



Arizona Pest Professional Organization Legislative Update April 14, 2017

Dear Supporter:

Day 96 - Budget negotiations continue with leadership holding more closed-door sessions this week. While there still haven't been any actual budget bills introduced in the House and Senate Appropriations committees, the legislative process slowed to a snail pace this week which is a strong indicator that negotiations are heating up and we are close to seeing an actual budget package. In fact very few bills were calendared this week for their final votes with the House only allowing one bill to receive a third reading compared to 25 bills heard in the House last week.

While we can say with near certainty that we won't get out of Session when we reach the 100th day on Tuesday, we are still on track to possibly get out by the end of April.

Two more initiative reform measures continue to make their way through the process after the Governor signed [HB2404](#) several weeks ago that prohibits petition signature collectors from being paid per signature.

[HB2244](#) requires "strict compliance" with statutory and constitutional initiative requirements. If passed, the bill would supersede prior court rulings that require only "substantial compliance" with the initiative requirements. The bill passed mostly along party lines with only one GOP Senator casting a dissenting vote. The bill now heads back to the House for a concurrence vote.

The third reform bill, [SB1236](#), was amended via a strike-everything amendment to make the initiative organizers liable for election law violations committed by petition circulators. The bill also prohibits convicted felons from registering as a paid circulator, and requires all paid circulators that receive monetary compensation to obtain for a petition to register with the Secretary of State. And finally, the bill requires a "Prop. 105 Disclosure Statement" on any advertisements, fundraising solicitations and the

publicity pamphlet for any ballot measure that specifies “that the measure cannot be changed in the future if approved on the ballot, except by a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote of the Legislature and if the change furthers the purpose of the original ballot measure or is otherwise referred to the ballot.” The bill still awaits final action in the Senate and if passed would have to go back to the House for a concurrence vote.

And finally this week, Rep. Phil Lovas announced his retirement after accepting a position with the Trump administration as the new Regional Advocate in Region IX for the U.S. Small Business Administration. His resignation will take effect on Monday. Lovas's replacement will be picked from three candidates sent to the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors by Republican precinct committeemen in Legislative District 22.

[SB1121 \(certified qualified applicators; fingerprinting requirement\)](#) is still awaiting final action in the House. We were hoping that the bill would receive a final vote this week; however, the aforementioned budget slowdown means that we will just need to wait a little longer. As a reminder, the amendment that would require the Department to inquire on whether or not an applicant has ever been convicted of a felony was withdrawn in the Committee of the Whole last week and the bill is moving as originally introduced to require fingerprint clearance cards for all qualified applicators.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Have a great week.

Regards,

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