

Proposition 140
Make Elections Fair Arizona Act
Fiscal Analysis

Estimated Impact

A.R.S. § 19-123E requires the Joint Legislative Budget Committee Staff to prepare a summary of 300 words or less on the fiscal impact of voter-initiated ballot measures.

Proposition 140 would revise the current partisan primary election system to require that all candidates for a state or local elected office appear on the same primary election ballot. Proposition 140 would also allow the use of voter rankings in certain circumstances when there are more than two candidates on the General Election ballot.

The state currently pays the cost of distributing sample primary ballots to certain registered voters. Local governments otherwise pay the cost of administering elections, including the cost of the actual ballots.

The proposition could affect the cost of elections by:

- 1) Increasing the number of candidates that appear on the General Election ballot.
- 2) Changing the length of both sample and election ballots.
- 3) Increasing the number of voters receiving a primary ballot.

Proposition 140 also generally prohibits the use of public monies to administer political party elections . The state currently pays for the cost of each political party's Presidential Preference Election every four years. Nonaffiliated voters currently cannot participate in these elections. The proposition would prohibit the use of state monies for these elections unless state law is changed to permit the participation of nonaffiliated voters.

Because the proposition's implementing details are subject to further action by state and local governments, the overall fiscal impact cannot be determined in advance.

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