

# ARIZONA STATE SENATE

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SUBJECT: Strike everything amendment to H.C.R. 2043, relating to legislative referenda; primary election

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### Purpose

Subject to voter approval, constitutionally requires legislative referenda to be voted on at the next regular primary election.

### Background

Under the power of the referendum, the Legislature may order the submission to the people at the polls any measure, item, section or part of any measure enacted by the Legislature, with certain exceptions (Arizona Constitution, Article VI, § 1, subsection 3).

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the state General Fund.

### Provisions

1. Requires that legislative referenda be voted on at the next primary election and specifies that an initiative measure is voted on at the next general election.
2. Requires the completion of the vote canvas for or against a measure within 30 days after the general election.
3. Makes technical and conforming changes.
4. Requires the Secretary of State to submit the proposition to the voters at the next general election.
5. Becomes effective if approved by the voters and on proclamation of the Governor.

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