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Elections Have Consequences



The Arizona Primary elections are on August 28th and the General election is on November 6th, giving you two opportunities to change the political landscape in Arizona for several years to come. All legislative positions are open to challenge and whoever wins will affect legislation for the next two years. Additionally, Governor Ducey faces several challengers in his bid to be reelected for another 4 year term.

In 430 B.C., the Greek statesman Pericles said, "Just because you do not take an interest in politics doesn't mean that politics won't take an interest in you." Whether or not the new Legislature and Governor will work with AzCDL at the Capitol to restore and protect your Right to Keep and Bear Arms can depend on whether or not you take the time to cast your vote on August 28th and November 6th.

Avoiding the election is a vote for accepting the way things turn out, good or bad.

The 2018 legislative session was one of the toughest we've encountered. In addition to having a Republican Governor with a history of being unsupportive of pro-rights firearms legislation, Republican legislators are increasingly reluctant to protect and support your rights. In the Arizona Senate, Republicans hold a slim 17-13 majority. All it takes is 2 Republican Senators to vote against a bill to create a tie, and a tie vote means the bill does not pass. There are 3 Republican Senators, [Kate Brophy McGee](#), [Frank Pratt](#) and [Bob Worsley](#), that voted against bills that would restore and protect your right to keep and bear arms.

You can view how your Senator and Representatives voted on key firearms legislation during the 2017 and 2018 legislative sessions on pages 2 and 3 of this newsletter.

During the final days of the session, in reaction to the Parkland school murders, Governor Ducey jumped on the gun grabbing bandwagon and persuaded the Republican controlled Senate to introduce legislation calling for "emergency" firearms confiscations using low evidentiary standards with virtually no recourse or appeals, based on claims from family members or school officials. Thanks to AzCDL's intervention, the bill was rewritten to the point where it became unpalatable to those who want to disarm you and failed to garner support in the House before the session ended. Since then, the Governor has repeatedly stated that he wants to have his [initial proposal](#) reintroduced during the 2019 legislative session. Something to keep in mind at election time.

AzCDL members are activists, not spectators, and activism begins with voting. Because our members choose to get involved politically, we have made historic changes to Arizona's gun laws and become the model for other states to follow. How much further we can advance your rights in the coming legislative sessions depends on who is elected to work with us. Make a difference and VOTE!



2017 & 2018 Legislatures

How They Voted

Name	Dist.	Party	2017					2018				
			HB 2216	HB 2287	SB 1122	SB 1159	SB 1344	HB 2172	HB 2211	HB 2212	HCR 2002	SB 1519
House												
John M. Allen	15	R	●	●	●	*	●	●	●	●	●	*
Lela Alston	24	D				*						*
Richard C. Andrade	29	D				*						*
Brenda Barton	6	R	●	●	●	*	●	●	●	●	●	*
Wenona Benally	7	D		NV		*						*
Isela Blanc	26	D				*						*
Reginald Bolding	27	D				*				NV		*
Russell Bowers	25	R	●	●	●	*	●	●	●	●	●	*
Paul Boyer	20	R	●	●	●	●	NV	●	●	●	●	*
Kelli Butler	28	D				*						*
Noel W. Campbell	1	R	●	●	●	*	●	●	●	●	●	*
Mark A. Cardenas	19	D				*		NV		NV		*
Heather Carter	15	R	●		●	*	●	●	●	●	●	*
César Chávez	29	D				*						*
Ken Clark	24	D				*						*
Todd A. Clodfelter	10	R	●	●	●	*	●	●	●	●	●	*
Regina E. Cobb	5	R	●	●	●	*	●	●	●	●	●	*
Douglas Coleman	16	R	●	●	●	*	●	●	●	●	●	*
David L. Cook	8	R	●	●	●	*	●	●	●	●	●	*
Eric Descheenie	7	D	NV			*		NV		NV		*
Timothy Dunn	13	R	Not a Legislator in 2017				●	●	●	●	●	*
Kirsten Engel	10	D										*
Mitzi Epstein	18	D				*						*
Diego Espinoza	19	D				*						*
Eddie Farnsworth	12	R	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	*
Charlene R. Fernandez	4	D				*						*
Mark Finchem	11	R	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	*
Randall Friese	9	D				*						*
Rosanna Gabaldón	2	D				*						*
Sally Ann Gonzales	3	D			NV							*
Travis W. Grantham	12	R	●	●	●	*	●	●	●	●	●	*
Daniel Hernandez	2	D			NV			NV		NV		*
Drew John	14	R	●	●	●	*	●	●	●	●	●	*
Anthony T. Kern	20	R	●	●	●	*	●	●	●	●	●	*
Jay Lawrence	23	R	●	●	●	*	●	●	●	●	●	*
Vince Leach	11	R	●	●	●	*	●	●	●	●	●	*
David Livingston	22	R	●	●	●	*	●	●	●	●	●	*
Phil Lovas	22	R	●	●	●	*	Not a Legislator in 2018					*
Ray D. Martinez	30	D				*	NV					*
Javan D. Mesnard	17	R	●	●	●	*	●	●	●	●	●	*
Darin Mitchell	13	R	●	●	●	*	●	●	●	●	●	*
Paul Mosley	5	R	●	●	●	*	●	●	●	●	●	*
Tony Navarrete	30	D				*						*
Jill Norgaard	18	R	●		●	*	●	●	●	●	●	*
Becky A. Nutt	14	R	●	●	●	*	●	●	●	●	●	*
Kevin Payne	21	R	●	●	●	*	●	●	●	●	●	*
Gerae Peten	4	D	Not a Legislator in 2017									*
Pamela Powers Hannley	9	D				*						*

Description of Bills

2017 Legislation

HB 2216 - Signed by the Governor

Unlawful to subject a person to "electronic firearm tracking technology," a component of "smart" guns.

HB 2287 - Killed in Senate

Would have required proof that a negligent discharge was done *knowingly or recklessly* to be a crime. After passing out of the House and the Senate Government committee, Republican Senate President Steve Yarbrough publicly declared that the Senate was not going to consider HB 2287.

SB 1122 - Signed by the Governor

Prohibits searching federal or state databases as a requirement to transfer personal property (your firearm).

SB 1159 - Blocked by Repub. House Leadership

AzCDL-requested "gun free zone liability" legislation. Would have protected property owners who did not ban weapons from being held liable for other people misusing firearms on their property. After passing out of House Judiciary and Public Safety committee was bottled up in House Rules committee for rest of session.

SB 1344 - Signed by the Governor

AzCDL-requested bill banning state and local governments from regulating the possession of weapons by employees or contractors in or on their privately owned property or vehicles.

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Footnotes

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Name	Dist.	Party	2017					2018				
			HB	HB	SB	SB	SB	HB	HB	HB	HCR	SB
			2216	2287	1122	1159	1344	2172	2211	2212	2002	1519
House (continued)												
Rebecca Rios	27	D				*						*
Tony Rivero	21	R	●	●	●	*	●		NV	●	●	*
Jesus Rubalcava	4	D				*	Not a Legislator in 2018					
Macario Saldate	3	D		NV		*						*
Athena Salman	26	D				*						*
Don Shooter	13	R	●	●	●	*	NV	Not a Legislator in 2018				
Thomas R. Shope	8	R	●	●	●	*	●	●	●	●	●	*
David Stringer	1	R	●	●	NV	●	●	●	●	●	●	*
Maria Syms	28	R	●		●		●	●	●	●	●	*
Bob Thorpe	6	R	●	●	●	*	●	●	●	●	●	*
Ben Toma	22	R	Not a Legislator in 2017				●	●	●	●	●	*
Kelly Townsend	16	R	●	●	●	*	●	●	●	●	●	*
Michelle Udall	25	R	●	●	NV	*	●	●	●	●	●	*
Michelle B. Ugenti-Rita	23	R	●	●	●	*	●	●	●	●	●	*
Jeff Weninger	17	R	●	●	●	*	●	●	●	●	●	*
Senate												
Sylvia Allen	6	R	●	*	●	●	●	●	●	●	*	●
Nancy Barto	15	R	●	*	●	●	●	●	●	●	*	●
Sonny Borrelli	5	R	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Sean Bowie	18	D		*								
David Bradley	10	D		*				NV			*	
Kate Brophy McGee	28	R	●	*						●	*	●
Judy Burges	22	R	●	*	●	●	●	●	●	●	*	●
Olivia Cajero Bedford	3	D		*							*	
Lupe Contreras	19	D									*	
Andrea Dalessandro	2	D		*							*	
Karen Fann	1	R	●	*	●	●	●	●	●	●	*	●
Steve Farley	9	D		*							*	
David C. Farnsworth	16	R	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	*	●
Rick Gray	21	R	Not a Legislator in 2017				●	●	●	●	*	●
Gail Griffin	14	R	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	*	●
Katie Hobbs	24	D		*							*	
John Kavanagh	23	R	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	*	●
Sine Kerr	13	R	Not a Legislator in 2017				●	●	●	●	*	●
Debbie Lesko	21	R	●	*	●	●	●	Not a Legislator in 2018				
Juan Mendez	26	D									*	
Robert Meza	30	D							NV			
Catherine Miranda	27	D	NV	*					NV			
Steve Montenegro	13	R	●	*	●	●	●	Not a Legislator in 2018				
Lisa Otondo	4	D		*							*	
Jamescita Peshlakai	7	D		*							*	
Warren Petersen	12	R	●	*	●	●	●	●	●	●	NV	●
Frank Pratt	8	R	●	*	●	●	●	●	●	●	*	●
Martin Quezada	29	D		*							*	
Steve Smith	11	R	●	*	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Bob Worsley	25	R	●	*	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Steve Yarbrough	17	R	●	*	●	●	●	●	●	●	*	●
Kimberly Yee	20	R	●	*	●	●	●	●	●	●	*	●

**Description of Bills
2018 Legislation**

HB 2172 - Failed in Senate

Would have prohibited most colleges and universities from banning "non-lethal" weapons on campus. Voting reflected here was for a reconsideration vote.

HB 2211 - Signed by the Governor

Specifically exempts firearms from a personal bankruptcy proceeding.

HB 2212 - Signed by the Governor

Extends the privilege of law enforcement officers carrying firearms in Arizona, with certain exceptions, to any sworn and certified law enforcement officer employed by any jurisdiction in the U.S.

HCR 2002 - No Final Vote in Senate

A proposed ballot measure to eliminate the upper age limit (currently 45) for state militia members. Passed out of the House and passed a Senate Committee of the Whole vote, but the Republican Senate Leadership would not schedule a floor vote.

SB 1519 - Failed to move before Sine Die

Governor Ducey's "red flag" firearms confiscation bill introduced near the end of the legislative session. Originally called for emergency firearms confiscations, using low evidentiary standards, based on claims from family members or school officials. Was improved by a "strike everything" amendment and passed out of the Senate but never heard in a House Committee before the end of the session.

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Join us at AzCDL's Annual Meeting in Phoenix!

Mark your calendars!

AzCDL members and their guests are invited to attend AzCDL's [Thirteenth Annual Meeting of Members](#) on

Saturday, October 13, 2018

This year's annual meeting will be held at the Sheraton Crescent Hotel, 2620 W. Dunlap Ave, Phoenix, Arizona.



As with all our annual meetings, the tasteful open carrying of holstered firearms is appreciated

All luncheon attendees will be eligible for our door prize drawings.

This year we are having a panel discussion on the impact women are having on the National gun debate. Our panelists include:

Cyndee Harding—Owner and designer of Cyndee's Conceal Carry Purses and the creator of Stay SAFE (Situational Awareness for Everyone) Programs.

Carrie Lightfoot—NRA Board Director and founder and owner of the Well-Armed Woman.

Rachel Malone—Founder of Texas Firearms Freedom, the first organization to champion Constitutional Carry in Texas.

Antonia Okafor—Media personality and founder and CEO of "emPOWERed," a national student organization seeking to equip young women to educate, train and advocate for their rights to defend themselves.

Cheryl Todd—Owner of AZFirearms.com and co-host of Gun Freedom Radio. AZFirearms.com is also donating a [Bushmaster XM-15](#) carbine as this year's main door prize. Accessories include a quick disconnect mini red-dot optic.

Our featured speakers also include State Senator John Kavanagh, noted author Alan Korwin and criminal defense attorney Marc Victor.

We are expecting a huge turnout!

Early bird tickets are only \$10 per person through the end of August and are available at AzCDL's [event website](#).

Entrée selections this year are Guajillo Rubbed Flat Iron Steak, Guajillo Rubbed Chicken Breast or Spinach and Ricotta Ravioli (vegetarian).

If you are paying by check, or need further information, please email Fred at treasurer@azcdl.org, or leave a text or voice mail message at (623) 242-9086.

Silent Auction Donations Wanted!

We are conducting a silent auction in conjunction with our annual meeting of members. Proceeds help offset the cost of the annual meeting.

If you have an item you would like to donate for the silent auction, please take a photo of it and either email it to treasurer@azcdl.org or attach it to a text directed to (623) 242-9086. We would like to have photos and descriptions of all the silent auction items available online prior to the meeting for bidders to see.

This year's silent auction will be streamlined and automated. Bidding will be via texting. From the comfort of your chair at the annual meeting you will be able to bid and to be notified if someone submits a higher bid. If you are the successful bidder, you may pay via your smart phone or through one of our volunteers.

See you at the annual meeting!



AzCDL 2018 Director Election Results



To promote continuity in leadership, the terms of office for [AzCDL's directors](#) are staggered. This year, the terms for the director positions held by Dave Kopp and Ed Martinez expired. Both sought reelection. No other nominations were received.

Per AzCDL's bylaws, a balloting process is not required when any individual runs unopposed. As a result, Dave and Ed have been reelected to 3 year terms.

The expiration dates for all AzCDL directors' terms of office are as follows:

2019—Drake Mitchell
2020—Fred Dahnke & Tom Woodrow
2021—Dave Kopp & Ed Martinez

Pursuant to AzCDL's bylaws, following the election of directors, the Board appointed the following officers to one year terms:

Dave Kopp—Chairman of the Board
Dave Kopp—AzCDL President
Michael Gibbs—Vice President
Tom Woodrow—Secretary
Fred Dahnke—Treasurer
Charles Heller—Media Coordinator

Changing of the Guard

Subsequent to AzCDL's 2017 annual Board election, AzCDL Vice-President John Wentling resigned as a Board member to deal with ongoing health issues. However, John's term as AzCDL's Vice-President continued until

this election. In July 2018, AzCDL Life Member Michael Gibbs was appointed to the position of AzCDL Vice-President.

Mike, an aerospace engineer, has been an AzCDL member since 2006 and has been working with Dave Kopp at the Capitol as a registered AzCDL lobbyist.

Mike is also a deputy director of the Arizona Tenth Amendment Center. He is currently a precinct committeeman for Arizona's legislative district 20 and has served as state committeeman and vice-chairman.

We welcome Mike as AzCDL's Vice-President.

