

Arizona Advocacy Network Foundation

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1. New Legislative/Congressional Districts
2. Voter Registration Update
3. Arizona's Clean Elections Act

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New Arizona Voting Districts

Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission

www.AZRedistricting.org

- Find Maps
- Determine a voter's Congressional and Legislative District



Arizona Voter Registration Barrier Falls

- Prop 200 passed in 2004
- July 11, 2012 - Federal Court orders Arizona election officials
 - Accept Federal Voter Registration form
 - No documentary proof of citizenship required
- State officials resisting order with new claim
 - Dual system sought
 - Would keep barriers in place
 - On line systems would likely require documentary proof if permitted
 - Being argued in federal court currently
- Federal Voter Registration Form available
 - www.AZadvocacy.org
 - www.EAC.gov



Arizona Clean Elections Act - update

Corruption and Money in Politics:

- AZSCAM: 1991
 - 13 legislatures indicted on corruption-related charges. (source: AZ republic)
 - "I sold way too cheap!"
- Post AZSCAM:
 - Grass root movements:
 - Public Funding for qualified candidates
 - Lowering of limits on campaign contribution to candidates
 - Citizen's Clean Elections Act 1998
 - Two legislators removed for campaign finance violations
 - Fiesta Bowl, legislative scandals, AG corruption allegations
 - SCOTUS decisions
 - "corporations are people" – Citizens United
 - "money equals speech" – AZ Clean Elections matching funds



The Importance of Clean Elections

Increased Civic Participation and Engagement:

- Prior to Clean Elections - contributions concentrated from Paradise Valley, Phoenix Biltmore/Arcadia, Tucson Foothills and out-of-state.
- With CE \$5 qualifying contribution requirements - campaign contributions now come from all corners of the state
- 2012 \$5 qualifying contributions - must focus on their voters, not donors
 - Arizona Corporation Commission Candidates - 1650
 - Legislature - 220
- 2010 \$5 qualifying contributions
 - Governor - 4410
 - SoS - 2755
 - AG - 2755
 - Treasurer - 1650
 - Superintendent of Public Instruction - 1650
 - Mine Inspector - 550
 - Legislators - 220
- Voter pamphlet to all Arizona households with registered voters
- Created public debates
- www.AZCleanElections.gov

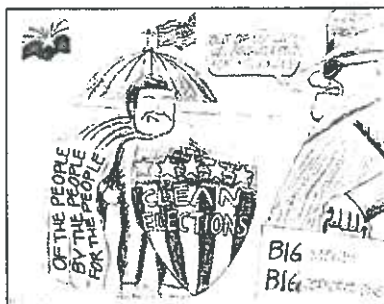


The Importance of Clean Elections

- For ordinary citizens - Clean Elections means a voice in the political process and the opportunity to run for office.
- For Clean Elections candidates - Their focus is on voters, not donors.
- For Clean Elections officials - They can be independent of special interests and avoid the corrupting influence of raising more campaign cash while passing laws and spending our tax dollars.
- Increased Competition
 - 1998 - 24 of 30 State Senate races uncontested
 - 2012 - 12 of 30 uncontested (in 2010, only 8)
- More women and candidates from outside power and money centers
Sen. Jack Jackson Jr - Navajo / Rep. Albert Hale - Navajo / Rep. Sally Gonzales - Pascua-Yaqui



Strengthening Clean Elections Act:



1. New competitive funding system
2. New Anti-corruption provisions
 - Gift ban
 - Immediate disclosure of donors
 - Big Money spending – board or shareholder approval
 - Conflict of interest prohibitions
3. AZAN will seek legislators to support these measures in 2013. Ask your candidates if they support the voter approved Clean Elections Act.

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