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HB 2376: county candidates; clean elections pamphlet

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Overview

Instructs the Citizens Clean Elections Commission (Commission) to include the names of countywide candidates in their official Voter Education Guide.

History

Citizens Clean Elections Act

The Arizona Constitution recognizes the reserved power of the people to propose laws and amendments to the constitution. Measures proposed in this manner comprise the people's power of initiative, commonly referred to as the *citizen's initiative*. In 1998, Arizona voters approved [Proposition 200](#), a citizen's initiative that established the Commission and a voluntary system for the public funding of election campaigns for candidates who agree to limit their fund raising and spending. Part of the duties of the Commission involves the education of voters. Prior to every statewide primary and general election, the Commission must publish a pamphlet, titled the Voter Education Guide, providing information on the candidates running for statewide and legislative offices ([Art. IV Part 1 § 1, Constitution of Arizona, A.R.S. § 16-956](#)).

Proposition 105 and the Conditions for Enactment

In 1998, Arizona's voters approved [Proposition 105](#), a constitutional amendment that prohibits the Legislature from repealing measures approved by the voters and specifies the Governor cannot veto such measures. The Legislature may amend voter approved language, but only if an amendment receives a three-fourths vote of each chamber and it furthers the purposes of the underlying measure ([Art. IV Part 1 § 1, Constitution of Arizona](#)).

Provisions

1. Adds candidates for countywide offices to the list of candidates that must be included in the Commission's official Voter Education Guide issued prior to primary and general elections. (Sec. 1)
2. Contains a Proposition 105 clause.

Prop 105 (45 votes) Prop 108 (40 votes) Emergency (40 votes) Fiscal Note