# Fire Service Bill Tracking Report Week of January 19, 2021

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# Fire Services / EMS / Ambulance

## **Posted Calendars and Committee Hearings**

H2077: STATE LAKE IMPROVEMENT FUND; APPROPRIATIONS

Hearing: House Natural Resources, Energy & Water (Tuesday 01/19/21 at 2:00

PM, HHR 4)

Hearing: House Appropriations (Wednesday 01/20/21 at 2:00 PM, House Rm. 1)

#### **Bill Summaries**

#### **H2077: STATE LAKE IMPROVEMENT FUND; APPROPRIATIONS**

Limits the amount of State Lake Improvement Fund (SLIF) monies used to fund staff support to 10 percent of monies deposited in SLIF annually. Allows SLIF monies to be used for water search and rescue operations. Allows monies in the State Parks Revenue Fund (SPRF) to be used for the administration of the state park system. Appropriates \$3 million from the general fund and \$2 million from the SPRF in FY2020-21 to the Arizona State Parks Board for operating costs.

First sponsor: Rep. Biasiucci (R - Dist 5) Others: Sen. Borrelli (R - Dist 5), Rep. Cobb (R - Dist 5)

H2077 Daily History Date Action

STATE LAKE IMPROVEMENT FUND; APPROPRIATIONS 1/14 referred to House nat res-energy-water, appro.

#### **H2294: YIELDING TO EMERGENCY VEHICLES; PENALTIES**

A person who violates the requirement to move over to slow down when approaching a stationary vehicle displaying flashing lights or warning lights is subject to a civil penalty of \$275 for a first violation, \$500 for a second violation, and \$1,000 for a third or subsequent violation. The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) is required to educate the public about the requirement to move over or slow down periodically throughout the year and maintain information about the requirement on the ADOT website.

Action

First sponsor: Rep. Payne (R - Dist 21) Others: Rep. Pingerelli (R - Dist 21)

H2294 Daily History Date

No actions posted for this bill within the requested time

frame.

### H2304: APPROPRIATIONS; FIRE DISTRICTS; VERNON; SPRINGERVILLE

Appropriates \$100,000 from the general fund in FY2021-22 to The Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management to distribute to the Vernon fire district for equipment and training. Appropriates \$100,000 from the general fund in FY2021-22 to The Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management to distribute to the Springerville fire district for equipment and training.

First sponsor: Rep. Teller (D - Dist 7)

H2304 Daily History Date Action
No actions posted for this bill within the requested time frame

## S1125: BIAS MOTIVATED INTIMIDATION; FIRST RESPONDERS

Establishes the crime of bias motivated intimidation, a class 4 (lower mid-level) felony. A person commits bias motivated intimidation if the person maliciously and intentionally intimidates, harasses or terrorizes another person because of that person's actual or perceived employment as a "first responder" (defined) and the intimidation, harassment or terror causes either the death of or serious physical injury to another person, or damage to or the destruction of any real or personal property of another person where the amount of the damage or the value of the destroyed property exceeds \$500.

First sponsor: Sen. Gowan (R - Dist 14)

S1125 Daily History Date Action

BIAS MOTIVATED INTIMIDATION; FIRST RESPONDERS 1/12 referred to Senate jud.

# **Governance, Regulatory, Elections**

## **Posted Calendars and Committee Hearings**

HCR2001: INITIATIVES; SINGLE SUBJECT; TITLE

Hearing: House Government & Elections (Wednesday 01/20/21 at 9:00 AM,

House Rm. 1)

S1010: RECOUNT REQUESTS; AMOUNT; BOND; PROCEDURE

Hearing: Senate Government (Thursday 01/21/21 at 2:00 PM, Senate Rm. 1)

S1083: ELECTIONS; RECOUNT MARGIN

Hearing: Senate Government (Thursday 01/21/21 at 2:00 PM, Senate Rm. 1)

S1149: OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE; NOTICE

Hearing: Senate Commerce (Wednesday 01/20/21 at 2:00 PM, Senate Rm. 1)

#### **Bill Summaries**

## **H2014: GRRC; PETITION TO REQUEST REVIEW**

A person is permitted to petition the Governor's Regulatory Review Council (GRRC) to request a review of an existing agency practice that involves interpreting a rule adopted by the agency, substantive policy statement, or final rule of an agency established under statute governing campaign finance, including the Citizens Clean Elections Act, based on the person's belief that the practice, policy, or rule does not meet the requirements of the Administrative Procedures Act, exceeds the agency's statutory authority or violates the state Constitution or the U.S. Constitution. If, after a public hearing, GRRC determines that the practice, policy, action or rule does not meet these requirements, GRRC is authorized to modify, revise or declare void any practice, policy, or rule.

First sponsor: Rep. Biasiucci (R - Dist 5)

H2014 Daily History Date Action

GRRC; PETITION TO REQUEST REVIEW 1/13 from House gov-elect do pass.

GRRC; PETITION TO REQUEST REVIEW 1/13 House gov-elect do pass; report awaited.

GRRC; PETITION TO REQUEST REVIEW 1/11 referred to House gov-elect.

#### **H2030: HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS; FIRST RESPONDER FLAGS**

Condominium associations and homeowners associations cannot prohibit the display of a flag that represents one or more categories of first responders.

First sponsor: Rep. Kavanagh (R - Dist 23)

H2030 Daily History Date Action

HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS; FIRST RESPONDER FLAGS 1/12 referred to House gov-elect.

## **H2092: RULEMAKING REVIEW; TIME FRAME**

When the Legislature has granted a one-time rulemaking exemption to an agency, the agency is required to review any rule adopted under the exemption within six months after the rule was adopted, reduced from one year, to determine whether it should be amended or repealed.

First sponsor: Rep. Dunn (R - Dist 13)

H2092 Daily History Date Action

RULEMAKING REVIEW; TIME FRAME 1/14 referred to House gov-elect.

#### **H2181: WRITE-INS; RESIDENCY; FILING DEADLINE**

Any person desiring to become a write-in candidate for an elective office in any election is required to be at the time of filing a qualified elector of the county, city, town or district the person proposes to represent and must have been a resident of that county, city, town or district for 120 days before the date of the election. The deadline for filing a nomination paper to be a write-in candidate is moved to 5PM on the 76th day before the election, from 5PM on the 40th day before the election.

First sponsor: Rep. Kavanagh (R - Dist 23)

H2181 Daily History Date Action

No actions posted for this bill within the requested time frame.

## **H2243: OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE; NOTICE**

A regulating entity under Title 32 (Professions and Occupations) is required to prominently print a specified notice regarding reciprocity on all license and certificate applications and regulating entity websites.

First sponsor: Rep. Grantham (R - Dist 12)

H2243 Daily History Date Action

No actions posted for this bill within the requested time

frame.

## H2265: RULEMAKING; EXPEDITED PROCESS; RULE EXPIRATION

A state agency that seeks to expire a rule or rules is authorized to file a notice of intent to expire with the Governor's Regulatory Review Council (GRRC). GRRC is required to place the notice on the agenda for the next scheduled meeting for consideration. If a quorum of GRRC approves the notice, GRRC is required to cause a notice of rule expiration to be prepared and provide the notice of rule expiration to the agency for filing with the Secretary of State.

First sponsor: Rep. Kavanagh (R - Dist 23)

H2265 Daily History Date Action

No actions posted for this bill within the requested time

frame.

## **H2308: RECALL PETITIONS AND ELECTIONS; REVISIONS**

Various changes to statutes relating to recall petitions and elections. Establishes a standard form for recall petitions. Requires the validity of signatures on each sheet to be sworn to by the circulator before a notary public on a specified form on the back of the sheet. The Secretary of State is required to make available a sample recall petition that strictly complies with the standard form. All nonresident circulators and paid circulators are required to register as circulators with the Secretary of State before circulating recall petitions, and any signatures collected by a circulator who fails to register as required are disqualified. Establishes requirements for circulator registration. If a registered circulator is properly served with a subpoena to provide evidence in an action regarding circulation of petitions and fails to appear or produce documents as provided for in the subpoena, all signatures collected by that circulator are deemed invalid. Any person may challenge the lawful registration of circulators in the superior court of the county in which the circulator is registered, and deadlines for challenges are specified. Establishes a process for a person who has signed a recall petition to withdraw the person's signature. Specifies that various unlawful acts relating to recall petitions are a class 1 (highest) misdemeanor. Establishes a list of acts that constitute recall petition signature fraud and classifies recall

petition signature fraud as a class 1 (highest) misdemeanor, except that a person who engages or participates in a "pattern of recall petition fraud" (defined) is guilty of a class 4 (lower mid-level) felony. Establishes a process for verification of recall petition signatures. More.

First sponsor: Rep. Kavanagh (R - Dist 23)

H2308 Daily History

Date Action

No actions posted for this bill within the requested time

frame.

### **HCR2001: INITIATIVES; SINGLE SUBJECT; TITLE**

The 2022 general election ballot is to carry the question of whether to amend the state Constitution to require every initiative measure to cover only a single subject that is expressed in the title.

First sponsor: Rep. Kavanagh (R - Dist 23)

HCR2001 Daily History

Date Action

INITIATIVES; SINGLE SUBJECT; TITLE 1/12 referred to House gov-elect.

#### S1002: EARLY VOTING ENVELOPES; PARTY AFFILIATION

Early ballot return envelopes are required to be of a type that does not reveal the voter's political party affiliation.

First sponsor: Sen. Ugenti-Rita (R - Dist 23)

S1002 Daily History

Date Action

EARLY VOTING ENVELOPES; PARTY AFFILIATION 1/11 referred to Senate gov.

#### S1003: EARLY VOTING; SIGNATURE REQUIRED; NOTICE

If a signature is missing from an early ballot envelope, the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections is required to make reasonable efforts to contact the voter, advise the voter of the missing signature and allow the voter to add the signature no later than 7:00 PM on election day. The information that must be printed in the instructions to early voters must include a statement that the ballot will not be counted without the voter's signature on the envelope. Session law states that the Legislature intends that these are clarifying changes only and do not provide for any substantive change in the law.

First sponsor: Sen. Ugenti-Rita (R - Dist 23)

S1003 Daily History

Date Action

EARLY VOTING; SIGNATURE REQUIRED; NOTICE 1/11 referred to Senate gov.

#### S1010: RECOUNT REQUESTS; AMOUNT; BOND; PROCEDURE

The number of precincts in each county that must be randomly selected for a hand count after each election is increased to five percent of the precincts in the county or five precincts, whichever is greater, from two percent or two precincts. Voting centers are deemed to be a precinct for the purposes of the hand counts. The Attorney General, the Secretary of State, or the Legislative Council is authorized to require that a higher percentage or greater number of precincts be hand counted for any specified county. Any person is authorized to file an action for a recount in any election that is not subject to an automatic recount if the person files a bond with the superior court in an amount determined by the court to be sufficient to fully reimburse the costs of conducting the recount. Recounts conducted by request are required to comply with the requirements

and procedures of an automatic recount prescribed by statute.

First sponsor: Sen. Mesnard (R - Dist 17)

S1010 Daily History Date Action

RECOUNT REQUESTS; AMOUNT; BOND; PROCEDURE 1/11 referred to Senate gov.

#### S1020: VOTING LOCATIONS: ELECTIONEERING

Any facility used as a polling place or voting center is required to allow persons to electioneer and engage in other political activity outside of the 75 foot limit in public areas and parking lots used by voters, and counties are no longer allowed to prohibit political activity near polling places or voting centers in the case of an emergency.

First sponsor: Sen. Ugenti-Rita (R - Dist 23)

S1020 Daily History Date Action

VOTING LOCATIONS; ELECTIONEERING 1/11 referred to Senate gov.

### S1042: WORKERS' COMPENSATION; SETTINGS; DEFINITION

For the purpose of statute allowing the Industrial Commission to include separate reimbursement guidelines for medications dispensed in settings that are not accessible to the general public, "settings that are not accessible to the general public" is defined as any setting to which a member of the general public, with a workers compensation claim, either does not have access or has only restricted or limited access, including limited access because of an affiliation with a specific provider. Emergency clause.

First sponsor: Sen. Livingston (R - Dist 22) Others: Sen. Fann (R - Dist 1)

S1042 Daily History Date Action

WORKERS' COMPENSATION; SETTINGS; DEFINITION 1/11 referred to Senate fin.

#### S1068: ELECTIONS MANUAL; LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL; GRRC

The official election instructions and procedures manual prepared by the Secretary of State is required to be approved by the Legislative Council and the Governor's Regulatory Review Council, instead of the Governor and the Attorney General.

First sponsor: Sen. Ugenti-Rita (R - Dist 23)

S1068 Daily History Date Action

ELECTIONS MANUAL; LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL; GRRC 1/11 referred to Senate gov.

#### S1074: LOCAL GOVERNMENTS; AUDITS; PUBLIC MEETING

Within 90 days after completing a financial audit, county board of supervisors, municipal governing bodies, and community college districts boards must require the certified public accountant or auditor who performed the audit to present the audit results and any findings to the board or governing body in a regular meeting without the use of a consent agenda. The board or governing body is required to accept the audit results and any findings by a roll call vote.

First sponsor: Sen. Livingston (R - Dist 22)

S1074 Daily History Date Action

No actions posted for this bill within the requested time

frame.

#### **S1083: ELECTIONS; RECOUNT MARGIN**

Modifies the criteria that triggers an automatic election recount to require a recount when the margin between the two candidates receiving the greatest number of votes for a particular office, or between the number of votes cast for and against a measure or proposition, is less than or equal to 0.5 percent of the number of votes cast for both candidates or on the measure or proposition. Previously, the difference in votes that triggered an automatic recount was the lesser of 0.1 percent or either a specified number of votes based on the office to be filled or 200 votes for a measure or proposition.

First sponsor: Sen. Ugenti-Rita (R - Dist 23)

S1083 Daily History Date Action

No actions posted for this bill within the requested time

frame

#### S1089: BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS; UNAUTHORIZED PRACTICE

A person who is not licensed and who practices or attempts to practice or who holds himself out as trained and authorized to practice behavioral health, including diagnosing or treating any mental ailment, disease, disorder or other mental condition of any person, without being authorized by law to perform the act, is engaging in the unauthorized practice of behavioral health, is guilty of a class 2 (mid-level) misdemeanor and is subject to a civil penalty of up to \$500 for each offense. A person who conspires with or aids and abets another to commit any act constituting the unauthorized practice of behavioral health is guilty of a class 2 (mid-level) misdemeanor and is subject to a civil penalty of up to \$500 for each offense. The Board of Behavioral Health Examiners is required to notify the Department of Health Services if a licensed health care institution employs or contracts with a person who is investigated for the unauthorized practice of behavioral health.

First sponsor: Sen. Pace (R - Dist 25)

S1089 Daily History Date Action No actions posted for this bill within the requested time frame.

#### **S1105: BALLOT MEASURES; 200-WORD DESCRIPTION**

The description of an initiative or referendum measure that is printed on the petition circulated to the voters may be up to 200 words, increased from 100 words

First sponsor: Sen. Mesnard (R - Dist 17)

S1105 Daily History Date Action No actions posted for this bill within the requested time frame.

#### S1149: OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE; NOTICE

A regulating entity under Title 32 (Professions and Occupations) is required to prominently print a specified notice regarding reciprocity on all license and certificate applications and regulating entity websites.

First sponsor: Sen. Petersen (R - Dist 12)

S1149 Daily History Date Action

OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE; NOTICE 1/13 referred to Senate com.

#### **SCR1001: STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION; TERMINATION**

The Legislature declares that the Declaration of Emergency issued by the Governor on March 11, 2020 due to the COVID-19 outbreak is terminated. The Secretary of State is directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Governor.

First sponsor: Sen. Ugenti-Rita (R - Dist 23)

SCR1001 Daily History Date Action

STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION; TERMINATION 1/11 referred to Senate gov, appro.

#### **SCR1010: LEGISLATIVE SPECIAL SESSION; EMERGENCIES**

The 2022 general election ballot is to carry the question of whether to amend the state Constitution to require the Governor, when declaring a state of emergency, to call a special session of the Legislature to address matters relating to the state of emergency. The call to special session must be issued at the same time the Governor declares the state of emergency, and the special session must be held for the duration of the state of emergency.

First sponsor: Sen. Townsend (R - Dist 16) Others: Sen. Borrelli (R - Dist 5), Sen. Rogers (R - Dist 6)

SCR1010 Daily History Date Action

LEGISLATIVE SPECIAL SESSION; EMERGENCIES 1/14 referred to Senate gov.

# **Pension Systems**

## **Posted Calendars and Committee Hearings**

- H2059: RETIREMENT SYSTEMS; BENEFIT COMPUTATION; RETURN-TO-WORK
  - Hearing: House Government & Elections (Wednesday 01/20/21 at 9:00 AM, House
  - Rm. 1)
- S1046: MEMBER DISTRIBUTIONS; DEFERRED RETIREMENT; TRANSFERS
  - Hearing: Senate Finance (Wednesday 01/20/21 at 9:00 AM, Senate Rm. 109)
- S1051: ASRS; EMPLOYER PAYMENTS; INELIGIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS
  - Hearing: Senate Finance (Wednesday 01/20/21 at 9:00 AM, Senate Rm. 109)
- S1052: ASRS; REQUIRED BEGINNING DATE; DISTRIBUTIONS
  - Hearing: Senate Finance (Wednesday 01/20/21 at 9:00 AM, Senate Rm. 109)
- S1053: ASRS; NONPARTICIPATORY EMPLOYER LIABILITY
  - Hearing: Senate Finance (Wednesday 01/20/21 at 9:00 AM, Senate Rm. 109)
- S1054: ASRS; SELF-INSURANCE PROGRAM
  - Hearing: Senate Finance (Wednesday 01/20/21 at 9:00 AM, Senate Rm. 109)

### **Bill Summaries**

#### **H2008: ASRS; EMPLOYER; MEMBER; CONTRIBUTIONS**

The Arizona State Retirement System (ASRS) is prohibited from paying an employer earnings attributable to excess contributions but is required to reduce the amount returned to an employer by the amount of losses attributable to the excess contributions. On receipt of an employer credit or return of contributions, the employer is required to return any member portion of the returned contributions to the member. If an employer pays less than the correct amount of employer or member contributions into ASRS, the correct amount of member contributions is prohibited from being paid to ASRS after the death of the member.

First sponsor: Rep. Kavanagh (R - Dist 23)

H2008 Daily History Date Action

ASRS; EMPLOYER; MEMBER; CONTRIBUTIONS 1/13 from House gov-elect do pass.

ASRS; EMPLOYER; MEMBER; CONTRIBUTIONS 1/13 House gov-elect do pass; report awaited.

ASRS; EMPLOYER; MEMBER; CONTRIBUTIONS 1/11 referred to House gov-elect.

## H2059: RETIREMENT SYSTEMS; BENEFIT COMPUTATION; RETURN-TO-WORK

In the computation of average monthly benefit compensation for the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System, a period of nonpaid or partially paid industrial leave must be considered based on the compensation the employee would have received in the employee's job classification if the employee was not on industrial leave. Payment of benefits to a Public Safety Personnel Retirement System, Corrections Officer Retirement Plan or Elected Officials' Retirement Plan member are required to commence no later than April 1 of the calendar year following the later of the date the member terminates employment or the calendar year in which the member attains 72 years of age, increased from 70.5 years of age.

First sponsor: Rep. Kavanagh (R - Dist 23)

H2059 Daily History Date Action

RETIREMENT SYSTEMS; BENEFIT COMPUTATION; RETURN-TO-WORK 1/14 referred to House gov-elect.

#### **H2139: ASRS; SELF-INSURANCE PRGGRAM**

If the Arizona State Retirement System Board determines that a self-insurance program should no longer be offered, the monies in the self-insurance program account must be used to provide any remaining benefits and to pay administration costs for the program or health insurance premium payments. If those liabilities are satisfied, the Board is required to return any remaining monies to the employer. Previously, the monies were required to be transferred to another account of ASRS as determined by the Board.

First sponsor: Rep. Kavanagh (R - Dist 23)

H2139 Daily History Date Action

No actions posted for this bill within the requested time frame.

## S1043: PUBLIC SAFETY; CANCER INSURANCE; ELIGIBILITY

The Board of Trustees of the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System is required to annually review the premiums required under the Public Safety Cancer Insurance Policy Program to ensure the financial security of the Program. Persons eligible for coverage under the Program remain eligible upon retirement for the statutorily specified time periods, regardless of whether the person has a cancer diagnosis.

First sponsor: Sen. Livingston (R - Dist 22)

S1043 Daily History Date Action

PUBLIC SAFETY; CANCER INSURANCE; ELIGIBILITY 1/14 from Senate fin do pass.

PUBLIC SAFETY; CANCER INSURANCE; ELIGIBILITY 1/13 Senate fin do pass; report awaited.

PUBLIC SAFETY; CANCER INSURANCE; ELIGIBILITY 1/11 referred to Senate fin.

## S1045: DEFINED CONTRIBUTION; HEALTH SUBSIDY; DISABILITY

Retired members of the Public Safety Personnel Defined Contribution Retirement System are no longer required to pay the premium for coverage in the group health and accident coverage and are no longer excluded from eligibility for benefits under the health insurance premium assistance program for members with disabilities. The accidental disability pension for a member of the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System must be at least 50 percent of the member's average monthly benefit compensation.

First sponsor: Sen. Livingston (R - Dist 22)

S1045 Daily History Date Action

DEFINED CONTRIBUTION; HEALTH SUBSIDY; DISABILITY 1/14 from Senate fin do pass.

DEFINED CONTRIBUTION; HEALTH SUBSIDY; DISABILITY 1/13 Senate fin do pass; report awaited.

DEFINED CONTRIBUTION; HEALTH SUBSIDY; DISABILITY 1/11 referred to Senate fin.

### S1046: MEMBER DISTRIBUTIONS; DEFERRED RETIREMENT; TRANSFERS

For the purpose of Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) rollover distributions, the definition of "eligible retirement plan" is expanded to include a Roth individual retirement account that satisfies the requirements of section 408A of the federal Internal Revenue Code. A PSPRS member or the member's surviving spouse who is entitled to receive an eligible rollover distribution is authorized to elect to directly roll over all or part of that distribution to an eligible retirement plan, and a member's beneficiary other than the spouse is authorized, on the death of the member, to elect to directly roll over all or part of an eligible rollover distribution from the system. Requirements for eligible rollover distributions are specified. Retroactive to January 1, 2020.

First sponsor: Sen. Livingston (R - Dist 22)

S1046 Daily History Date Action

MEMBER DISTRIBUTIONS; DEFERRED RETIREMENT; TRANSFERS 1/13 Senate fin held.

MEMBER DISTRIBUTIONS; DEFERRED RETIREMENT; TRANSFERS 1/11 referred to Senate fin.

#### S1051: ASRS; EMPLOYER PAYMENTS; INELIGIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS

In statutes governing employer payments for ineligible contributions to the Arizona State Retirement System, the term "shall" provide a benefit or credit replaces the term "is legally obligated to" provide a benefit or credit.

First sponsor: Sen. Livingston (R - Dist 22)

S1051 Daily History Date Action

ASRS; EMPLOYER PAYMENTS; INELIGIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS 1/11 referred to Senate fin.

#### S1052: ASRS; REQUIRED BEGINNING DATE; DISTRIBUTIONS

For the purpose of the requirement that payment of an Arizona State Retirement System member's deferred benefits begin by the member's "required beginning date," the definition of "required beginning date" is modified to refer to the federal Internal Revenue Code, instead of April 1 following the calendar year in which the member attains 70.5 years of age. If a member dies after the member's required beginning date and the member had not commenced distribution of retirement benefits, ASRS is required to treat the member as having commenced distribution of retirement benefits on the required beginning date.

First sponsor: Sen. Livingston (R - Dist 22)

S1052 Daily History Date Action

ASRS; REQUIRED BEGINNING DATE; DISTRIBUTIONS 1/11 referred to Senate fin.

## S1053: ASRS; NONPARTICIPATORY EMPLOYER LIABILITY

The list of Arizona State Retirement System (ASRS) nonparticipating employers is modified to remove an employer that is no longer contributing to ASRS on behalf of current employees due to a reduction in the number of actively contributing employees by 30 percent or more over a 3-year period or a reduction in the number of actively contributing employees by 50 percent or more over any period of time, based on the number of contributing employees as of August 3, 2018. [Capitol Reports Note: This type of nonparticipating employer was added by Laws 2018, Chapter 210.]

First sponsor: Sen. Livingston (R - Dist 22)

S1053 Daily History Date Action

ASRS; NONPARTICIPATORY EMPLOYER LIABILITY 1/11 referred to Senate fin.

## S1054: ASRS; SELF-INSURANCE PROGRAM

If the Arizona State Retirement System Board determines that a self-insurance program should no longer be offered, the monies in the self-insurance program account must be used to provide any remaining benefits and to pay administration costs for the program or health insurance premium payments. If those liabilities are satisfied, the Board is required to return any remaining monies to the employer. Previously, the monies were required to be transferred to another account of ASRS as determined by the Board.

First sponsor: Sen. Livingston (R - Dist 22)

S1054 Daily History Date Action

ASRS; SELF-INSURANCE PROGRAM 1/11 referred to Senate fin.

#### S1136: RETIREMENT SYSTEMS; BENEFIT COMPUTATION; RETURN-TO-WORK

In the computation of average monthly benefit compensation for the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System, a period of nonpaid or partially paid industrial leave must be considered based on the compensation the employee would have received in the employee's job classification if the employee was not on industrial leave. Payment of benefits to a Public Safety Personnel Retirement System, Corrections Officer Retirement Plan or Elected Officials' Retirement Plan member are required to commence no later than April 1 of the calendar year following the later of the date the member terminates employment or the calendar year in which the member attains 72 years of age, increased from 70.5 years of age.

First sponsor: Sen. Livingston (R - Dist 22)

S1136 Daily History Date Action
No actions posted for this bill within the requested time

frame.

## **Taxation & Revenue**

## **Posted Calendars and Committee Hearings**

H2025: DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAX; INTEREST; WAIVER

Hearing: House Ways & Means (Wednesday 01/20/21 at 9:00 AM, House Rm. 3)

#### **Bill Summaries**

### **H2025: DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAX; INTEREST; WAIVER**

The county treasurer is authorized to waive the interest that accrues on delinquent property taxes, and any other penalties, for a delinquency that occurs during the one-year period after a mortgage or deed of trust is satisfied or otherwise released on the property. A taxpayer may receive this waiver only once per property.

First sponsor: Rep. Kavanagh (R - Dist 23)

H2025 Daily History Date Action

DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAX; INTEREST; WAIVER 1/12 referred to House ways-means.

### **H2153: RENEWABLE ENERGY STORAGE EQUIPMENT; VALUATION**

For property tax purposes, the reduced valuation of renewable energy equipment of 20 percent of the depreciated cost of the equipment is expanded to include renewable "energy storage" (defined) equipment. For the purpose of the valuation of energy storage equipment, all energy storage equipment, both colocated with renewable energy and stand-alone energy storage equipment, qualifies for the valuation. The list of deductions from the retail classification of transaction privilege and use taxes is expanded to include "machinery and equipment used directly" (defined) for "energy storage" (defined) for later electrical use. The list of items that municipalities and special taxing districts are prohibited from levying a transaction privilege or other similar tax on is expanded to include the gross proceeds from sales or gross income derived from sales of machinery and equipment used directly for energy storage for later electrical use. County or municipal renewable energy incentive districts are expanded to include renewable energy storage equipment.

First sponsor: Rep. Dunn (R - Dist 13)

Others: Rep. Cobb (R - Dist 5), Rep. Cook (R - Dist 8)

H2153 Daily History Date Action

No actions posted for this bill within the requested time

## **H2316: CENTRALLY ASSESSED PROPERTY; VALUATION; PIPELINES**

The "base value" (defined), which is part of the calculation for determining property taxes on pipeline property, is required to be adjusted if one of a list of specified circumstances applies, including a final ruling by a court of competent jurisdiction in Arizona that the full cash value of a pipeline in Arizona is more than the market value using standard appraisal methods, and specified agreements between a pipeline company and the Department of Revenue to adjust the base value as a result of a pending tax appeal or to correct an error in the calculation of full cash value of the system plant in service. Retroactive to tax years beginning with 2016.

First sponsor: Rep. Toma (R - Dist 22)

H2316 Daily History	Date	Action

No actions posted for this bill within the requested time frame.

#### **H2331: PROPERTY TAX; MOBILE HOMES; DELINQUENCY**

For a mobile home for which an affidavit of affixture has not been recorded, that is not placed on the real property roll and that is used as the owner's primary residence, the delinquent taxes may be collected only after the tax is delinquent for one year and the person liable for paying the tax has not redeemed the property within six months after the end of the one-year period.

First sponsor: Rep. Griffin (R - Dist 14)

H2331 Daily History

Date Action

No actions posted for this bill within the requested time

#### **S1108: TAX OMNIBUS**

Various changes to statutes relating to taxes. The list of additions to Arizona gross income for the purpose of computing Arizona adjusted gross income for individual and corporate income tax purposes is modified to remove the amount of any depreciation allowed by specified federal code. The list of subtractions from Arizona gross income for the purpose of computing Arizona adjusted gross income for income tax purposes is modified to include 50 percent of the net long-term capital gain included in federal adjusted gross income for the tax year that is derived from an investment in an asset acquired after December 31, 2020. Increases the dependent tax credit to \$120 for each dependent who is under 17 years of age, from \$100, and to \$30 for each dependent who is at least 17 years of age, from \$25. Lowers the state equalization assistance property tax rate to \$0.3520 in tax year 2021, \$0.2776 in tax year 2022, and an unspecified amount (blank in original) in tax year 2023, from \$0.4426 in tax year 2020. Lowers the tax rate for class one property taxes to 17.5 percent for tax year 2022 and 17 percent for tax years beginning with 2023, from 18 percent in 2021. The maximum additional tax rate that a county fire district board may levy is increased to \$3.375 per \$100 of assessed valuation for tax year 2022 and \$3.50 per \$100 of assessed valuation for tax year 2023 and each tax year after, from \$3.25 per \$100 of assessed valuation. Retroactive to July 1, 2021, establishes a tax on vehicles propelled only by electricity, natural gas or propane of \$110 per year, and a tax on hybrid vehicles of \$44 per year. Income tax revisions are retroactive to tax years beginning January 1, 2021.

First sponsor: Sen. Mesnard (R - Dist 17)

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## S1111: CENTRALLY ASSESSED PROPERTY; VALUATION; PIPELINES

The "base value" (defined), which is part of the calculation for determining property taxes on pipeline property, is required to be adjusted if one of a list of specified circumstances applies, including a final ruling by a court of competent jurisdiction in Arizona that the full cash value of a pipeline in Arizona is more than the market value using standard appraisal methods, and specified agreements between a pipeline company and the Department of Revenue to adjust the base value as a result of a pending tax appeal or to correct an error in the calculation of full cash value of the system plant in service. Retroactive to tax years beginning with 2016.

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