

# Legislative Link Update

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Today is the 51<sup>st</sup> day of session and there have been over 1385 bills, memorials, and resolutions introduced. With the deadline for committees to hear bills in their chamber of origin officially behind us, House and Senate Committees are now beginning to take action on the other chamber's bills. There is no guarantee that a bill from the chamber of origin will be heard in the opposite chamber. This makes for very interesting dynamics as legislators are seen meeting with members in the opposite chamber in an attempt to get their bills through the legislative process and on to the Governor's desk. So far, we have identified 71 bills that we have added to our Legislative Link Tracking List because we believe they may be of interest to you and your neighborhood.

Below are updates on a few bills we think might be of interest to you:

## **HB 2134 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS; WRITE-IN CANDIDATES**

HB 2134 requires that, in order to advance to the general or runoff election, a write-in candidate in a municipal or nonpartisan election must receive at least the same number of votes as signatures required for nominating petitions for the same office. HB 2134 passed out of the Arizona House of Representatives 57-3 and has been referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee for consideration. HB 2134 is scheduled to be heard by the Senate Judiciary Committee on Thursday at 9:30 a.m.

## **HB 2139 CANDIDATE SIGNS; PROHIBITION; PRIMARY**

HB 2139 increases the period of time that political signs may be placed in a public right-of-way to 75 days before the primary election until 7 days after the general election, instead of 45 days before the primary election until 7 days after the general election. HB 2139 passed out of the Arizona House of Representatives 47-13 and has been referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee for consideration. HB 2139 is scheduled to be heard by the Senate Judiciary Committee on Thursday at 9:30 a.m.

## **SB 1165 WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICE; DRIVING; PROHIBITION (~~PROHIBITION; TEXTING WHILE DRIVING~~)**

SB 1165 prohibits a motor vehicle operator from operating a motor vehicle while holding in the operator's hand, typing on or otherwise manually operating a portable wireless communication device unless the vehicle is parked or stopped. SB 1165 establishes a list of circumstances that constitute an affirmative defense to a prosecution of this prohibition. Violations are a petty offense and are subject to a civil penalty of \$75 to \$149 for a first violation, and \$150 to \$250 for a second or subsequent violation, except that a violation that causes the death of or serious physical injury to another person is a class 1 (highest) misdemeanor. SB 1165 passed out of the Arizona Senate 20-10 and is now awaiting a committee reference in the House.

## **HB 2492 STATE HIGHWAY WORK ZONES; ACCIDENTS**

HB 2492 requires that if a person exceeds the speed limit in a state highway work zone and the violation results in an accident causing serious physical injury or death to another person, the person is guilty of causing serious physical injury or death by a moving violation, a class 3 (lowest) misdemeanor. HB 2492 passed out of the Arizona House of Representatives 59-0 and is now awaiting a committee reference in the Senate.

Similar to previous years, our bill tracking list will be available through an online report that can be accessed at the following website. The password is "Glendale". Utilizing a dynamic online report allows our Legislative Link participants to receive the most up to date information on bill status and committee hearing schedules at any time.

<http://www.azcapitolreports.com/webreport.cfm?webreport=26231&listid=66612&print=true>

Thank you again for your participation in Glendale's Legislative Link Program.

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