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Working Document for *Propositioning Arizona*: A Review of the 2012 Ballot Measures for Voters

Proposition Number	Proposition	Description	Who is filing? Sponsor?	Finance
Prop 114	SCR 1020: Crime Victims Protection Constitutional Amendment; Referendum	Will prohibit crime victims from being subject to a claim for damages for causing any injury or death to a person if the person is harmed when engaging in, attempting to engage in or fleeing after having engaged in or attempted to engage in a felony offense.	Legislature 2011 Russell Pearce	
Prop 115	SCR 1001: Judicial Selection Constitutional Amendment; Referendum	Modifies judicial terms of office and judicial nominating commission procedures; would establish a requirement that all the members of the merit selection commission be subject to Senate confirmation. Additionally it will establish electronically accessible judicial information, legislative judicial performance review hearings, and increases the judicial retirement age.	Legislature 2011 Russell Pearce	
Prop 116	SCR 1012: Tax Break for Businesses Constitutional Amendment; Referendum	Business personal property tax exemption would be increased on newly acquired equipment, reducing general fund revenue.	Legislature 2012 Sen. Andy Biggs	
Prop 117	SCR 1025: Property Tax Assessed Valuation Constitutional Amendment; Referendum	Further limits local real property assessments starting in July 2014; would require use of a significantly lower than market value for all real estate tax purposes, reducing revenue for maintenance and operations of local governments and school districts or for debt service, budget overrides, and special taxing districts. Under current law, property can be assessed closer to market value for the latter purposes. Proponents of the measure were unable to predict its fiscal impact. Potentially shifts taxes from business to residential owners.	Legislature 2012 Sen. Steve Yarbrough	
Prop 118	HCR 2056: Permanent State Land Fund Constitutional Amendment; Referendum	Rescinds for 8 years Prop 102, passed by voters in 1998; aims to create a <i>predictable</i> flow of funds by revising the distribution formula for the \$3.5 billion Permanent Land Endowment Trust Fund to be 2.5 percent of the average 5-year market value of the fund. Currently, the distribution is based on the 5-year average of annual returns after adjusting for inflation. If approved by voters, next year's distribution will be \$62.4 million for K-12 education, K-12 education receive 93% of the funding.	Legislature 2012 Rep. Steve Court	
Prop 119	SCR 1001: Military Preservation; Land exchanges Constitutional Amendment; Referendum	Permits lawmakers to set up a mechanism to exchange State Trust lands to help preserve military facilities and ensure the upkeep and protection of the lands related to sale, lease or conversion to public use.	Legislature 2012 Sen. John Nelson	
Prop 120	HCR 2004: State Sovereignty Constitutional Amendment; Referendum	Declares Arizona's sovereign and <i>exclusive</i> authority and jurisdiction over air, water, public lands, minerals, wildlife and other natural resources within its boundaries, except for Indian Reservations and federal lands not claimed by the state. Challenges the appropriate application of the "Equal Footing Doctrine in the Enabling Act by revoking federal ownership over large tracts of land within the boundaries of the state.	Legislature 2012 Rep. Chester Crandell	
C-03-2012	Open Government Act Constitutional Amendment; Citizen's Initiative	Abolishes the current political party primary election system and creates a single primary election where all registered voters in Arizona, regardless of party affiliation, can vote for the candidates of their choice. The two candidates who receive the most votes in the primary will then compete in the general election. Reduces the number of candidates voters can choose from during the general election.	Paul Johnson, Applicant & Chairman	\$730,000
I-16-2012	Quality Education and Jobs Act State Statute; Citizen's Initiative	Renews the one-cent sales tax passed by Arizonans in 2010 for public education. Provides dedicated funding linked to performance and accountability for students and prevents legislators from cutting K-12 funding below a current level per student. A small percentage of proceeds are dedicated for children's healthcare programs, additional funding for law enforcement officers and transportation projects.	Ann-Eve Pedersen, Applicant & Chairman	\$199,000
C-04-2012	Checks and Balances in Government Act Constitutional Amendment; Citizen's Initiative	Allows Arizona to reject Federal Actions that violate the U.S. Constitution.	Jack Biltis, Applicant & Chairman	\$110,000

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C-01-2012	Prop. 13 Arizona Citizen's Initiative; Constitutional Amendment	Limits property taxes—caps the total property tax rate at 0.5% for all residential property and 1.0% for all other real property, eliminates all exceptions to the tax caps, and limits valuation increases to 2% or less per year. Reduces fiscal control of school boards, local officials.	Lynne Weaver, Applicant & Chairman	
C-02-2012	People for Ethical Government Citizen's Initiative; Constitutional Amendment	Prohibits politicians from hiding behind immunity laws in regards to DUI's, domestic violence, postponing tax issues with the IRS, etc. Politicians will be held to the same judicial standards as their constituents. Require elected officials to obey the law outside the legislature and carry out their duties for the public good, not for their own private indulgences.	Frank G. Nelson, Applicant & Treasurer	
I-05-2012	Smart Prison Population Act Citizen's Initiative; State Statute	Amends the existing home arrest law to require non-violent prisoners to be released to home detention with mandatory global position electronic monitoring after the prisoner completes one-quarter (1/4) of the maximum imposed sentence. The law will force prisoners, who pose little or no public safety threat, to pay their home detention costs, saving taxpayers the cost of incarcerating them in state or private prisons.	Janice Salerno, Applicant & Chairman	
I-15-2012	Pennies for Prevention Act Citizen's Initiative; State Statute	Increases the alcohol tax to be used for prevention programs; levies an alcohol tax of 25 cents on a gallon of spirituous liquor, and \$1 on a gallon of beer and wine, the equivalent of less than 10 cents per drink. Proceeds will fund prevention and early intervention services for any entity that affiliates with a community based prevention coalition. The initiative will also establish an eighteen member commission which sets its regulatory policies.	Manuel Medina, Applicant & Chairman	
I-14-2012	Arizona Fair Gaming Act Citizen's Initiative; State Statute	Rescinds the tribal-state gaming compact created by Arizonans in 2002. In accordance with the current compact, all Arizona gaming tribes must share a portion of gaming revenues with the State of Arizona. This initiative will enable racetracks and private casinos to operate in Arizona and void the current compact with the Tribes.	Carl E. Nicholson, Applicant & Chairman	
I-04-2012	Go Solar in Arizona Economic Development Act <i>Formerly: Solar Renewable Energy Credit Act</i> Citizen's Initiative; State Statute	Creates a maximum allowable \$2.25 per-watt Arizona personal solar tax credit. Tax credit recipient's Solar Renewable Energy Certificates are signed over to the Arizona Commerce Authority then sold to utilities and other companies to fund one-hundred percent of the program's cost.	Robert Hoskins, Applicant and Chairman	
I-03-2012	The Violent Offenders Law Citizen's Initiative; State Statute	Will deny the possibility of parole to persons convicted of a felony of a sexual or violent nature and require them to serve the full length of their sentence imposed by the court except in cases where there is a successful appeal or upon exoneration as the result of new evidence.	Tawna Leeson, Applicant & Chairman	

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