

**A Guide to the 2006 Ballot Propositions**  
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There are 19 ballot propositions this election cycle! Several compete with each other and many are not being widely discussed or objectively analyzed. Below is some info on each to help you get educated and wade past the info presented in ads and plastered along roads. To view the entire text of each measure, go to [www.azsos.gov](http://www.azsos.gov) and click on the appropriate link.

**No on Prop 100 – bail, undocumented immigrants** – Prohibits undocumented persons in the U.S. from being eligible for release on bail for felony offenses. This measure makes no substantive changes to current law. It is designed to rally the anti-immigrant base to the polls. Removes discretion from the judiciary system. Sponsor: AZ Legislature

**No on Prop 101 – local government levy limits; rebase** – Resets base year for property tax levies to 2005. Punishes fiscally responsible cities and towns by eliminating their levying capacity. It is a legislative grab for power over decisions best made by locally elected officials. Sponsor: AZ Legislature

**No on Prop 102 – standing; federal violation; damages** – Prohibits a person who wins a civil lawsuit from receiving punitive damages if the person entered the U.S. in violation of federal immigration law. This measure violates basic human rights. It would allow people to be preyed upon without recourse. Sponsor: AZ Legislature

**No on Prop 103 – English as official language** – Requires all official government business to be conducted in English. Discriminates and limits access to government based on language barriers. Another anti-immigrant ploy. Sponsor: AZ Legislature

**Yes on Prop 104 – municipal debt; capacity** – Increases debt capacity of cities and towns to bond for transportation and public safety needs. Gives local governments, with voter approval, more flexibility to finance public projects. Sponsor: AZ Legislature

**No on Prop 105 – state trust land reform** – This is a measure put on the ballot by the legislature as a “spoiler” to prop 106 and is meant to confuse voters. It was written by the Central AZ Homebuilders Assoc., a lobbying group for developers. It does not conserve significant habitat or ensure classroom funding like prop 106 does. Each parcel of land it could conserve, in total only 43,000 acres, requires legislative approval. Sponsor: AZ Leg.

**Yes on Prop 106 – Conserving Arizona’s Future** – Conserves and protects 694,000 acres of important state trust lands in AZ, of which currently zero is protected. Includes 62,000 acres of land around Flagstaff. Protects and guarantees essential classroom funding. Supporters include Nature Conservancy, Friends of Flagstaff’s Future, National and AZ Education Assoc. Sponsor: Conserving Arizona’s Future

Info at [www.conservingarizonasfuture.com](http://www.conservingarizonasfuture.com)

**No on Prop 107 – Protect Marriage Arizona** (also the sponsor) – This measure does nothing of the kind, marriage is already defined in the AZ constitution. What it does do is deny benefits to all unmarried couples and their families. It prohibits any legal status for unmarried persons and is contrary to the federal constitution. It would take away domestic violence protections, as occurred in Ohio where similar legislation passed. Supporters include Center for AZ Policy, a lobbying group for conservative issues, of which Len Munsil is its founder.

Info at [www.AZtogether.org](http://www.AZtogether.org)

**Yes on Prop 200 – Arizonans for Voter Rewards** – Establishes a drawing for prizes awarded to individuals who vote in statewide elections. Increases voter participation, encourages people to take an interest in public affairs, and you could win something (because you are going to vote). Sponsor: Arizonans for Voter Rewards

**Yes on Prop 201 – Smoke-Free Arizona Act** (also the sponsor) - The real smoking ballot measure. Prohibits smoking in all enclosed public places. There is no safe level of exposure to second hand smoke. Supporters include American Cancer Society (yes, second hand smoke causes cancer), Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids.

Info at [www.smokefreearizona.org](http://www.smokefreearizona.org)

**Yes on Prop 202 – Raise the Minimum Wage for Working Arizonans Act** – Raises the minimum wage from \$5.15 to \$6.76 and provides annual cost of living adjustments. Helps families, helps business, and decreases cost of public services for the needy. Supporters include AZ Democratic Party. Sponsor: AZ Minimum Wage Coalition

Info at [www.azminimumwage.com](http://www.azminimumwage.com)

**Yes on Prop 203 – First Things First for Arizona’s Children** (also the sponsor) – Increases funding for early childhood development and health programs. Funding comes from a tax on tobacco products. Supporters include AZ Education Assoc., Children’s Action Alliance. Info at [www.firstthingsfirstaz.com](http://www.firstthingsfirstaz.com)

**Yes on Prop 204 – Humane Treatment of Farm Animals Act** – Bans veal and sow gestation crates from AZ farms. Prevents animal cruelty and inhumane confinement, and allows for fair competition for family farms against agribusiness. Supporters include the Humane Society, Animal Defense League of AZ. Info: [www.yesforhumanefarms.org](http://www.yesforhumanefarms.org)

**Yes on Prop 205 – Your Right to Vote** (sponsor) – All registered voters would receive a ballot by mail before every election. Increases voter turnout, decreases vote fraud and saves millions of tax dollars. Puts election process in hands of county recorder, where it should be. Supporters include NAACP, AZ Dem Party, League of Women Voters of AZ. Info at [www.vbmaz.org](http://www.vbmaz.org)

**No on Prop 206 – AZ Non-Smoker Protection Act** (sponsor) – This measure is sponsored by RJ Reynolds Tobacco Co. and AZ Licensed Beverage Assoc. to defeat Prop 201. It does nothing to protect workers and patrons from second-hand smoke. It allows smoking in bars and bar areas of restaurants. It would supercede any city ordinances. Under this measure, there are no penalties and no enforcement of non-compliance. Opposed by supporters of Prop 201. Info at [www.smokefreearizona.org](http://www.smokefreearizona.org)

**No on Prop 207 – Private Property Rights Protection Act** – This is the most deceptive, most dangerous measure on the ballot. It needs much more attention than can be given here. It requires compensation to property owners if the owner claims land use laws diminish a property’s value in any way. Similar legislation has had disastrous consequences in Oregon. The measure is funded by out-of-state developers and land speculators. This measure would do away with conservation plans, zoning, archeological site preservation, wildlife habitat, and historical sites and neighborhoods. Tax dollars would be diverted from necessary services and placed directly into the hands of land speculators. Opposed by AZ League of Conservation Voters, Grand Canyon Trust, and AZ Preservation Foundation. Please get more informed: [www.noprop207.org](http://www.noprop207.org)

**No on Prop 300 – Public programs; citizens** – Excludes undocumented immigrants from certain public education and literacy programs. But doesn’t prop 103 want everyone to speak English? Does not address immigration issues. Sponsor: AZ Leg.

**No on Prop 301 – Meth; probation ineligibility** – prohibits person convicted of first offense of possession or use of meth from being released on probation. Prevents involvement in diversion programs. Removes decision making from judiciary.

**Yes on Prop 302 – Legislator salary increase** – Increases state legislator salaries to \$36,000. Our state legislators need to make a livable salary, otherwise only the wealthy or corrupt can afford to serve in public office.

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