbiasiucci@azleg.gov
House Speaker Pro Tempore	Travis Grantham	(602) 926-4868	tgrantham@azleg.gov
House Majority Leader	Ben Toma	(602) 926-3298	btoma@azleg.gov

Find the Leadership of the Arizona House and Senate

- [Senate Members](#)
- [House Members](#)

Step 3:

Write Your Introduction?

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Hello, my name is _____ and I am a __ (who are you) __ that got involved because __ (your why) __.

Who are you?

Mother

Veteran

Entrepreneur

Doctor

What is your why?

Children

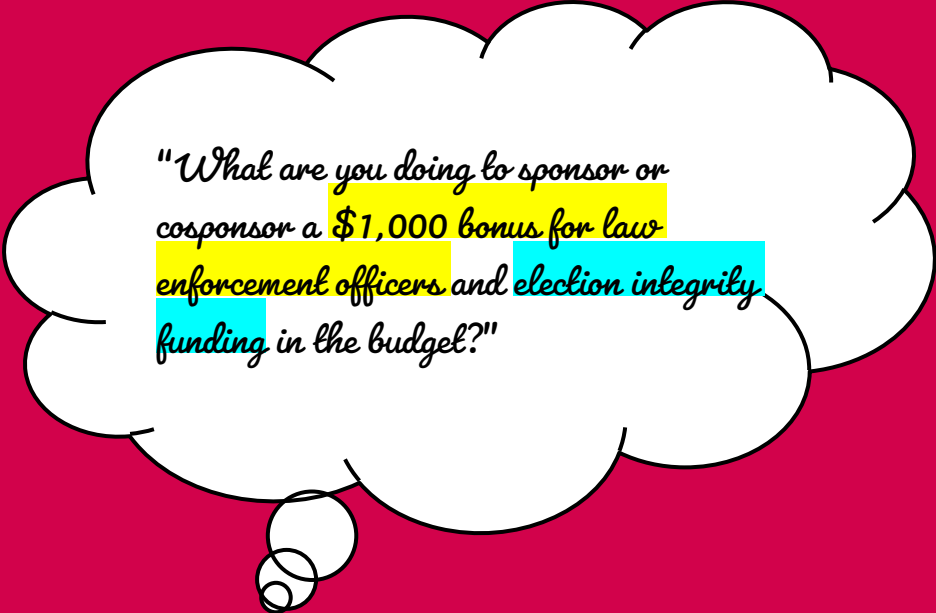
Military

Business

Healthcare



Step 4: Identify Your Top Issues



"What are you doing to sponsor or cosponsor a \$1,000 bonus for law enforcement officers and election integrity funding in the budget?"

Go to EZAZ.org for a list of top issues

Put It All Together

Hello, my name is **__(your name)__** and I am a **__(your who)__** that got involved because **__(your why)__**. I am calling to request a 5-to-15-minute call or in-person meeting with **__(legislator)__** to find out what are they doing to sponsor or cosponsor a **__(your top issues, for example, \$1,000 bonus to retain law enforcement officers, a dedicated fund for new patrol officers, and election integrity funding in the budget)__**?

If you are asking the Legislator to support a specific bill. In the email subject line and the top line of the email, write the bill number and “VOTE YES” or “VOTE NO”

Email Tips

You can use the same messaging format from the previous slides for your emails.

Keep the subject 5 words or less, put it in ALL CAPS, & make it compelling!

Examples: **I CARE ABOUT HIGH TAXES** | **MAKE MY NEIGHBORHOODS SAFE**

How to Track Active Bills

Session: 2022 - Fifty-fifth Legislature - Second Regular Se

ARIZONA STATE LEGISLATURE

Senate House Legislative Council JLBC Other Agencies **Bills** Committees Legislative Information Calendar & Events

The Arizona Legislature begins

- Bill Tracking
- Posting Sheets
- Session Laws
- Bill Info
- Session Summaries
- General Effective Dates
- Active Bills**
- Strike Everything
- Governor's Letters

1. From azleg.gov, go to Bills and Active Bills

ACTIVE BILLS

Bills on Agendas/Calendars for 02/02/2022

Date Range

☐ Today 02/03/2022

☒ Select Range

Start Date: 02/07/2022

End Date: 02/11/2022

Agendas

- ☒ House Agendas
- ☒ Senate Agendas
- ☒ House Appropriations
- ☒ House Government & Elections
- ☒ House Judiciary
- ☒ House Transportation

Floor Action

- ☒ House Floor Calendars
- ☒ Senate Floor Calendars
- ☒ House Second Reading
- ☒ Senate Committee of the Whole
- ☒ Senate First Reading
- ☒ Senate Second Reading

REFRESH DATA

List of all bills that are on agendas/calendars as selected above at 09:49:31 PM Wednesday, February 2nd, 2022. To sort: click on the column heading.

Bill Number	Short/NOW Title	Committee	Date/Time
HB2014	safety features; autonomous vehicles; prohibitions	House Transportation	02/02/2022 2:00 PM.
			1:30 PM. or Upon

2. Click "Select Date Range" and enter the date range

3. Click Refresh Data. The bills scheduled for that date range will appear below.

How to See All Bills



ACTIVE BILLS

Bills on Agendas/Calendars for 02

INTRODUCED BILLS

Bills, memorials and resolutions are measures enacted or under consideration by the Legislature.

Search Bills



HOUSE BILLS

SENATE BILLS

NON-BILL MISC. MOTIONS

SESSION STATISTICS

House Memorials and Resolutions

House Bills HB2001 to HB2050

House Bills HB2051 to HB2100

House Bills HB2101 to HB2150

1. From azleg.gov, click on Bills and Bill Info

You can search bills for words or click the arrow down to see bills

How to See Submitted Public Comments

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Applications

Upcoming Agendas

Session: 2022 - Fifty-fifth Legi

Select Body: **Both** Senate House

Agenda Type: **Standing** Interim

Committee Name	Agenda Date	Agenda Time	Agenda Room
House Ways & Means	2/2/2022	9:00 A.M.	HHR 3
House Appropriations	2/2/2022	1:30 P.M. or Upon Recess or Adjournment of Floor	HHR 1
House Transportation	2/2/2022	2:00 P.M.	HHR 3
House Government & Elections	2/2/2022	9:00 A.M.	HHR 1

1. From RTS, click on Upcoming Agendas and then click on the committee you would like to look at the comments submitted.

1b. You can also click on Agenda Search to search for a specific bill. Make sure to click on viewing past agendas if you choose this option.

How Does a Committee Session Work?

What Do You Need to Know if You Sign Up to Speak?

- The Chair of the Committee runs the meeting and determines how long each speaker is allowed to speak.
- The meeting will last as long as the Chair wants it to run or for as long as quorum is maintained. Quorum is the minimum number of legislators needed in order for the meeting to be valid.
- Be professional in the meeting. No clapping or sound effects.
- All speakers speak through the Chair.
 - i.e. before anyone speaks, they say “Chairman” before addressing the person they are directing their next statement to.
- When making your public comment, state your name, identify your comment as speaking for yourself or representing an organization, and then reference the Chair and members before beginning your comment.
- Always keep your comments focused on the bill. Be persuasive keeping in mind the self-interests of the committee members.

How to Watch a Live Legislative Session?

1. <https://www.azleg.gov/liveproceedings/>
2. For previous sessions, go to <https://www.azleg.gov/archivedmeetings/>

In Summary

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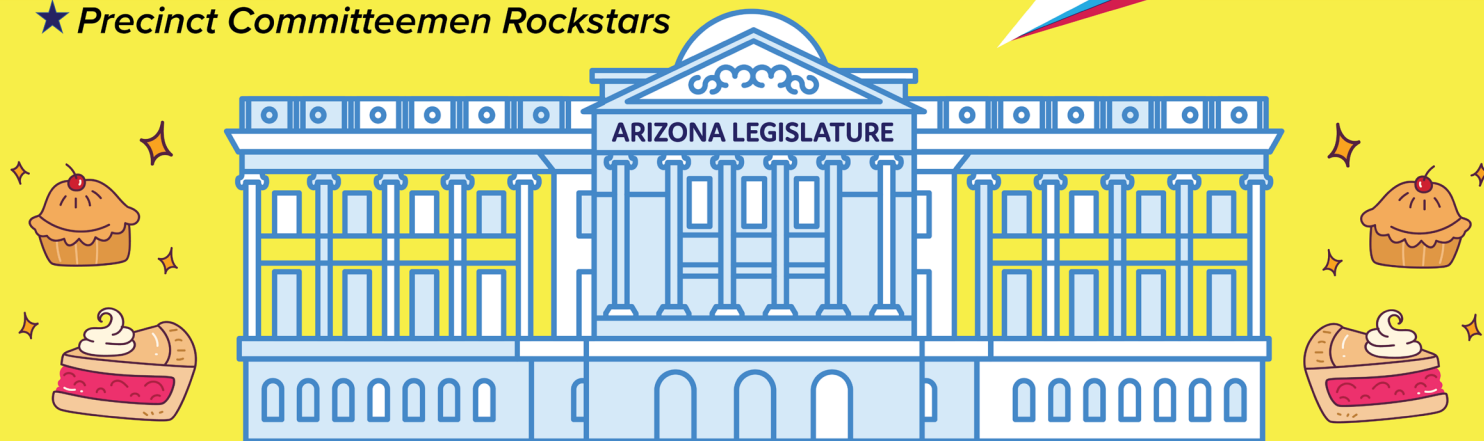
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- Identify your top Legislative Issues
- Identify your Who & your Why
- Prepare to start contacting Legislators in the Fall (September)

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15 MINUTES A WEEK TO SAVE AZ

- ★ *Easy Action Alerts & AZ Leg RTS Sign Up*
- ★ *Make Public Comment Great Again*
- ★ *Monthly Pie Club Extravanzas*
- ★ *Exclusive Fab Five Essentials of Freedom*
- ★ *Precinct Committeemen Rockstars*



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THANK YOU!
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Don't Let Government Steal Your Pie!