

Arguments “For” Proposition 136

Pre-Election Initiative Challenges

Every election cycle, out-of-state special interests spend millions trying to put their bad ideas onto our ballot. Because these groups do not understand our laws or our constitution, the measures they peddle are often unworkable or illegal. In some instances, they don't even seem to care that their proposed measure is unconstitutional.

For example, in 2020 two out-of-state groups collected signatures to put the largest tax hike in state history on the ballot. Nonpartisan attorneys at legislative council told them prior to gathering any signatures that their measure was unconstitutional. They didn't care. After a multi-million dollar campaign that resulted in the measure passing by a slim margin, the Arizona Supreme Court ruled the initiative unconstitutional a year later.

Prop 136 would protect our election process from these unconstitutional measures by allowing the Arizona Supreme Court to review a proposed initiative before it goes on the ballot. If the court determines the measure is unconstitutional, it will not appear on the ballot.

This is a simple, common-sense reform that ensures that unconstitutional measures are not placed on the ballot. Vote YES on Prop 136 to protect our ballot and ensure only constitutional measures are sent to voters.

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