

Pro-Democracy Roll Call

Major Reforms by Bill Sponsor at the Arizona State Legislature

Intro

In the 2019 Legislative Session, pro-democracy representatives and senators proposed a comprehensive set of **ambitious bills to expand voting and reform campaigns**. Though none were given committee hearings, many have broad minority-caucus support, and a few already work across the aisle. These bills address the ten policy issues at right.

Here we set out to give these reforms the attention they deserve, and highlight **who's leading the charge**. Then we summarize the bills in each issue area and link their original text.

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Reforms by Sponsor

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 ✓ – Co-Sponsor

Senate

	constitutional right to vote	automatic voter registration	same day registration	expanding early voting	rights restoration	fair districting	campaign finance reform	strengthening clean elections	ethics in campaigns	protecting ballot measures
Alston (D)		✓	✓		✓					
Bowie (D)			✓							
Bradley (D)			✓		✓					
Contreras (D)			✓		✓					
Dalessandro (D)		✓	✓		✓	✓				
Gonzales (D)		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		
Mendez (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	S	✓			✓
Navarette (D)	✓		S		S	✓				
Otondo (D)			✓		✓					
Peshlakai (D)			✓	✓		✓				
Quezada (D)		S	✓		S	✓				
Rios (D)		✓	✓		✓					
Steele (D)			✓	✓	✓					

Senators rallied especially around two reforms: same day registration and rights restoration (SB 1505 and SB 1377 Navarette). For fair districting, SB 1362 (Mendez) had three House co-sponsors.

Shoutouts: Sen. Gonzales and Mendez supported reforms in the majority of areas (6+). Sen. Mendez, Navarette and Quezada introduced bills.

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House of Reps

	constitutional right to vote	automatic voter registration	same day registration	expanding early voting	rights restoration	fair districting	campaign finance reform	strengthening clean elections	ethics in campaigns	protecting ballot measures	
Andrade (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	<p>House members presented a fuller pro-democracy agenda, introducing bills in six issue areas with no Senate bills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • constitutional right to vote • expanding early voting • campaign finance reform • strengthening clean elections • ethics in campaigns • protecting ballot measures
Blanc (D)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	S	✓		
Bolding (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓		
Butler (D)	✓	✓		✓		✓			✓		
Cano (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓		
Chavez (D)	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓					
DeGrazia (D)				✓		✓			✓		
Engel (D)				✓	S	✓					
Epstein (D)		✓		✓		✓			✓		
Espinoza (D)	✓			✓	S	✓			✓		
Fernandez (D)	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓					
Friese (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
Gabaldon (D)	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓				<p>Rights restoration was the least partisan issue of the ten, with four Republican co-sponsors (Campbell, Cobb, Cook and Rivero) on Democrat-led bills.</p>
Hernandez, A (D)	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	
Hernandez, D (D)						✓					
Jermaine (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	S	✓			
Lieberman (D)	✓					✓			✓		
Longdon (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	
Meza (D)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
Pawlik (D)		✓	✓	✓		✓				✓	
Peten (D)	✓		✓			✓	✓				
Powers Hannley (D)	✓			✓		S	S				
Rodriguez (D)	✓	✓	✓	S	✓	S	✓	✓	S		<p>The House led the way on campaign finance reform: all 29 minority caucus members co-sponsored HCR 2037 (Jermaine) on disclosure of major contributions, and 15+ members co-sponsored four other, separate reforms.</p>
Salman (D)	S	✓	✓	✓		S	✓		S		
Shah (D)						✓					
Sierra (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	
Teller (D)	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓				
Terán (D)	✓	S	S	✓		✓	✓		✓		
Tsosie (D)	✓	✓	S	S		✓				✓	
Bowers (R)			✓	✓							
Campbell (R)					✓						
Cobb (R)					✓						
Cook (R)					✓						
Fillmore (R)						S		S			
Rivero (R)					✓						

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Summaries of Proposed Reforms

Constitutional right to vote – Adds to the state constitution an Arizona Voters’ Bill of Rights, declaring the right to vote is fundamental and prohibiting laws from infringing on it without a compelling governmental interest ([HCR 2021](#) Salman). See next page for details.

Automatic voter registration – Automatically registers a person to vote when they apply for or renew a driver’s license, unless they opt out ([HB 2215](#) Teran, [SB 1470](#), [SB 1521](#), and [SCR 1025](#) Quezada).

Same day registration – Allows Arizonans to register on election day or before ([HB 2216](#) Teran, [SB 1505](#) Navarette); allows registration at early voting locations ([HB 2629](#) Tsosie).

Expanding early voting – Expands who may return an early ballot for another voter ([HB 2208](#), [HB 2209](#) Rodriguez); allows counties to keep early voting centers open the three days before election day¹ and to create early voting drop-off centers for early ballots ([HB 2211](#) Rodriguez); allows registration at early voting locations ([HB 2629](#) Tsosie).

Rights restoration – Automatically restores the right to vote to individuals with two or more felonies who have completed probation or received an absolute discharge from imprisonment. Removes the requirement that any individual with a felony must pay fines or imposed restitution before having their civil rights restored ([HB 2099](#) Espinoza, [HB 2401](#) Engel, [SB 1117](#) and [SB 1202](#) Quezada, [SB 1377](#) Navarette).

Fair districting – Ends the practice of “prison

¹ A strike everything amendment by Townsend (R) to her [HB 2237](#) would also allow weekend-before early voting.

gerrymandering” by treating incarcerated persons as living at their home address ([SB 1362](#) Mendez). Adds four seats to the Independent Redistricting Commission, including two non-partisan positions, and has Clean Elections create the candidate pool ([HCR 2002](#) Fillmore).

Campaign finance reform – Closes loopholes that permit unlimited undisclosed spending, and tightens regulations on PACs ([HB 2210](#) Rodriguez). Requires corporations, LLCs or labor organizations to report major contributions to PACs ([HB 2333](#) Salman); requires these entities to report political expenditures on advertising or fundraising ([HB 2334](#) Salman). Repeals and replaces recent campaign finance deregulation ([HB 2340](#) Salman). Limits contributions to and spending by candidate committees and PACs ([HB 2410](#) Powers Hannley). Gives Arizonans the right to know the original sources of major campaign contributions ([HCR 2037](#) Jermaine).

Strengthening clean elections – gives clean candidates’ more freedom in using early contributions ([HB 2076](#) Fillmore); extends clean elections to county-level races ([HB 2411](#) Powers Hannley).

Ethics in campaigns – Prohibits public officials from helping on campaigns, political parties, or fundraising on government time, to avoid conflicts of interest ([HB 2729](#) Blanc).

Protecting ballot measures – Requires actual proof of the circulator’s ineligibility to disqualify signatures from a subpoenaed circulator ([HB 2212](#) Rodriguez). Specifies that the descriptive title summary on official ballots be impartial ([HB 2341](#) Salman).

