

APPLICATION FOR INITIATIVE OR REFERENDUM PETITION SERIAL NUMBER

Secretary of State
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The undersigned intends to circulate and file an **INITIATIVE** or a **REFERENDUM** (circle the appropriate word) petition and hereby makes application for the issuance of an official serial number to be printed in the lower right-hand corner of each side of each signature sheet of such petition. Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes § 19-111, attached hereto is the full text, in no less than eight point type, of the **MEASURE** or **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT** (circle appropriate word) intended to be **INITIATED** or **REFERRED** (circle appropriate word) at the next general election.

SUMMARY: A description of no more than one hundred words of the principal provisions of the proposed law, constitutional amendment or measure that will appear in no less than eight point type on the face of each petition signature sheet to be circulated.

Arizona's promises to its public school students represent our greatest virtues, our clear intent and dedication, to faithfully deliver public education that is effective, efficient, transparent, funded, fair, and safe. The "Arizona Values Education Amendment" will amend the Arizona constitution to affirm these virtues through clear legislative guidance and voting thresholds, as are commensurate with tax increases.



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Arizona Values Education Amendment

Proposed amendment to the constitution by the initiative
Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Arizona; amending Article XI, Constitution of Arizona, by adding Section 11; relating to education.

TEXT OF THE BALLOT INITIATIVE

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Arizona:

Article XI, Constitution of Arizona, is proposed to be amended by adding section 11, as follows if approved by the voters and on proclamation of the Governor:

§ 11. AFFIRMATIVE GUIDANCE; ACT REQUIREMENTS; VOTE REQUIRED TO DECREASE STATE EDUCATION FUNDING

- A. THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA AFFIRM, AS EXPLICIT LEGISLATIVE GUIDANCE, THAT ARIZONA'S PROMISES TO ITS PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS REPRESENT THIS STATE'S GREATEST VIRTUES AND CLEAR INTENT AND DEDICATION TO FAITHFULLY PROVIDE THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECEIVE A PUBLIC EDUCATION THAT IS ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:
1. EFFECTIVE IN ITS DELIVERY OF A CURRICULUM THAT IS CURRENT AND RELEVANT FOR THE STUDENTS TO WHOM IT IS OFFERED.
 2. EFFICIENT IN ITS USE OF RESOURCES AND IN ITS ABILITY TO ADAPT TO MEET NEW CHALLENGES.
 3. WHOLLY AND EQUALLY TRANSPARENT AND ACCOUNTABLE TO TAXPAYERS AND TO THE STUDENTS IT SERVES.
 4. WHOLLY FUNDED ACCORDING TO CONSTITUTIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND ENACTED LEGISLATION.
 5. FAIR, EQUITABLE AND REASONABLE IN ITS TREATMENT OF ALL STUDENTS.
 6. CONDUCTED IN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH ALL STUDENTS, EDUCATORS AND ADMINISTRATORS CAN PERFORM THEIR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.
- B. ANY ACT THAT WOULD RESULT IN ANY CHANGE TO STATE APPROPRIATIONS TO PUBLIC EDUCATION SHALL INCLUDE A PREAMBLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND JUDICIAL REFERENCE THAT DESCRIBES IN PLAIN LANGUAGE THE ACT'S INTENDED EFFECTS AND HOW THOSE EFFECTS SUPPORT THE VALUES AFFIRMED IN SUBSECTION A.

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- C. ANY PROPOSED LEGISLATION THAT WOULD RESULT IN A DECREASE OF ANY STATE APPROPRIATIONS TO PUBLIC EDUCATION MUST RECEIVE THE SAME AFFIRMATIVE VOTE MARGINS, FOR PASSAGE AND TO SUSTAIN A GOVERNOR'S VETO, AS ARE REQUIRED TO PASS AND SUSTAIN A STATE REVENUE INCREASE AS PRESCRIBED BY ARTICLE IX, SECTION 22, CONSTITUTION OF ARIZONA.
- D. ANY CHANGES TO THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE REQUIREMENTS PRESCRIBED BY ARTICLE IX, SECTION 22, CONSTITUTION OF ARIZONA SHALL ALSO APPLY TO THIS SECTION.

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