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2026 Legislative Session Wrap-Up



166		154	Days in Session
1,854		2,190	Bills Introduced
474		415	Bills Passed
265		141	Bills Signed into Law
174		151	Bills Vetoed
3		7	Referrals Sent to Ballot
1		4	Of those, Constitutional Amendments

**Lawmaker
Resignations
This Year: 2**

**Second year in a
row with no
indictments!**

2026 By the Numbers

Medicaid & SNAP



ESA Vouchers



Tax Conformity



Election-Year Posturing

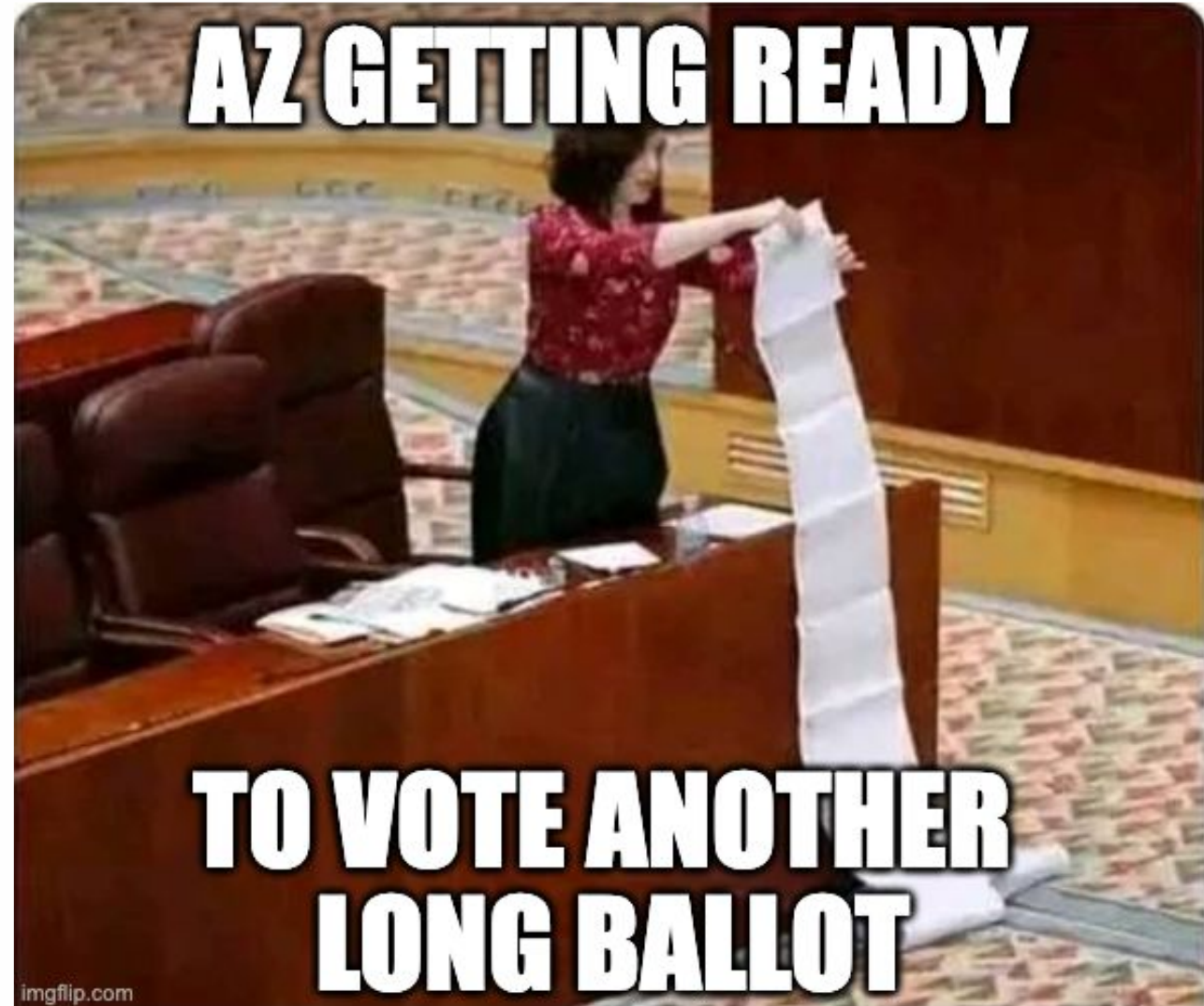


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Referrals: Republicans Load Up the Ballot... Again



Lashing Out at Teachers & Schools

New: Voucher ballot killer

HCR2048 (Michael Way, R-15)
constitutionally overrides the Protect Ed
initiative & any future ESA voucher reforms,
using AZ's 987 military voucher families as
political pawns



More Lashing Out at Teachers & Schools

HCR2007 (Matt Gress, R-4), micromanages & defunds public schools by forcing public district (but not charter or private ESA voucher-funded) schools to spend at least 60% of their funding on “direct instructional expenses”

HCR2040 (Justin Olson, R-10) would legislate away teacher's unions with a slew of new limits on how educators can collectively organize and bargain — may affect all unions in the state



Voting Away our Constitutional Rights

HCR2003 (Selina Bliss, R-1), bans trans girls from girls' youth sports, overriding parental permission. This is a blanket ban that doesn't consider age or sports type.

HCR2044 (Steve Montenegro, R-29) would enshrine racism in the state Constitution. It censors history, bans trainings on supporting LGBTQ+ staff or students, and greenlights the legislature to ban future conspiracy theories in the name of “fairness.”



Killing Early Voting / Harming Public Safety

HCR2001 (Alex Kolodin, R-3), is designed to kill Arizona's early voting system. It requires all voters (even those voting mail ballots) to somehow show a government-issued ID.



SCR1004 (Wendy Rogers, R-7) bans cities from using photo radar without regular voter approval. This harms public safety & would defund Clean Elections.



Passed with considerable Dem support

Another Constitutional Convention?

SCR1011 (Mesnard, R-13) / HCR2043 (Weninger, R-13) adds AZ to states asking for an Article V convention to add Congressional term limits

- No Constitutional rules for an Article V convention = no way to limit to stated intent
- 1787 "runaway convention" went far beyond stated purposes to a whole new form of government
- NOT a ballot referral - voters do NOT get a say



Passed with significant Democratic support (8 members)

Vetoed Bills

- Total vetoes for 2026: 151
- During her first term: 541



Discrimination

**Absolutely
Not**

SB1095 (Finchem, R-1) would ban puberty blockers and hormone therapy for transgender minors and require doctors to lose their licenses for prescribing them

SB1051 (Rogers, R-7) & **HB2689** (Heap, R-10) would require Arizona hospitals to verify the immigration status of their patients

SB1421 (Rogers, R-7) would ban undocumented immigrants from using banks in Arizona

SB1573 (Rogers, R-7) would ban courts from referencing "religious sectarian law" unless "based on Anglo-American principles" (rooted in white nationalism)

HB2600 (Gress, R-4) would ban students in grades 6-8 out of school clubs and organizations like GSA without explicit written parental permission

SB1013 (Shamp, R-29) would ban public schools from considering diversity, equity or inclusion when hiring

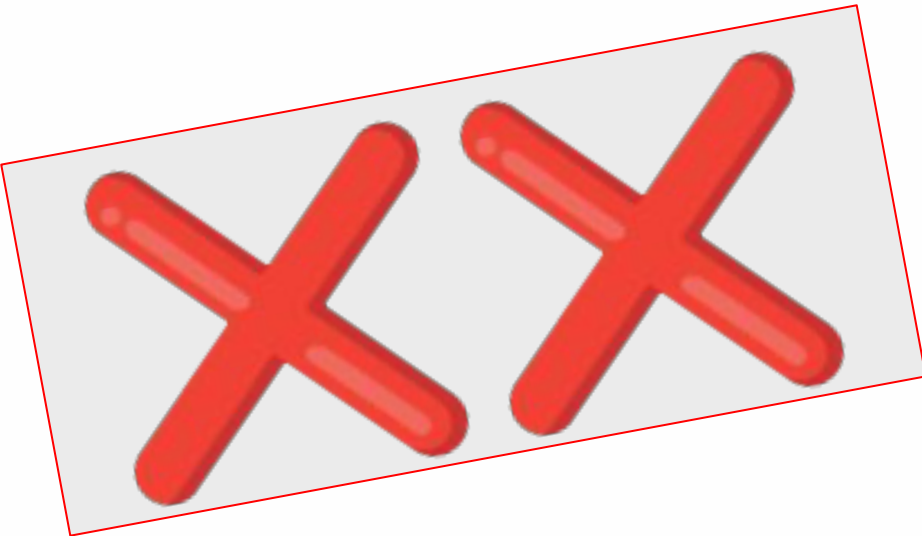
SB1015 (Shamp, R-29) would force health care professionals to pay the medical costs for minors to "gender detransition" and allow lawsuits against providers for damages

SB1055 (Rogers, R-7) would force local law enforcement to "immediately" notify ICE when an undocumented immigrant is arrested in a routine interaction like a traffic stop, even if the charges against them haven't been proven

SB1520 (Rogers, R-7) would require Arizona to share immigration information with ICE

HB2249 (Fink, R-27) would require written parental consent before teachers could use pronouns that differ from the student's biological sex

Democracy, Elections & Voting



HB4115 (Montenegro, R-29) & **SB1489** (Shope, R-16) would create many anti-democratic requirements for ballot initiatives and petition circulators, making it much harder to put citizen-led measures on the ballot

SB1040 (Finchem, R-1) would force county recorders to let anyone download voter registration rolls for free, enabling spam and harassment

SB1038 (Finchem, R-1) would make the “cast vote record” (a receipt of everything scanned by a voting machine) a public record, violating Arizonans’ constitutionally mandated voter privacy

SB1057 (Finchem, R-1) would require ballot paper to include specific, unnecessary “anti-fraud countermeasures,” financially benefiting the sponsor

SB1429 (Mesnard, R-13) would copy Arizona’s draconian requirements for state ballot initiatives down to the city and county levels, making it much harder for them to qualify for the ballot

HB2745 (Rivero, R-27) would allow the legislature to arrest anyone who refuses to comply with a subpoena they issued — including another elected official — and physically haul them before a committee

Public Safety

Rejected

SB1012 (Shamp, R-29) would force bars and restaurants that serve alcohol to let people carry concealed handguns on their premises

HB2167 (Diaz, R-19) would stop Arizona's attorney general from filing a “public nuisance action”

HB2206 (Kupper, R-25) & **SB1333** (Kavanagh, R-3) would kick hundreds of thousands of Arizonans off SNAP (food stamps) by “reducing the payment error rate” to an unattainable 3%

HB2086 (Powell, R-14) would ban Arizona and its public schools from requiring masks or vaccines

HB2592 (Wilmeth, R-2) would require every state agency to try to incorporate AI into its everyday operations

SB1068 (Rogers, R-7) would force universities and community colleges to allow anyone with a concealed weapons permit — not just students — to carry guns on campus

HB2003 (Kupper, R-25) would drop the minimum age for a driver's permit to 15, increasing both fatal crashes and the rate of accidents overall

HB2118 (N Carter, R-15) would ban cities and counties from asking for background checks, ID or fingerprinting from food truck owners when issuing a license

Energy, Water & Climate

Dead

HB2100 (Griffin, R-19) would allow small “wildcat” subdivisions, purposely circumventing assured water supply requirements and benefiting developers

SB1332 (Kavanagh, R-3) would require our anti-public transit legislature to review whether state participation in light rail expansion is “warranted,” in order to dig for reasons to stop it

SB1419 (Carroll, R-28) would create new licensing and building red tape for rooftop solar

SB1418 (Carroll, R-28) would require counties to approve small modular reactors when colocated with “a large industrial energy user” (data center or aluminum smelter) in order to pepper our state with nuclear-powered data centers against voter wishes

SB1518, Dunn (R-25), would allow irrigated grandfather rights in a subsequent active management area like Douglas or Willcox to be sold or transferred, leading to more groundwater pumping

SB1281 (Farnsworth, R-10) would require the legislature to approve any sale of land to the federal government, in order to stop land from being turned into national monuments

Good Ideas Denied





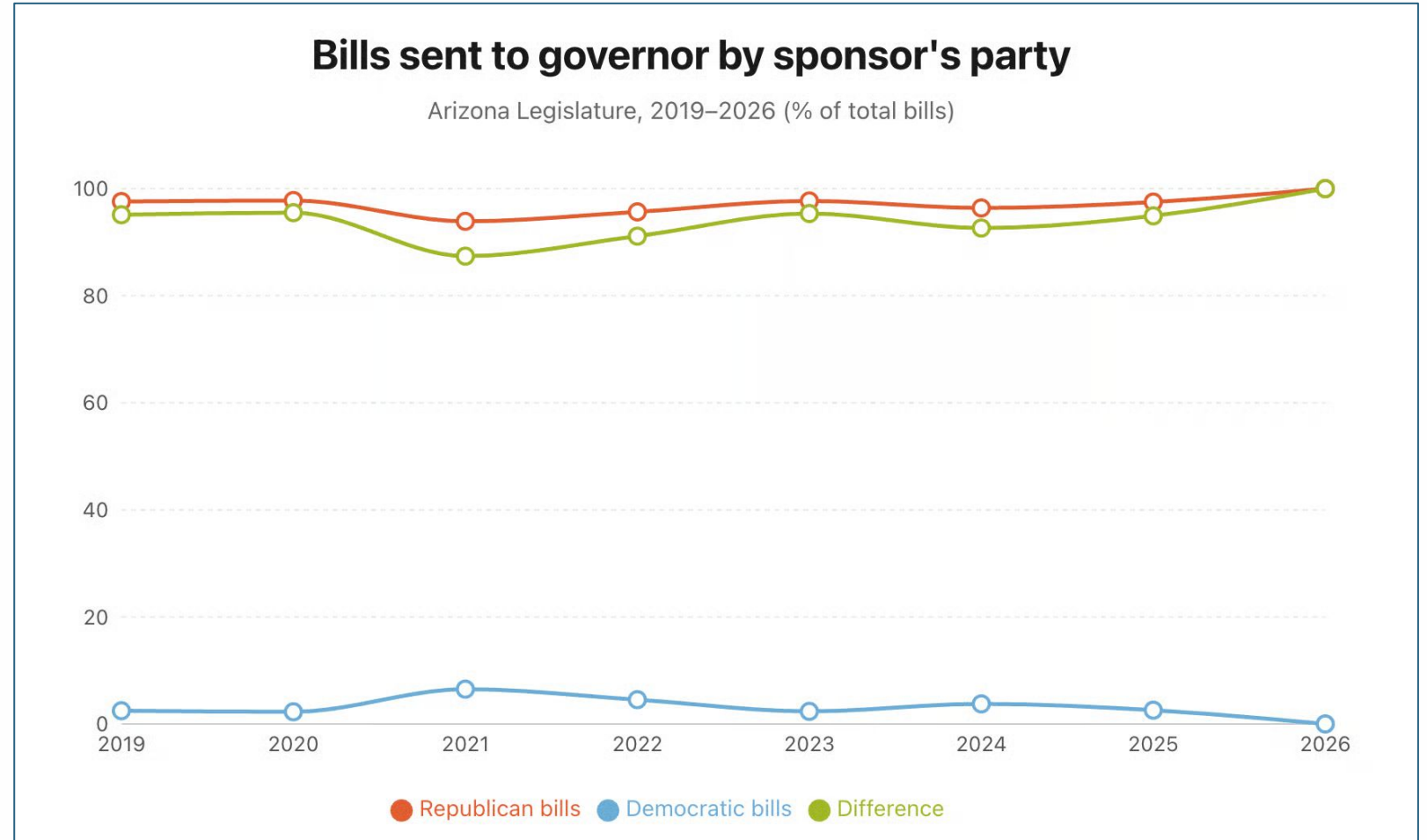
DEM BILLS HEARD:

House: 23 of 1169 → 1.96%

Senate: 17 of 862 → 1.97%

DEM BILLS SIGNED:

10 of 2,031 → 0.49%



LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS REPRESENTED BY DEMOCRATS:

House: 27 of 60 → 45% • Senate: 13 of 30 → 43%

Democrats turn to strikers to talk politics under GOP majority

Jakob Thorington, Arizona Capitol Times // April 10, 2026

Key Points:

- Democrat bills rarely surface in Republican-controlled Legislature
- Proposals mostly focus on affordability issues
- Replacing GOP bill with Democratic idea is considered 'hostile'





DEMOCRACY

SB1343 (Ortiz, D-24)
Creates a State Voting Rights Act, banning changes that impact our right to vote

HCR2024 (Stahl Hamilton, D-21) Asks voters to amend the Arizona Constitution to make the right to vote a fundamental right



PUBLIC SAFETY

SB1464 (Kuby, D-8)
Creates a statewide Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program

HB4032 (Volk, D-17) Adds vaping fees to the Arizona Smoke Free Act to fund early childhood health & intervention programs



DISCRIMINATION

HB2880 (Sandoval, D-23) Protects people attending or traveling to immigration hearings or other court proceedings from being arrested

SB1355 (Kuby, D-8)
Creates anti-discrimination protections in employment and housing



ENVIRONMENT

HB2514 (Stahl Hamilton, D-21)
Allows cities & counties to approve a new subdivision only with proof of adequate water supply

HB2949 (Volk, D-17) Requires large data centers to fund their own operational costs



AFFORDABILITY

HB2702 (Garcia, D-8)
Uses data center taxes to fund solar for low-income families

HB2847 (Sandoval, D-23) Increases AZ's weekly unemployment benefit from \$320 to \$500

HB2948 (Simacek, D-2) Protects consumers from price-gouging on groceries

The Revolving Door: Lawmaker Turnover

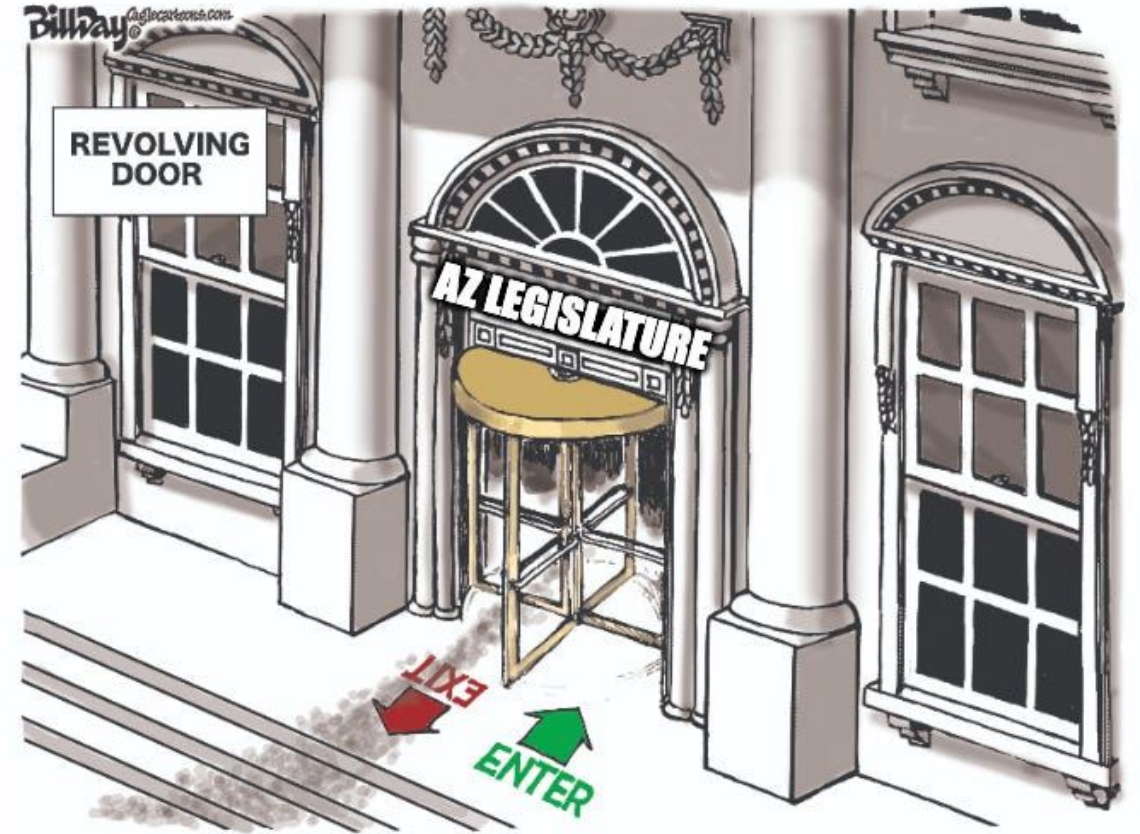
NOT RUNNING AGAIN

SENATE (7 of 30):

Lela Alston (D-5)
Hildy Angius (R-30)
Mitzi Epstein (D-12)
Theresa Hatathlie (D-6)
Vince Leach (R-17)
JD Mesnard (R-13)
Warren Petersen (R-14)

HOUSE (7 of 60):

Anna Abeytia (D-24)
Sylvia Allen (R-7)
Seth Blattman (D-9)
John Gillette (R-30)
Ralph Heap (R-10)
Alexander Kolodin (R-3)
Khyl Powell (R-14)



CONTESTED PRIMARIES

HOUSE (20 of 60):

Walt Blackman (R-7)
Selina Bliss (R-1)
Pamela Carter (R-4)
Janeen Connolly (D-8)
Lupe Diaz (R-19)
Brian Garcia (D-8)
Sally Ann Gonzales (D-20)
David Gowan (R-19)
Matt Gress (R-4)
Laurin Hendrix (R-14)
Consuelo Hernandez (D-21)
Lydia Hernandez (D-24)
David Livingston (R-28)
Elda Luna-Najera (D-22)
Quang Nguyen (R-1)

Beverly Pingerelli (R-28)
Cody Reim (R-3)
Mariana Sandoval (D-23)
Stephanie Stahl Hamilton (D-21)
Betty Villegas (D-20)

SENATE (5 of 30):

Alma Hernandez (D-20)
John Kavanaugh (R-3)
Lauren Kuby (D-8)
Kevin Payne (R-27)
Myron Tsosie (D-6)

How the 2026 primaries are reshaping the Democratic Party

JUN 21, 2026



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How Trump's 'Complete and Total Endorsement' has reshaped the Republican Party

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Ballot Guide 2026

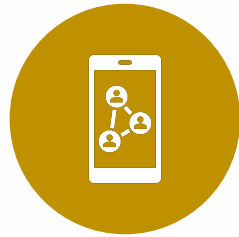
Making Sense of the Propositions and Judges



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