

CSA Legislative Agenda

Bill Number/Folder Number	Short Title	Prime Sponsor	Summary	Status	LPC Comments
HB 2020	electronic notice; hearings; ordinances	Stevens	Allow counties to modernize posting requirements for publishing adopted planning and zoning items. In lieu of posting the full text of a county ordinance in a newspaper of general circulation, a county may post the ordinance's title, as well as a short statement of the ordinance's content, and list where the text of the ordinance is posted on a county website.	Referred to Government & Higher Education	1/15 - Stakeholders have raised concerns about this issue, CSA staff will seek direction from full board at meeting. 1/21 - CSA Board voted to table this proposal for this year.
HB 2021	codes; adoption by reference; copies	Stevens	Replace the requirement that three paper copies of a county's building codes be kept in the clerk of the board's office for inspection with the stipulation that a county keep three paper copies, or one paper copy and make available an electronic copy of its codes. Currently, municipalities have this authority.	Passed Counties & Municipal Affairs 8-0-0, Rules 2.1.16	1/15, 1/21, 1/29 - No discussion.
HB 2037	county liens; abatements	Borrelli	Amend A.R.S. § 42-18204 to preserve a county's nuisance abatement liens and dangerous property abatement liens from extinguishing on the foreclosure of a property due to non-payment of property taxes from investors or other parties, unless the county board of supervisors votes to waive the lien on the property.		1/15, 1/21 - No discussion. 1/29 -Staff gave an update on the status of the bill; Title companies are seeking an amendment to require a specified time period for the board to determine whether or not they will waive the lien.
HB 2045	DHS; primitive camping areas; rules	Finchem	Add a definition, in rule, of "primitive camp and picnic grounds" to allow local health departments to exempt primitive camp and picnic grounds from water and sewer regulations established by the Arizona Department of Health Services.	Passed House Military Affairs & Public Safety 9-0-0, Rules 2.1.16	1/15, 1/21, 1/29 - No discussion.
HB 2368	county contributions; hospitalization; medical; repeal	Thorpe	Eliminate the county Disproportionate Uncompensated Care (DUC) payments to the state.	Referred to House Appropriations	1/15 - Staff gave an update on the status of the bill. 1/21, 1/29 - No discussion.
HB 2373	regional transportation authority; membership; election	Shope	Amend statute to clarify that membership of a Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) consists of only members and a director from areas and municipalities located within the county establishing the RTA.	House Rural & Economic Development 2.2.2016	1/15, 1/21, 1/29 - No discussion.
HB 2499	truth in taxation; detailed notice	Barton	Add options to the Truth in Taxation (TNT) statutory notice requirements to more completely explain to the citizens any changes in property taxes and to more accurately reflect and describe what effects of any changes to the tax rate and/or Net Assessed Value (NAV) will have on a residential property.	Referred to House Ways & Means	1/15, 1/21, 1/29 - No discussion.
HB 2512	pension contributions; expenditure limit exemption	Coleman	Exclude any excess payments local governments make to the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) from the county expenditure limit under Article IX, § 20 of the Arizona Constitution.	House Government & Higher Education 2.4.2016	1/15 - Language will not be included in Lesko PSPRS legislation due to constitutional concerns. Rep. Coleman will sponsor. 1/21, 1/29 - No discussion.

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HB 2525	counties; annual audits	Thorpe	Grant counties the same authority as cities to have the option of hiring an outside audit firm to complete the county audit and submit it to the Office of the Auditor-General (OAG).	Referred to House County & Municipal Affairs	1/15 - Concerns raised about the language, we will continue to work with the county and stakeholders. 1/21 - No discussion. 1/29 Sponsoring county confirmed decision to table this proposal.
HB 2564	appropriation; indigent defense fund	Cobb	Allocate \$1.8 million to impacted counties to assist with providing mandated attorney services for indigent defendants in juvenile dependency matters, due to recent increases in costs associated with these cases as a result of the overhaul of the child protective services system in Arizona.		1/15, 1/21, 1/29 - No discussion.
SB 1198	public libraries operation; third party contracts	Griffin	Allow counties, without an established library district, to expend general fund monies on library services at established county libraries in unincorporated areas, and to enter into various intergovernmental agreements (IGAs) or contracts to provide library services without the requirement that those IGAs and contracts be with an incorporated city or town.	Passed Senate Government 7-0-0, Rules 2.1.2016	1/15, 1/21, 1/29 - No discussion.
SB 1250	intergovernmental public transportation authority; taxation	Shooter	Grant an intergovernmental public transportation authority (IPTA), which has the same boundaries as the county in which it resides, the same authority as a regional transportation authority (RTA) to levy a one-half cent transportation excise tax if approved by the voters. This tax may only be levied under either an IPTA or RTA but not both.	Senate Transportation 2.2.2016	1/15, 1/21, 1/29 - No discussion.
SB 1308	juvenile charged as adult; detention	Griffin	Clarify that judges have the option to detain pre-trial youth, transferred to adult court, in juvenile detention centers instead of county jails.	Senate Public Safety, Military & Technology 2.3.2016, Referred to Senate Judiciary	1/15, 1/21, 1/29 - No discussion.
SB 1316	board of trustees; disincorporation; repeal	Kavanagh	Eliminate Title 9, Chapter 2, Article 2, Arizona Revised Statutes, which provides for the disincorporation and reincorporation of a municipality. Provisions of this section have been found unconstitutional.	Referred to Senate Government	1/15, 1/21, 1/29 - No discussion.
TBD	expenditure limit exclusion of RICO funds	TBD	Exclude all Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations (RICO) expenditures from the county expenditure limit under Article IX §20 of the Arizona Constitution.		1/15, 1/21, 1/29 - No discussion.
TBD	supermajority to levy county excise taxes	TBD	Change the existing general fund one-half-cent sales tax authority to allow a five-member board to levy the tax with a super-majority vote, rather than a unanimous vote.		1/15 - Sponsoring county considering tabling proposal for 2016. 1/21 - No discussion. 1/29 Sponsoring county confirmed decision to table this proposal.

Ongoing Bill List: All LPC Bills

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HB 2001	unlawful distribution of private images	<i>Mesnard</i>	Makes changes to current law regarding the unlawful distribution of private images. The bill would make it unlawful for a person to intentionally disclose an image of another person who is identifiable from the image or information displayed in connection with the image if certain conditions apply. Includes an emergency clause.	Passed House, ready for Senate	1/15 - LPC took a position to support the proposed legislation. This proposed legislation is the same issue we supported in 2015.
HB 2010	collection; voted early ballots; limitation	<i>Kern</i>	A person who knowingly collects more than two voted or unvoted early ballots during any two-year election cycle is guilty of a class 6 (lowest) felony. Does not apply to a family member, household member or caregiver of the voter or to a candidate or a candidate's spouse. <i>Similar to SB 1339 Sponsored by Senator Shooter in 2015.</i>	Referred to House Judiciary & House Elections	1/15 - Informational purposes, no action was taken.
HB 2015	publicity pamphlets; counties; municipalities	<i>Stevens</i>	For initiative and referendum elections, the officer in charge of elections is prohibited from mailing early ballots until at least one day after the last day on which publicity pamphlets are mailed. Includes a penalty of \$1 per household with a registered voter for each day of mailing that occurs on or after the earliest date for receipt of requested early ballots.	Passed House Judiciary 5-0-1; Rules 2.1.16	1/15 - Informational purposes, no action was taken.
HB 2023	delivery; early ballots; limitation	<i>Ugenti-Rita</i>	A person who knowingly collects voted or unvoted early ballots from another person is guilty of a class 6 felony. Any person who is allowed by law to transmit U.S. mail is deemed not to have collected an early ballot while engaged in official duties. Does not apply to a "family member," "household member" or "caregiver" of the voter.	Passed House Elections 4-2-1; Rules 2.1.16	1/15 - Informational purposes, no action was taken.
HB 2024	sovereign authority; federal actions	<i>Finchem</i>	The state of Arizona and all political subdivisions are prohibited from using any personnel or financial resources to enforce, administer or cooperate with an executive order issued by the President of the U.S., a policy directive issued by an agency of the U.S., or an opinion of the U.S. Supreme Court that is not in pursuance of the U.S. Constitution and that has not been affirmed by a vote of the U.S. Congress and signed into law as prescribed by the U.S. Constitution.	Referred to House Federalism & States Rights	1/15 - Informational purposes, no action was taken.
HB 2025	utilities TPT; sales of propane	<i>Mitchell</i>	The list of deductions from the tax base for the utilities classification of transaction privilege and use taxes is expanded to include gross proceeds of sales or gross income derived from sales of propane to a business that is principally engaged in manufacturing or smelting operations and that uses at least 51 percent of the propane in the manufacturing or smelting operations.	Passed House Ways & Means amended; Awaiting Rules	1/15 - Informational purposes, no action was taken.
HB 2028	taxes; payment; condemned property	<i>Mitchell</i>	If a municipality, county, school, community college, special taxing district, the state or any agency or instrumentality of the state acquires real or personal property by condemnation, they're not required to pay unpaid taxes, penalties and interest in an amount that exceeds the fair market value of the property interest acquired.	House Ways & Means Held	1/21 - No discussion.
HB 2040	county boundary change; study committee	<i>Finchem</i>	This bill would establish a joint committee on county boundary changes, to study the feasibility of changing county boundaries, including the fiscal and related impacts of county boundary changes.	House County & Municipal Affairs Held	1/15 - Some LPC members raised concerns.

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HB 2051	catastrophic public nuisance; determination; abatement	Ugenti-Rita	The mayor of a municipality may determine that a "catastrophic public nuisance "exists on state or federal land within the municipal borders, and the chairman of the county board of supervisors or the county sheriff may determine that a catastrophic public nuisance exists.	Referred to House County & Municipal Affairs	1/15 - Informational purposes, no action was taken.
HB 2107	substance abuse recovery homes	Campbell	Municipalities and counties are authorized to adopt by ordinance health and safety standards and enforcement mechanisms for "structured sober living homes" (defined), which must include a list of specified provisions, including mandatory registration, supervision requirements, and qualifications of the house manager.	Passed House County & Municipal Affairs 5-3-0 amended; Awaiting Rules	1/15 - Informational purposes, no action was taken.
HB 2157	ASRS; political subdivision entities	Ugenti-Rita	Employees of "political subdivision entities" who are hired on or after the effective date of this legislation are excluded from membership in the Arizona State Retirement System.	House Government & Higher Education 2.4.2016	1/29 - LPC moved to oppose bill.
HB 2185	property tax; hotels and motels	Mitchell	Real and personal property and improvements that are used primarily for operating a hotel, motel, campground or similar lodging facility for transient occupancy of guests who rent lodging space on a temporary basis for fewer than 30 consecutive days is classified as class 6 property for property tax purposes.	Referred to House Ways & Means	1/21 - No discussion., 1/29 LPC moved to oppose bill due to its impact on the county and county taxpayers
HB 2267	prime contracting classification; repeal	Cobb	Eliminates the prime contracting transaction privilege tax classification and replaces it with the manufactured building dealer classification for selling manufactured buildings. Eliminates many of the deductions from the tax base.	Referred to House Ways & Means	1/21 - No discussion., 1/29 - Informational purposes, no action was taken
HB 2287	presiding constable; selection; duties	Bowers	In each county in which there are four or more constables, the constables shall select by majority vote one constable to serve as the presiding constable. Establishes duties of the presiding constable, which include serving as the liaison between the constables and the county manager, assigning and managing clerical staff for constables, and assigning deputy constables.	House Military Affairs & Public Safety 2.4.2016	1/29 - Informational purposes; no action was taken; however, there are concerns regarding potential costs
HB 2288	constables; duties; training; discipline	Bowers	Various changes to statutes relating to constables. The Constable Ethics Standards and Training Board is authorized to suspend a constable from performing his/her duties, with or without pay. If the Board determines that a constable has committed a criminal act, the Board must refer the investigation to the county attorney's office. A constable may seek judicial review of a final order suspending the constable in the superior court.	House Military Affairs & Public Safety, amended 7-0-1, awaiting Rules	1/29 - Informational purposes; no action was taken; however, there are concerns regarding an expansion of power
HB 2339	constables; duties; training; discipline	Mitchell	Repeals statute establishing the powers and duties of constables and the Constable Ethics Standards and Training Board. References to constables throughout statute are deleted and in some cases replaced with the county sheriff. All unexpended and unencumbered monies remaining in the Board Fund are transferred to the general fund on the effective date of this legislation.	Referred to House Military Affairs & Public Safety	1/29 - Informational purposes; however, members expressed support for the idea of local control and allowing counties to determine how to utilize the services provided by constables; CSA will monitor issue for now
HB 2350	occupational disease; post-traumatic stress disorder	Finchem	For the purposes of workers' compensation regulations, the definition of "personal injury by accident arising out of and in the course of employment" is expanded to include "post-traumatic stress disorder" (defined) that is due to causes and conditions characteristic of and peculiar to a particular trade, occupation, process or employment.	Referred to House Military Affairs & Public Safety	1/21 - Concerns raised regarding the broad definition of PTSD. CSA will work w/ACIP.

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HB 2367	class six property; higher education	<i>Thorpe</i>	The list of property classified as class six for property tax purposes is expanded to include real and personal property and improvements that are used as an institution of higher education that offers baccalaureate and/or postbaccalaureate degree programs and that is accredited by a regional or national accreditation agency.	Referred to House Ways & Means	1/21 - No discussion. 1/29 - Members expressed concerns over the impact on counties and taxpayers; more information was requested;CSA will monitor since the bill is not on an agenda.
HB 2369	forfeiture; criminal conviction; procedures; remedies	<i>Thorpe</i>	Makes changes to laws relating to forfeiture proceedings, including establishing a list of property that the court is authorized to order a person, who has been convicted of a criminal offense, to forfeit. The Arizona Criminal Justice Commission is required to establish and maintain a searchable public website. The list of proceedings at which a public defender must defend and counsel any person entitled to counsel who is not financially able to employ counsel is expanded to include forfeiture proceedings. Establishes a list of prohibited uses of monies in the Anti-Racketeering Revolving Fund and each	Referred to House Judiciary	1/29 - Informational purposes; no action was taken
HB 2403	tax lien deeds; aggregate fees	<i>Leach</i>	The maximum aggregate fee the county treasurer may require to execute and deliver a deed for any judgment foreclosing the right to redeem ten or more individual parcels is \$500. Applies to any judgment entered before the effective date of this legislation for which a treasurer's deed has not been applied or issued.	House Government & Higher Education 2.4.16	1/21 - No discussion.
HB 2474	county floodplain regulations; mobile homes	<i>Ackerley</i>	Seeks to alter county flood control district board regulations for mobile homes installed to replace homes located in a floodplain, since August 3, 1984, in a town with fewer than 5,000 persons in a county with a population of fewer than 50,000 persons. It decreases the elevation requirement from regulatory flood to base flood elevation. Allows the governing body of a city or town, by majority vote, to exempt the town from this statute.	Referred to House Energy, Environment & Natural Resources	1/21 - No discussion.
SB 1004	garden produce; regulatory exemption	<i>Farnsworth</i>	The list of food that must be exempt from Arizona Department of Health rules is expanded to include: whole fruit or vegetable grown in a home garden, public school garden, food establishment garden or community garden; a whole fruit or vegetable offered for commercial or noncommercial purposes at a farmers' market; and commercially prepackaged food that is offered at a public or private school facility.	Referred to Senate Government	1/15 - Informational purposes, no action was taken.
SB 1047	county attorney; powers and duties	<i>Kavanagh</i>	The county attorney is permitted to provide civil legal services to another county or other political subdivision or an officer, employee or agency of a political subdivision at the request of that county's or political subdivision's elected or appointed general counsel.	Senate Judiciary Agenda 1.21.16	1/15 - LPC took a position to monitor. CSA Staff will present additional information at future LPC. 1/29 - LPC moved to support the bill
SB 1050	food producers; prohibited ordinances	<i>Farnsworth</i>	Producers of food products in residential and community gardens cannot be denied or restricted the right to sell and dispose of their products except as already provided in statute for owners, proprietors and tenants of agricultural lands, orchards, farms and gardens.	Referred to Senate Government	1/15 - Informational purposes, no action was taken.
SB 1189	department of forestry	<i>Griffin</i>	Establishes the Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management to provide resources for land management and the prevention and suppression of wildland fires on state land and private property located outside of municipalities. The State Forester is responsible for the direction, operation and control of the Dept, and the powers and duties of the State Forester are expanded to reflect those responsibilities. The Dept terminates on July 1, 2024.	Passed Senate Water & Energy amended 6-0-1, Rules 2.1.2016	1/29 - Informational purposes; no action was taken; CSA will send background information on creation of new department to members.

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SB 1257	misconduct involving weapons; public places	<i>Kavanagh</i>	A person who possesses a valid concealed weapons permit is exempt from the prohibition on carrying a concealed weapon in a public establishment other than a vehicle or craft or at a public event. Some exceptions, including for public establishments or events that are a "secured facility" (defined), that are the licensed premises of a liquor licensee, or that are an educational institution.	Senate Government 2.3.2016	1/29 - Informational purposes; no action was taken
SB 1268	adequate water supply requirements; municipalities	<i>Griffin</i>	ADWR is no longer required to give written notice of county adequate water supply ordinances to the mayors of all municipalities in the county, and municipalities that receive the notice are no longer required to comply with specified adequate water supply requirements. Applies to any municipality that received a notice from the Dept before the effective date of this act that the county in which the municipality is located enacted an adequate water supply ordinance affecting the municipality, and those municipalities are no longer bound by that county's adequate water supply ordinance. Does not apply to any municipality that adopts its own adequate water supply ordinance before, on or after the effective date of this act.	Senate Water & Energy 2.1.2016	1/29 - Informational purposes; no action was taken
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HB 2125	district boundary modification; parcel lines (Shope)	<i>Shope</i>	Allows the county assessor to narrowly modify special taxing jurisdiction boundaries on request of the property owner and upon approval of the governing board.	Passed House Ways & Means amended 9-0-0, awaiting Rules	1/29 - Informational purposes; no action was taken
HB 2127/ SB 1157	small property tax balance delinquency	<i>Mesnard/ Burges</i>	If the total amount of property taxes is \$100 or less, the entire amount that is unpaid become delinquent after December 31 at 5:00 PM, instead of after November 1 at 5:00 PM.	Passed House Ways & Means, 9-0-0, awaiting Rules/Senate Finance 5-0-0, Rules 2.1.2016	1/29 - Informational purposes; no action was taken
HB 2234	schools; audits;county school superintendent	<i>Boyer</i>	The independent certified public accountant that conducts statutorily required school district financial and compliance audits is required to send a copy of the applicable audit reports to the county school	House Education 7-0-1, awaiting Rules	1/29 - Informational purposes; no action was taken