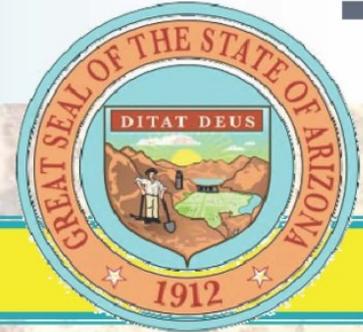


2012
Legislative Summary

50TH LEGISLATURE
2nd Regular Session



Happy Centennial !

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The 2nd Regular Session of the 50th Legislature included its share of political drama and theatrics.

This session saw the redrawing of legislative and congressional districts at the hands of the Independent Redistricting Commission, resulting in what may prove to be a transformation of the makeup of the current legislature. In events due to unfold this election season, many legislators will either attempt to hold on to their current redrawn district seats, switch chambers, throw their hat into the Congressional ring or bow out of politics all together.

After the passage of an at times contested FY13 budget that moved \$450 million into the states rainy day fund, Governor Jan Brewer, was successful in working with the legislature in passing her key piece of legislation reforming the state employee system in the form of HB 2571.

On the legislative front, the Game and Fish Department worked diligently to pass Commission supported legislation, including ensuring the Department's continuation for another ten years and thwarting the passage of harmful wildlife management measures. Finally, after one hundred and sixteen days the Legislature adjourned sine die.

Game and Fish
Commission Legislative
Representatives

Norman W. Freeman, Commissioner
Chairman

Jack Husted, Commissioner
Member

Session Highlights

50th Legislature Convenes
2nd Regular Session January 9th

Legislature Adjourns
sine die May 3rd 8:25 PM

Days of Session 116
Bills Introduced 1,395
Bills Signed 362
Bills Vetoed 26

General Effective Date August 2, 2012

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Jazmyn Taitingfong
Legislative/Government Affairs Intern





2012 LEGISLATIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ⊕ Protected the Department funds from legislative transfer (sweeps) into the General Fund. Retained all Heritage funding, and received full appropriation request for FY13.
- ⊕ Four of the six bills the Commission supported were signed and passed into law by the governor. The fifth bill (SB1521) was held by the sponsor. The three bills the Commission opposed were either held or voted down.
- ⊕ Expanded Commission authority through several bills, including HB2457 (*NOW: hunting; possession of unauthorized weapons*) as well as HB2639 (*game and fish omnibus act*).
- ⊕ Worked to deregulate unnecessary and restrictive statute language regarding marketable big horn sheep parts.
- ⊕ Worked diligently with several members to pass HB 2639 (*game and fish omnibus act*) which passed a House 3rd Read unanimously with a 56-0 vote and HB2322 (*watercraft; registration; fees*) which passed its House 3rd Read unanimously as well, with a vote 59-0.
- ⊕ Partnered with a variety of stakeholders (in passing or killing legislation) including the Sierra Club, Arizona Wildlife Federation, Arizona Elk Society, the Yuma Valley Rod and Gun Club, Citizens Defense League, SRP, and the Farm Bureau.
- ⊕ Worked with legislators to ensure the Department's continuation remained at 10 years instead of the suggested 5 years.
- ⊕ Worked with legislators and staff on various provisions in proposed legislation to minimize and avert impacts to the Department, such as:
 - **HB2540 – Arizona Wildlife Conservation Service:** The measure would have changed the official name of the Game and Fish Department to the Wildlife Conservation Service. Likewise, the official name of the Game and Fish Commission would have changed to the Wildlife Conservation Service Commission.
 - **HB2072 - Sale of Big Game Tags:** The measure would have taken hundreds of tags out of the regular draw and made them only available through an unregulated auction process.
 - **SB1453 - Applying Aquatic Poisons:** this measure stipulated that any application of rotenone or antimycin A to any body of water is prohibited unless an impact analysis of risks is submitted to the Dept of Environmental Quality. The Dept would only be able to grant the application if it determines the environment, humans or livestock will not be harmed. Violation is either a class 1 (highest) misdemeanor or a class 6 (lowest) felony, depending on the severity.



FY-2013 Department Approved Budget

CALCULATION FOR TOTAL	SB1523 General
FY 2013 Appropriation SB1523 General Approp:	\$38,845,900
FY 2013 Capital Outlay Approp	\$1,553,300
Total FY 2012-2013 Appropriation:	\$39,875,900

On May 8th the Governor signed the Fiscal Year 2013 budget into law. Considering Arizona's continued economic struggles, the Arizona Game and Fish Department received no unexpected or unanticipated budget reductions for the 2013 fiscal year.

Department-Related Budget Bills:

SB1523: general appropriations; 2012-2013.

SB1524: capital outlay; 2012-2013.

SB1526: revenue; budget reconciliation; 2012-2013.

Detailed Bill Language (SB1523)

SEC. 40. GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT 2013-14

FTE positions	273.5
Operating lump sum appropriation	\$33,091,800
Pittman - Robertson/Dingell - Johnson act	\$3,808,000
Performance incentive pay program	\$346,100*
Lower Colorado multispecies conservation	\$350,000
Watercraft grant program	\$1,000,000
Watercraft safety education program	\$250,000
Total AGFD appropriation	\$38,845,900

Fund sources:

Game and fish fund	\$32,980,400
Waterfowl conservation fund	\$43,400
Wildlife endowment fund	\$16,000
Watercraft licensing fund	\$4,471,400
Game, nongame, fish and endangered species fund	\$334,700
Total	\$37,845,900



Commissioner Confirmation

Kurt R. Davis, Phoenix

Senate Confirmation – January 11, 2012

Kurt R. Davis of Phoenix was confirmed as a member of the Arizona Game and Fish Commission by the Arizona Senate on Jan. 11, 2012, following his appointment by Governor Jan Brewer. An avid hunter and angler, he is a founding partner at FirstStrategic Communications and Public Affairs, where he specializes in strategic public policy development for nonprofit clients, issues relating to rural Arizona, and government



relations. Prior to forming FirstStrategic, Mr. Davis served as vice president of public affairs & marketing at Northern Arizona University. Earlier, he was vice president of public affairs & corporate communications at Rural/Metro, a company that provides fire and ambulance services to communities across the country. While at Rural/Metro, Mr. Davis was asked by then-Governor Fife Symington to take a leave of absence from the company to serve as executive assistant/deputy chief of staff for the Office of the Governor. In that role, he had policy responsibility for executive agencies such as the departments of Transportation, Corrections, State Land, Game and Fish, and others. Mr. Davis has also served as director of intergovernmental affairs & issues analysis at the Arizona Attorney General's Office, executive director of the Arizona Republican Party, and held several appointed positions in the Reagan administration. He served as a gubernatorial appointment to the Arizona Board of Regents, the Vision 21 Transportation Task Force, and the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools. Mr. Davis serves as a board member for the Great Hearts Academies, the Arizona Chamber of Commerce, and on Arizona State University's Ramsey Executive Program for Public Policy. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from Northern Arizona University in 1984.



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One hundred and 16 days after convening on January 9th, the legislature adjourned Sine Die on May 3rd. In total, 1,395 bills were introduced, 387 bills were passed, 321 were signed, and 19 were vetoed. Measures sought to address various natural resources and wildlife management issues ranging from improved forest management resulting from the devastation of the Wallow Fire, continued border security, sports fish management, renewable energy projects, federal/private land ownership and of course, several Title-17 bills detailed in this summary.

It was a legislative session which experienced a fair amount of scandals including domestic violence allegations, ethics violations and financial fraud and tax evasion. As a result, a protracted game of what resembled musical chairs ensued as members were forced to resign, switch chambers and declare their candidacy for congressional races.

The Independent Redistricting Commission's legislative and congressional district maps added yet another degree of complication as members scrambled to determine their new districts favorability. Many members decided to stay-put and run again, some decided to move within complimentary district lines, while others simply bowed-out of the legislative process. Legislative term limits provided some theatrics to the session as well; members lectured others and even read poems on the House floor.

Although many predicted this would be a more fiscally sound budget year with the promise of a revenue surplus, the legislature and the Governor differed on spending priorities. An impasse resulted in Governor Jan Brewer placing a moratorium on signing bills until the budget was completed. The Governor called for increased spending in education and some social programs, but lawmakers insisted on a spending package that cached away approximately \$450 million in the rainy day fund for use in 2014, when the temporary one-cent sales tax increase expires and the state is force to increase its public health care rolls under the federal affordable health care reform law. In the end, a budget agreement was reached which included the Governor's key legislative piece calling for the reform of the state employee personnel system. HB2571: S/E state personnel system was one among the last handful of bills to be transmitted to the Governor

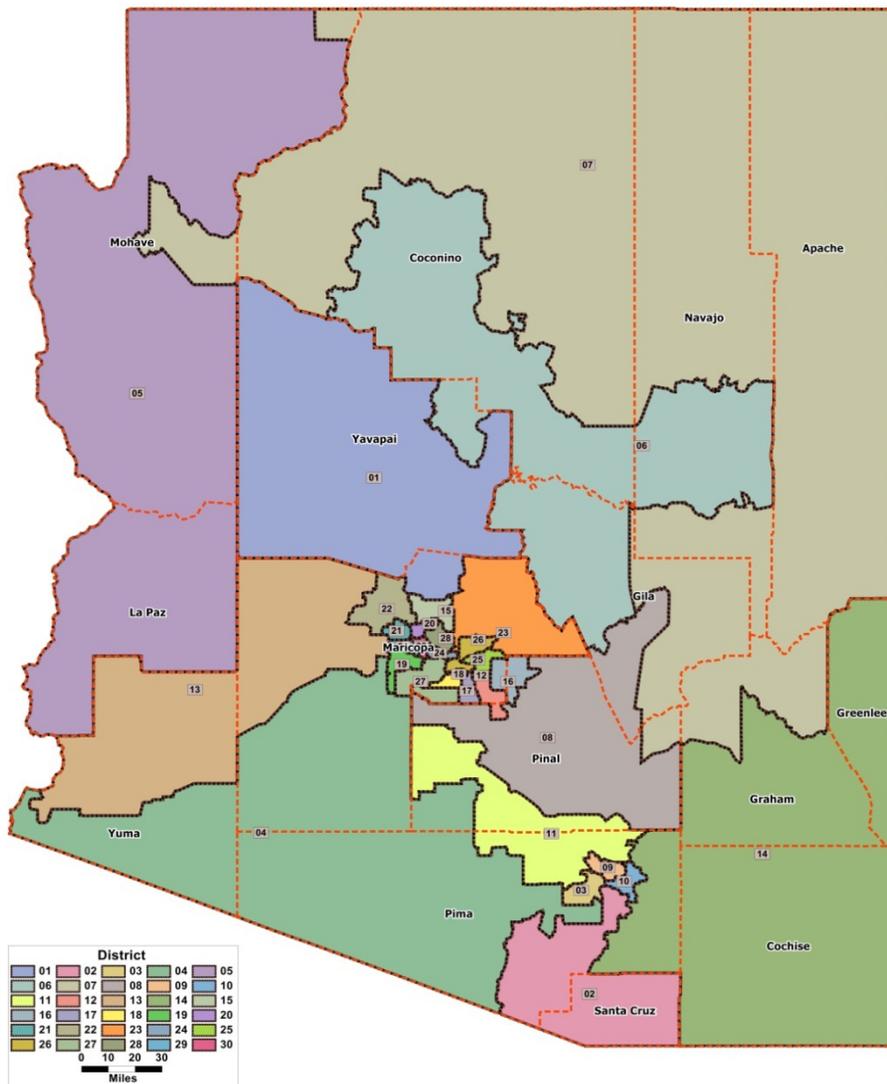
Overall, the 50th Legislature, Second Regular Session proved to be filled with significant challenges for the Department. However, we were able to creatively and skillfully maneuver through while avoiding, and at times limiting, major damage to our wildlife management authorities. The 51st Legislature will demand a greater level of exertion due to the departure of key, experienced members who support the Department and a considerable incoming freshmen class.



UPDATED LEGISLATIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL MAPS

The Independent Redistricting Commission's mission is to redraw Arizona's congressional and legislative districts to reflect the results of the most recent census. The concept of one-person, one-vote dictates that districts should be roughly equal in population. Other factors to be considered are the federal Voting Rights Act, district shape, geographical features, respect for communities of interest and potential competitiveness. The state Constitution requires the commissioners – two Republicans, two Democrats and an independent chairwoman – to start from scratch rather than redraw existing districts.

Final Legislative Districts - Approved 1/17/11

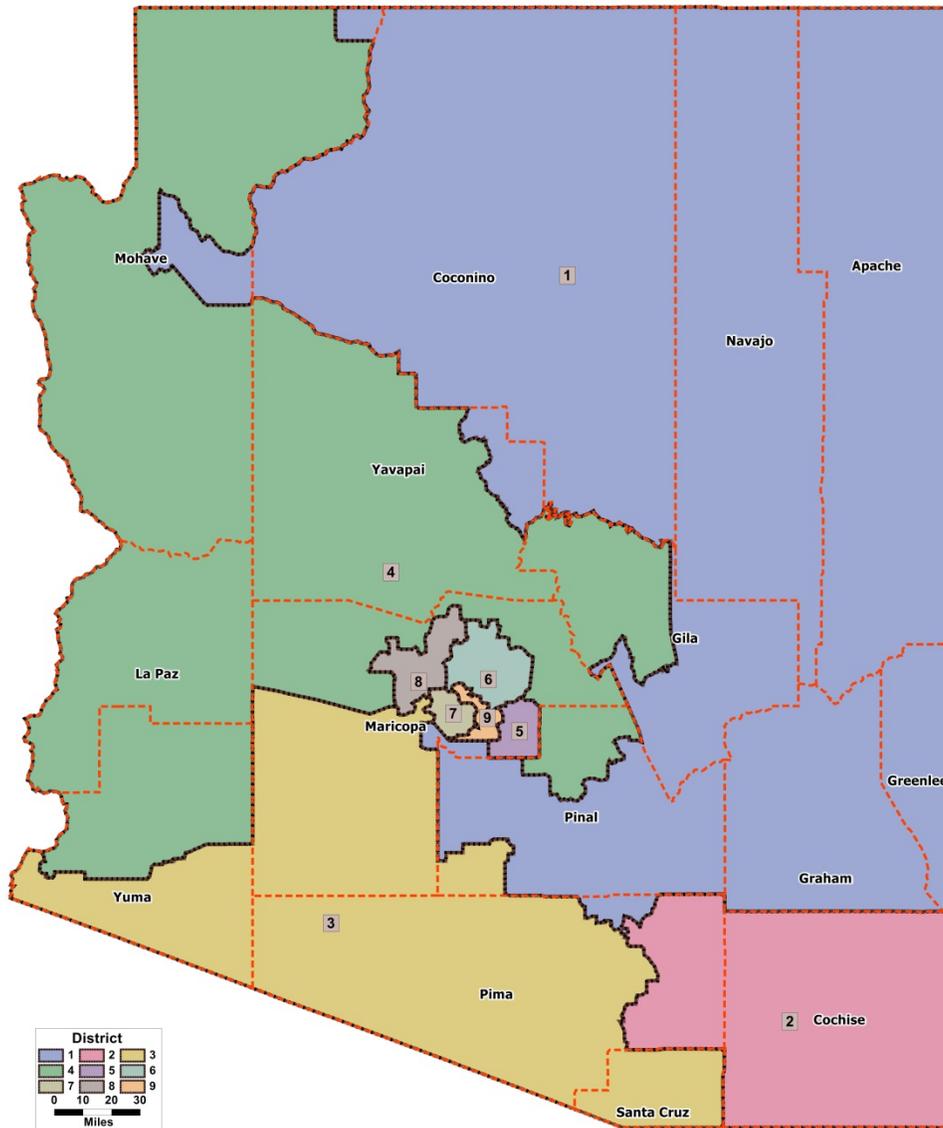


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Final Congressional Districts - Approved 1/17/11





2012 COMMISSION SUPPORTED LEGISLATION

HB2322: watercraft; registration; fees

Disposition:

Transmitted to Governor – April 9, 2012

Signed by the Governor – April 11, 2012

Filed in the Secretary of State's Office – April 12, 2012: *Chapter 237*

Effective Date – August 2, 2012

Sponsors:

First sponsor: Rep. McLain, Rep. Jones

Background:

Arizona cannot charge non-resident watercraft registration fees and therefore is out of compliance with 46 USC Chapter 123 [an issue that has been either unknown or unchallenged by both the State and the United States Coast Guard (USCG) for some time (30 years)]. HB2322 proposes language changes that removes all residency distinctions in registration fee sections of Title 5 and creates legislative authority in statute for a Non-Resident Boating Safety Infrastructure Fee that authorizes the Commission to establish fee amount in Rule. The amount of the fee will be set in statute and will be revenue neutral.

Provisions:

1. Clarifies that anyone who operates a motorized watercraft on Arizona waterways must display the Department-assigned number and annual decals or be in possession of a 30-day temporary registration (i.e. new watercraft only), unless otherwise exempted from registration requirements.

Nonresident Watercraft Fees

2. Removes nonresident registration fee amounts for motorized watercraft, and applies *current* resident registration fee amounts to nonresidents who register their watercraft in Arizona. This change creates one *registration* fee for all boaters, regardless of residency.
3. Establishes a Nonresident Boating Safety Infrastructure Fee (infrastructure fee) for nonresidents who establish Arizona as the state of principal operation for their watercraft, and prescribes fee amounts based on the overall length of the watercraft.
4. Requires nonresidents to pay the registration fee and infrastructure fee. The registration fee combined with the infrastructure fee would equal the amount that nonresidents *currently* pay to have their boats registered by the Department.
5. Exempts members of the U.S. armed forces who are stationed in Arizona at least 30 days prior to registration from the infrastructure fee. Nonrecreational or commercial watercraft are also not subject to the fee.



6. Prohibits a nonresident owner from operating (or allowing to operate) their boat on Arizona waterways without a Department-issued nonresident boating safety infrastructure decal (i.e. proof of payment of the infrastructure fee).

Watercraft Licensing Fund (Licensing Fund)

7. Authorizes the deposit of infrastructure fees into the Licensing Fund.
8. Eliminates the Watercraft Registration Fee Clearing Account from statute and makes conforming changes. Although it exists in statute, the clearing account currently does not exist in practice, and all registration fees are currently deposited into the Licensing Fund.

Registration Record Requests

9. For watercraft registration record requests, exempts insurance companies from having to provide the following information related to the request:
 - a. identification of who is requesting the record;
 - b. reason for making the request;
 - c. name of the watercraft owner;
 - d. hull identification number; and
 - e. watercraft number that is issued by the Department.

Definitions

10. Adds a definition for *documented watercraft* in Arizona's boating laws to differentiate between those vessels that do not require an assigned registration number issued by the Department. Defines *documented watercraft* as those vessels that are currently registered by the U.S. Coast Guard.
11. For purposes of boat registration, adds the definition of *resident* in Arizona's boating laws to mean:
 - a. a person who is a member of the U.S. armed forces on active duty and stationed either in Arizona for at least 30 days prior to application or another country but lists Arizona as their home of record at the time of application; or
 - b. a person who is domiciled in Arizona for at least six month prior to application and who does not claim residency in another state or jurisdiction for any purpose. Defines *domicile* to mean a person's true, fixed and permanent home and principal residence.
12. For purposes of boat registration, adds the definition of a *nonresident* to mean a person who is a U.S. citizen or an alien who does not meet the criteria of a *resident*.
13. Defines *state of principal operation* as the state where a watercraft is primarily used, navigated or employed. As a conforming change, the bill also replaces references of "state of principal use" with "state of principal operation" in Arizona's boating laws.
14. Modifies the definition of *operator* and *underway* to remove the specification of watercraft *on public waters*. Arizona's boating laws currently apply to all waterways of the state, including those common to interstate boundaries (A.R.S. § 5-302).

Miscellaneous

15. Makes technical and conforming changes. This includes the removal of an outdated reference to a "license tax". License taxes were eliminated by Laws 2005, Chapter 318.
16. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

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Action History:

HOUSE FIRST READ: 01/17/12

COMMITTEES: ASSIGNED COMMITTEES ACTION

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HOUSE SECOND READ: 01/18/12

MAJORITY CAUCUS 02/16/12 Y

MINORITY CAUCUS: 02/14/12 Y

CONSENT CALENDAR: 02/13/12 6:21 PM Object

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THIRD READ: DATE AYES NAYS NV EXC VAC EMER AMEND RFE 2/3 VOTE RESULT

[Vote Detail](#) 02/23/12 59 0 0 0 1 PASSED

TRANSMIT TO SENATE: 02/24/12

SENATE FIRST READ: 02/27/12

SENATE SECOND READ: 02/28/12

COMMITTEES: ASSIGNED COMMITTEES ACTION

[Vote Detail](#) 02/27/12 [NRT](#) 03/05/12 (4-0-2-0) [DPA](#)
02/27/12 [RULES](#) 03/12/12 [PFC](#)

MAJORITY CAUCUS: 03/19/12 Y

MINORITY CAUCUS: 03/19/12 Y

COW ACTION 1: DATE ACTION AYES NAYS NV EXC VAC

03/27/12 [DPA](#) 0 0 0 0

AMENDMENTS

NRT (ref Bill) adopted

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[Vote Detail](#) 04/04/12 22 6 2 0 Y PASSED

TRANSMIT TO HOUSE: 04/04/12

MAJORITY CAUCUS: 04/05/12 Y

MINORITY CAUCUS: 04/05/12 Y

Concurrence recommended

HOUSE CONCURRENCE: DATE AYES NAYS NV EXC

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HOUSE FINAL READ: DATE AYES NAYS NV EXC VAC EMER RFE 2/3 VOTE RESULT

[Vote Detail](#) 04/09/12 55 0 5 0 PASSED

TRANSMITTED TO: GOVERNOR 04/09/12

ACTION: SIGNED 04/11/12

CHAPTER: [237](#)

CHAPTERED VERSION: Senate Engrossed Version

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HB2457: (NOW: hunting; possession of unauthorized weapons)

Disposition:

Transmitted to Governor – April 5, 2012
 Signed by the Governor – April 10, 2012
 Filed in the Secretary of State’s Office – April 11, 2012: *Chapter 225*
Effective Date – August 2, 2012

Sponsors:

First sponsor: Rep. Barton, Rep. Burges, Rep. Gowan, Rep. Seel, Rep. Smith
 Others: Rep. Judd, Rep. Allen, Rep. Gould, Rep. Smith

Provisions:

Permits, while hunting, the possession of legal weapons, devices, ammunition or magazines that are not authorized to take wildlife, if the weapon or device is not used to take wildlife. Classifies as a class 1 misdemeanor, taking wildlife by using a weapon, device, ammunition or magazine that is not authorized to take wildlife.

Action History:

HOUSE FIRST READ: 01/18/12

COMMITTEES: ASSIGNED COMMITTEES ACTION

Vote Detail	01/18/12	ENR	02/13/12	(8-0-0-1-0)	DPA/SE
Vote Detail	01/18/12	RULES	02/27/12	(7-0-0-1-0)	C&P

HOUSE SECOND READ: 01/19/12

MAJORITY CAUCUS: 02/28/12 Y

MINORITY CAUCUS: 02/28/12 Y

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AMENDMENTS

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TRANSMIT TO SENATE: 03/06/12

SENATE FIRST READ: 03/06/12

SENATE SECOND READ: 03/07/12

COMMITTEES: ASSIGNED COMMITTEES ACTION

Vote Detail	03/06/12	JUD	03/12/12	(7-0-1-0)	DP
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MAJORITY CAUCUS: 03/26/12 Y

MINORITY CAUCUS: 03/26/12 Y

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TRANSMIT TO HOUSE: 04/04/12

TRANSMITTED TO: GOVERNOR 04/05/12

ACTION: SIGNED 04/10/12

CHAPTER: 225

CHAPTERED VERSION: House Engrossed Version

HB2639: game and fish omnibus act

Disposition:

Transmitted to Governor – April 12, 2012

Signed by the Governor – April 17, 2012

Filed in the Secretary of State's Office –April 17, 2012: *Chapter 272*

Effective Date – August 2, 2012

Sponsors:

First sponsor: Rep. Barton, Rep. Burges, Rep. Gowan, Rep. Seel, Rep. Smith

Others: Rep. Judd, Rep. Allen, Rep. Gould, Rep. Smith

Background:

HB2639 is an agency bill from the Game and Fish Department seeking to address administrative issues and improve law enforcement capabilities to investigating wildlife poaching violations.

Provisions:

Sale of Commission Good and Services

1. Exempts the Commission from the state's restriction on agency competition with private enterprise in order to allow the Commission to sell its goods and services to the public. This provision does not apply to the sale of firearms.
2. Requires monies from the sale of goods and services at Commission-owned shooting ranges, excluding program income associated with federal grants, to be deposited into the Firearms Safety and Ranges Fund (Firearms Fund). For items sold at other Commission-owned locations, monies will be deposited into the Game & Fish Fund.
3. Adds the following authorized uses of monies in the Firearms Fund:
 - a) shooting sports programs; and
 - b) inventory for sale at Commission-owned ranges.



Geographic Information System (GIS) Services

4. Exempts geospatial data that is maintained by the Department from public records requests (i.e. disclosure and inspection) so long as that information is otherwise provided to the public through the Department's GIS online services.
5. Exempts the Department's wildlife species location information from public records requests in either of the following situations:
 - when the information is about wildlife species located on private property; or
 - when the Department determines that disclosure of the information might harm wildlife.

Game & Fish Licensing

6. Modifies current statutory language pertaining to applying for and obtaining a license or permit by fraud or misrepresentation to include the purchase, acceptance or use of a tag or stamp. These violations would be a class 2 misdemeanor, which is the current classification for fraudulently applying for or obtaining a license or permit.
7. For purposes of applying for a hunting and fishing license, permit, tag or stamp, clarifies the definition of resident to mean:
 - a) a person who is a member of the U.S. armed forces on active duty and stationed either in Arizona for at least 30 days prior to application or another country but lists Arizona as their home of record at the time of application; or
 - b) a person who is domiciled in Arizona for at least six month prior to application and who does not claim residency in another state or jurisdiction for any purpose. Defines domicile to mean a person's true, fixed and permanent home and principal residence.
8. For purposes of applying for a hunting and fishing license, permit, tag or stamp, clarifies the definition of a nonresident to mean a person who is a U.S. citizen or an alien who does not meet the criteria of a resident.

Sale of Bighorn Sheep Parts

9. Removes the prohibition on selling the heads, horns, hides, feet, or skin of bighorn sheep that have been taken after October 1, 2005. This provision would allow the sale of legally-taken, nonedible bighorn sheep parts.

Vehicle Equipment

10. Exempts, from the state's laws on vehicle equipment requirements, vehicles that are driven by Department enforcement officers who are conducting night patrols and investigating night poaching activities.

Miscellaneous

11. Allows the Commission to solicit and accept grants, gifts and donations of money or other property for any purpose that is consistent with game and fish laws.
12. Corrects conflicting enactments to A.R.S. § 17-340 in 2011 by repealing Laws 2011, Chapter 282, Section 2, relating to wasting edible portions of game animals. This is a technical change.
13. Makes technical and conforming changes.
14. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

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Action History:

HOUSE FIRST READ: 01/23/12

COMMITTEES: ASSIGNED COMMITTEES ACTION

[Vote Detail](#) 01/23/12 [MAPS](#) 02/08/12 (7-0-0-2-0) [DPA](#)

[Vote Detail](#) 01/23/12 [RULES](#) 02/13/12 (7-0-0-1-0) [C&P](#)

HOUSE SECOND READ: 01/24/12

MAJORITY CAUCUS 02/16/12 Y

MINORITY CAUCUS: 02/14/12 Y

COW ACTION 1: DATE ACTION AYES NAYS NV EXC VAC

02/23/12 [DPA](#) 0 0 0 0

AMENDMENTS

MAPS - passed

THIRD READ: DATE AYES NAYS NV EXC VAC EMER AMEND RFE 2/3 VOTE RESULT

[Vote Detail](#) 02/23/12 56 0 3 0 1 Y PASSED

TRANSMIT TO SENATE: 02/24/12

SENATE FIRST READ: 02/27/12

SENATE SECOND READ: 02/28/12

COMMITTEES: ASSIGNED COMMITTEES ACTION

[Vote Detail](#) 02/27/12 [NRT](#) 03/12/12 (6-0-0-0) [DPA](#)

02/27/12 [RULES](#) 03/19/12 [PFC](#)

MAJORITY CAUCUS: 03/19/12 Y

MINORITY CAUCUS: 03/19/12 Y

COW ACTION 1: DATE ACTION AYES NAYS NV EXC VAC

04/03/12 [DPA](#) 0 0 0 0

AMENDMENTS

NRT (ref Bill) adopted

THIRD READ: DATE AYES NAYS NV EXC VAC EMER AMEND RFE 2/3 VOTE RESULT

[Vote Detail](#) 04/05/12 24 5 1 0 Y PASSED

TRANSMIT TO HOUSE: 04/05/12

MAJORITY CAUCUS: 04/10/12 Y

MINORITY CAUCUS: 04/10/12 Y

Concurrence recommended

HOUSE CONCURRENCE: DATE AYES NAYS NV EXC

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HOUSE FINAL READ: DATE AYES NAYS NV EXC VAC EMER RFE 2/3 VOTE RESULT

[Vote Detail](#) 04/12/12 50 0 9 0 1 PASSED

TRANSMITTED TO: GOVERNOR 04/12/12

ACTION: SIGNED 04/17/12

CHAPTER: [272](#)

CHAPTERED VERSION: Senate Engrossed Version

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SB1300: game and fish department; continuation

Disposition:

Transmitted to Governor – April 12, 2012

Signed by the Governor – April 17, 2012

Chapter 283

Effective Date – August 2, 2012

Sponsors: Sen. Nelson

Background:

This bill seeks to continue the Arizona Game & Fish Commission, the Arizona Game & Fish Department and the Director.

Provision:

Continues the Arizona Game & Fish Commission, the Arizona Game & Fish Department and the Director for ten years through July 1, 2022. On or before December 31, 2013, the auditor general shall conduct and complete a performance audit, as defined in section 41-1278, Arizona Revised Statutes, of the Arizona game and fish commission, the Arizona game and fish department and the director of the Arizona game and fish department. The auditor general shall submit copies of the performance audit to the governor, the president of the senate, the speaker of the House of Representatives and the Secretary of State.

Action History:

SENATE FIRST READ: 01/26/12

SENATE SECOND READ: 01/30/12

COMMITTEES: ASSIGNED COMMITTEES ACTION

Vote Detail	01/26/12	NRT	02/13/12	(6-0-0)	DPA
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MAJORITY CAUCUS: 02/23/12 Y

MINORITY CAUCUS: 02/23/12 Y

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AMENDMENTS

NRT (ref Bill) adopted

Griffin flr amend (ref Bill) adopted

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HOUSE FIRST READ: 03/05/12

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COMMITTEES: ASSIGNED COMMITTEES ACTION

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HOUSE SECOND READ: 03/06/12

MAJORITY CAUCUS: 03/20/12 Y

MINORITY CAUCUS: 03/20/12 Y

COW ACTION 1: DATE ACTION AYES NAYS NV EXC VAC

03/21/12 [DPA](#) 0 0 0 0

AMENDMENTS

ENR - passed

THIRD READ: DATE AYES NAYS NV EXC VAC EMER AMEND RFE 2/3 VOTE RESULT

[Vote Detail](#) 03/22/12 58 0 2 0 Y PASSED

TRANSMIT TO SENATE: 03/22/12

MAJORITY CAUCUS: 03/26/12 Y

MINORITY CAUCUS: 03/26/12 Y

Conference committee recommended

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE:

SENATE: APPOINTED 03/27/12 FREE

MEMBERS: NELSON, JACKSON, MCCOMISH

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE:

HOUSE: APPOINTED 03/28/12 FREE

MEMBERS: REEVE, FANN, WHEELER

RECOMMENDATION: That the Senate accept the House amendments and the bill be further amended.

SENATE ADOPT: 04/10/12

HOUSE ADOPT: 04/09/12

SENATE FINAL READ: DATE AYES NAYS NV EXC VAC EMER RFE 2/3 VOTE RESULT

[Vote Detail](#) 04/10/12 24 6 0 0 PASSED

TRANSMIT TO HOUSE: 04/10/12

HOUSE FINAL READ: DATE AYES NAYS NV EXC VAC EMER RFE 2/3 VOTE RESULT

[Vote Detail](#) 04/11/12 57 0 2 0 1 PASSED

TRANSMIT TO SENATE: 04/11/12

TRANSMITTED TO: GOVERNOR 04/12/12

ACTION: SIGNED 04/17/12

CHAPTER: [283](#)

CHAPTERED VERSION: Conference Engrossed Version



SB1305: game and fish omnibus act

Disposition:

Dead – Held in Committee

Sponsors:

First Sponsor: Sen. Antenori, Sen. Jones, Sen. Stevens

Others: Sen. Driggs, Sen. Smith, Sen. Yarebrough, Sen. Proud, Sen. Vogt

Background:

SB1305 is an agency bill from the Game and Fish Department seeking to address administrative issues and improve law enforcement capabilities to investigate wildlife poaching violations.

Provisions:

Sale of Commission Good and Services

1. Exempts the Commission from the state's restriction on agency competition with private enterprise in order to allow the Commission to sell its goods and services to the public. This provision does not apply to the sale of firearms.
2. Requires monies from the sale of goods and services at Commission-owned shooting ranges, excluding program income associated with federal grants, to be deposited into the Firearms Safety and Ranges Fund (Firearms Fund). For items sold at other Commission-owned locations, monies will be deposited into the Game & Fish Fund.
3. Adds the following authorized uses of monies in the Firearms Fund:
 - a) shooting sports programs; and
 - b) inventory for sale at Commission-owned ranges.

Geographic Information System (GIS) Services

4. Exempts geospatial data that is maintained by the Department from public records requests (i.e. disclosure and inspection) so long as that information is otherwise provided to the public through the Department's GIS online services.
5. Exempts the Department's wildlife species location information from public records requests in either of the following situations:
 - when the information is about wildlife species located on private property; or
 - when the Department determines that disclosure of the information might harm wildlife.

Game & Fish Licensing

6. Modifies current statutory language pertaining to applying for and obtaining a license or permit by fraud or misrepresentation to include the purchase, acceptance or use of a tag or stamp. These violations would be a class 2 misdemeanor, which is the current classification for fraudulently applying for or obtaining a license or permit.
7. For purposes of applying for a hunting and fishing license, permit, tag or stamp, clarifies the definition of resident to mean:
 - a) person who is a member of the U.S. armed forces on active duty and stationed either in Arizona for at least 30 days prior to application or another country but lists Arizona as their home of record at the time of application; or

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- b) a person who is domiciled in Arizona for at least six month prior to application and who does not claim residency in another state or jurisdiction for any purpose. Defines domicile to mean a person’s true, fixed and permanent home and principal residence.
- 8. For purposes of applying for a hunting and fishing license, permit, tag or stamp, clarifies the definition of a nonresident to mean a person who is a U.S. citizen or an alien who does not meet the criteria of a resident.

Sale of Bighorn Sheep Parts

- 9. Removes the prohibition on selling the heads, horns, hides, feet, or skin of bighorn sheep that have been taken after October 1, 2005. This provision would allow the sale of legally-taken, nonedible bighorn sheep parts.

Vehicle Equipment

- 10. Exempts, from the state’s laws on vehicle equipment requirements, vehicles that are driven by Department enforcement officers who are conducting night patrols and investigating night poaching activities.

Miscellaneous

- 11. Allows the Commission to solicit and accept grants, gifts and donations of money or other property for any purpose that is consistent with game and fish laws.
- 12. Corrects conflicting enactments to A.R.S. § 17-340 in 2011 by repealing Laws 2011, Chapter 282, Section 2, relating to wasting edible portions of game animals. This is a technical change.
- 13. Makes technical and conforming changes.
- 14. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

Action History:

SENATE FIRST READ: 01/26/12

SENATE SECOND READ: 01/30/12

COMMITTEES: ASSIGNED COMMITTEES ACTION

Vote Detail	01/26/12	NRT	02/13/12	(5-0-1-0)	DPA
	01/26/12	RULES	02/27/12	PFCA	W/FL

MAJORITY CAUCUS: 02/28/12 Y

MINORITY CAUCUS: 02/28/12 Y

COW ACTION 1: DATE ACTION AYES NAYS NV EXC VAC

03/01/12	DPA	0	0	0	0
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AMENDMENTS

NRT (ref Bill) adopted

RULES (ref NRT) adopted

Antenori flr amend (ref Bill) adopted

THIRD READ: DATE AYES NAYS NV EXC VAC EMER AMEND RFE 2/3 VOTE RESULT

Vote Detail	03/05/12	27	1	2	0				Y	PASSED
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TRANSMIT TO HOUSE: 03/05/12

HOUSE FIRST READ: 03/07/12

COMMITTEES: ASSIGNED COMMITTEES ACTION

03/07/12	MAPS	03/14/12	HELD
03/07/12	RULES		

HOUSE SECOND READ: 03/08/12

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SB1521: heritage fund; audit; hearing

Sponsors:

First Sponsor: Sen. Nelson

Provisions:

Requires the standing committees on natural resources and agriculture in the Senate and House of Representatives to conduct one public hearing on the Game & Fish Heritage Fund performance audit. Also, requires the Office of the Auditor General (OAG) to perform a performance audit on the programs and expenditures of the Arizona Wildlife Conservation Fund (Wildlife Conservation Fund), beginning in 2012 and every ten years after.

Disposition: **Dead**

Action History:

SENATE FIRST READ: 01/31/12

SENATE SECOND READ: 02/01/12

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01/31/12	NRT	02/06/12	(4-1-1-0)	DP
01/31/12	RULES	02/13/12	PFC	

MAJORITY CAUCUS: 02/21/12 Y

MINORITY CAUCUS: 02/14/12 Y

CONSENT CALENDAR: 02/13/12 1:30 PM Object

COW ACTION 1: DATE ACTION AYES NAYS NV EXC VAC

02/23/12 [DP](#) 0 0 0 0

THIRD READ: DATE AYES NAYS NV EXC VAC EMER AMEND RFE 2/3 VOTE RESULT

[Vote Detail](#) 02/27/12 30 0 0 0 PASSED

TRANSMIT TO HOUSE: 02/27/12

HOUSE FIRST READ: 03/07/12

COMMITTEES: ASSIGNED COMMITTEES ACTION

[Vote Detail](#) 03/07/12 [ENR](#) 03/12/12 (4-2-0-2-0) [DPA](#)

[Vote Detail](#) 03/07/12 [RULES](#) 03/19/12 (8-0-0-1-0) [C&P](#)

HOUSE SECOND READ: 03/08/12

MAJORITY CAUCUS: 03/20/12 Y

MINORITY CAUCUS: 03/20/12 Y

COW ACTION 1: DATE ACTION AYES NAYS NV EXC VAC

03/21/12 [DPA](#) 0 0 0 0

AMENDMENTS

ENR - substituted

Sub Floor Amend to ENR - Gowan - passed

THIRD READ: DATE AYES NAYS NV EXC VAC EMER AMEND RFE 2/3 VOTE RESULT

[Vote Detail](#) 03/22/12 11 47 2 0 Y FAILED

[Vote Detail](#) 03/26/12 44 10 6 0 Y PASSED

MOTION TO RECONSIDER:

DATE

AYES NAYS NV EXC VAC

03/26/12

0 0 0 0

MOTION

Representative Pratt moved that the House reconsider SB1521 immediately. Motion passed by v/v

TRANSMIT TO SENATE: 03/26/12



2012 COMMISSION OPPOSED LEGISLATION

HB2072: sale of big game tags

Sponsors:

First Sponsor: Rep. Jerry Weiers

Provisions:

Beginning in 2013, the Game and Fish Department is required to reserve certain hunt tags each year for taking big game species for a qualified organization to resell by auction and raffle at an annual sportsmen exposition and annual banquets. The Dept must contract with the qualified organization within 30 days of the effective date of this legislation, and the organization must pay the Dept a one-time fee of \$10,000 and the current fees for the tags. Includes regulations for the hunt tags and the contract. Emergency clause.

CONTRACT BETWEEN AZGFD AND THE QUALIFIED ORGANIZATION

1. Establishes terms and conditions for the contract consistent with the provisions of the bill.
2. Within 30 days after enactment of the bill, directs AZGFD to contract with the *organization* that meets the stated requirements and makes a nonrefundable one-time fee of \$10,000 for administration and implementation of the program and an advance deposit of \$25,000 toward the first bulk sale of tags. The deposit is a credit toward the total amount due for resident fees for all sales of tags. Requires the resale rights for the tags to be complete by September 1 each year, beginning in the year 2013. The original contract date for the first bulk sale cannot be later than October 1, 2012 unless the parties mutually agree to a later date.
3. Asserts that the rights to tags may be resold by auction or raffle. Individuals must present to the *organization* a valid Arizona hunting or combination license.
4. Directs AZGFD to issue the reserved tags to the individuals designated by the *organization* as having purchased the right to a specific tag, subject to the outlined conditions.
5. Outlines procedures when a nonresident purchases a tag at the auction or raffle.
6. Permits an individual to transfer a purchased tag only as allowed by AZGFD rule.

GAME TAGS

1. Designates tag names, amounts, big game species, season and valid dates of hunts.
2. Limits tags by raffle to one tag per species per year as noted.
3. States that big game taken under these special tags do not count toward normal bag limits and specifically prohibits AZGFD from restricting an individual's future participation in annual draws for tags.



4. Restricts AZGFD from reserving Legislator and Sportsmen tags for hunts exclusively for C.H.A.M.P.S., ham or junior hunts as designated by AZGFD or those solely for bonus points.
5. Classifies the tags as Governor Tags, Legislator Tags and Sportsmen Tags
 - **Governor Tags**

Reserved for resale by auction, valid for any hunt area with any legal weapon 365 days beginning August 15 each year. Two tags for each species include: *elk, mule deer, whitetail deer, bison (buffalo) and bear*. One tag for each species include: *desert bighorn sheep, rocky mountain bighorn sheep, antelope, merriam's turkey, rio grande turkey and gould's turkey*. (16 total tags)
 - **Legislator Tags**

Reserved for resale by auction, valid for any open season for species using any legal weapon and apply to all hunt areas: At least 10 tags and at least 1 tag for each hunt area for *bull elk* in hunt areas that offer all of the following 3 types of hunts: early archery; early muzzleloader or early rifle, and late *bull elk* hunts. One tag for *whitetail deer* for each hunt area that offers late hunts. One tag for *mule deer* for each hunt area that offers a general hunt season and is located north of the Colorado river. Two tags for *antelope* valid for all hunt numbers as the Commission specifies in any of regions 1, 2, 3 and 5 in existence on January 1, 2012, except that both tags cannot be from the same region.
 - **Sportsmen Tags**

Reserved for resale by raffle, valid for a specific hunt number, area and time period. Gives the Commission certain authority for specifying hunt areas and numbers. One tag for each hunt number for *mule deer and whitetail deer*; at least 21 tags for early *bull elk* hunts; 10 tags for late *bull elk* hunts; 2 *antelope* tags; 14 *spring merriam's turkey* tags; 25 *javelina* tags; 50 *antlerless elk* tags.

DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEEDS BY QUALIFIED ORGANIZATION

1. Applies the proceeds from the resale of tags to cover all costs associated with the annual Arizona sportsmen exposition and county chapter banquets.
2. Directs remaining monies to programs and costs of administration to achieve these purposes:
 - Youth sportsmen education and outdoor programs.
 - Access for sportsmen to cross private lands onto public lands.
 - Sustain, enhance and increase habitat and big game species.
 - Facilitate education and communication programs relative to sportmen and wildlife.
 - Protect sportsmen's heritage and conduct activities to promote the *North American Model of Wildlife Conservation*.

REPORTS AND RULES

1. Beginning in 2014, requires the *organization* to file with AZGFD, a report that specifies for the preceding year the amount of proceeds from the auction/raffle sales, costs of exposition and banquets, monies paid for the outlined purposes and administration of the program.

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2. Within 30 days after the effective date of the act, directs the Commission to adopt relevant rules necessary to contract with the *organization* for the hunt season beginning July 1, 2013 for Legislator and Sportmen tags and August 15, 2013 for Governor tags.
3. Exempts the Commission from the rule making process for six months after the effective date of this act.

DEFINITIONS

1. Defines relevant terms, including *tag*, *early bull elk hunts*, *hunt area*, *hunt number*, *late bull elk hunts*, *late whitetail deer hunts*.
2. Defines *qualified organization* as follows:
 - Has been in existence a minimum of five years.
 - Meets the federal I.R.S. code requirements for a 501 (c) (3) organization.
 - Includes a significant statewide membership that is a cross-section of species specific wildlife conservation and sportsmen organizations.
 - Is *not* a member or chapter of a national wildlife conservation or sportsmen organization.

EMERGENCY CLAUSE

1. Contains an Emergency Clause.

Disposition:

Dead – Never heard in committee

HOUSE FIRST READ: 01/09/12

COMMITTEES: ASSIGNED COMMITTEES ACTION

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01/09/12 [RULES](#)

HOUSE SECOND READ: 01/10/12



HB2540: Arizona Wildlife Conservation service

Sponsors:

First Sponsor: Rep. Patterson

Provisions:

This measure would have amended sections 17-101, 17-201, 17-211 and 17-214, Arizona Revised Statutes; relating to wildlife management.

The official name of the Game and Fish Department would have changed to the Wildlife Conservation Service. Likewise, the official name of the Game and Fish Commission would have changed to the Wildlife Conservation Service Commission.

Disposition:

Dead – Never Heard in Committee

Action History

HOUSE FIRST READ: 01/19/12

COMMITTEES: ASSIGNED COMMITTEES ACTION

01/19/12 [ENR](#)

01/19/12 [MAPS](#)

01/19/12 [RULES](#)

HOUSE SECOND READ: 01/23/12

SB1453: applying aquatic poisons

Sponsors:

First Sponsor: Sen. Griffin, Sen. Stevens

Others: Sen. Melvin, Sen. Pierce

Provisions:

1. Prohibits AGFD from using rotenone or antimycin A prior to conducting and submitting a full impact analysis of any risks posed to the environment and downstream potable water supplies and livestock water sources.
2. Requires the Arizona Game and Fish Commission to issue written approval or disapproval of the analysis.
3. Requires AGFD to provide at least 10 days advance written notice to all owners, lessees and permittees of real property, including federal and state public lands, that are contiguous with the treatment area defined in the impact analysis.
4. Requires AGFD to provide notice in two publications of a daily or weekly newspaper in general

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circulation within the general area of application.

5. Instructs AGFD to conduct soil and water analyses before applying rotenone and antimycin A to establish baseline levels.
6. Requires, after application, continuous monitoring of downstream levels in soil, potable water supplies and livestock water sources until pre-treatment baseline levels are achieved.
7. Excludes applications that meet both of the following:
 - a) occur in a reservoir with a capacity of at least 10,000 acre feet, a water body which delivers water from a reservoir, a water body for purposes of operating a reservoir or the Colorado River below and including Lake Mead; and
 - b) Authorized under a federally-issued ITP.
8. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

Disposition:

Dead – Held in Committee

Action History:

SENATE FIRST READ: 01/31/12

SENATE SECOND READ: 02/01/12

[Vote Detail](#)

01/31/12 [WLRD](#) 02/15/12 (4-2-0-0) [DP](#)
 01/31/12 [RULES](#) 02/23/12 [PFC](#)

MAJORITY CAUCUS: 02/23/12 Y

MINORITY CAUCUS: 02/23/12 Y

CONSENT CALENDAR: 02/23/12 11:23 AM Object

COW ACTION 1: DATE ACTION AYES NAYS NV EXC VAC

02/27/12 [DPA](#) 0 0 0 0

AMENDMENTS

Griffin flr amend (ref Bill) adopted

THIRD READ: DATE AYES NAYS NV EXC VAC EMER AMEND RFE 2/3 VOTE RESULT

[Vote Detail](#) 02/28/12 21 9 0 0 Y PASSED

TRANSMIT TO HOUSE: 02/28/12

HOUSE FIRST READ: 03/01/12

COMMITTEES: ASSIGNED COMMITTEES ACTION

03/01/12 [ENV](#) 03/13/12 [DISC/HELD](#)

03/01/12 [RULES](#)

HOUSE SECOND READ: 03/02/12



OTHER LEGISLATION OF INTEREST

HB2571: (NOW: state personnel system)

Disposition:

Signed by the Governor – Date to be announced

Effective Date – September 28, 2012

Provisions:

Consolidation of Personnel Systems:

- Consolidates the following 8 systems into one State Personnel System:
 - ADOA
 - Gaming
 - Governor
 - GITA
 - Tourism
 - SOS
 - ASRA
 - PSPRS

Conversion to Uncovered Status

- Converts the following employees to uncovered status (beginning 9/29/2012)
 - New hires
 - Supervisors
 - Grade 19+ positions
 - Attorney's/IT Positions
 - Any covered employee who voluntarily accepts a new assignment/elects to become uncovered
- Employees in covered service are entitled to remain covered, as long as there is no break in service.
- Freezes the following positions in current covered/uncovered status:
 - Peace officers (AZPOST/full authority)
 - DPS civilians
 - Correctional officers (I/III & Community)
- Removes the requirement for ABOR to adopt personnel rules similar to those of state employees for university employees
- Requires review procedures by ADOA for dismissals, demotions or suspensions (80+ hrs)
- Prohibits employment contracts for employees covered under State Personnel System

Law Enforcement Merit System Council (LEMSC)

- Increases membership LEMSC to 5 members; reduces the term to 3 years
- Compensation up to \$100/meeting for members (current law gives reimbursement only)
- Mirrors the appeal options contained in the Personnel Board statutes (see reverse), except:
 - The agency director must accept LEMSC's decision, unless it is arbitrary or without reasonable justification. If not accepted, reason must be stated.
- DPS civilians would appeal disciplinary actions to LEMSC instead of the State Personnel Board.



- Any other non-DPS full-authority, AZPOST officer would be able to appeal suspension of more than 40 hrs, demotions & dismissals to LEMSC, instead of the State Personnel Board.

Compensation

- Eliminates provisions requiring personnel rules on overtime/comp time for specific employees.
- Defines the state work week and specifies that for correctional officers, a workday may span two calendar days. Cannot adjust shift times to avoid paying overtime.
- Makes ADOA salary schedules mandatory for all employees except those specifically exempted.
 - transportation & travel expenses to bring an out-of-state applicant to AZ for an interview
 - Transportation & moving expenses for new hires
 - Requires annual report to OSPB/JLBC if monies are spent for this purpose

HB2640: hunting; firearm magazine capacity

Disposition:

Signed by the Governor – March 21, 2012

Filed in the Secretary of State's Office March 22, 2012 – *Chapter 75*

Effective Date – August 2, 2012

Provisions:

HB2640 prohibits the Commission from establishing rules that limit or restrict the magazine capacity of an authorized firearm that may be used in taking wildlife

HB2728: firearms; sound suppressors; hunting

Disposition:

Signed by the Governor – March 29, 2012

Filed in the Secretary of State's Office March 29, 2012 – *Chapter 128*

Effective Date – August 2, 2012

Provisions:

HB2728 prohibits the Commission from adopting or enforcing any rule that prohibits the lawful possession or use of a firearm silencer or muffler, including for the taking of wildlife or while hunting. Also specifies that this legislation does not limit the authority of the Commission to prescribe the type and caliber of firearm or ammunition that may be used for taking wildlife.



LEGISLATIVE VOTE DATA/ANALYSIS

The following information has been compiled from legislator votes on 3rd and final reads. Table 1 and 2 (Scorecards) include a spreadsheet of members' votes on 10 measures that the Commission took a position on. Members received a "1" if they voted in-line with the Commission's position, and a "0" if they voted opposite the Commission's position. If a member was absent for a vote or left the floor and did not vote on a measure (which does happen), they received a "NV." Members are ranked by their percentage of votes that are in-line with the Commission positions.

The 7 measures (and Commission's position) are evaluated in this descriptive analysis includes:

- **HB2322**: watercraft; registration; fees (**Support**)
- **HB2457**: NOW: hunting; possession of unauthorized weapons (**Support**)
- **HB2639**: game and fish omnibus act. (**Support**)
- **SB1300**: game and fish department; continuation (**Support**)
- **SB1305**: game and fish omnibus act (**Support**)
- **SB1453**: applying aquatic poisons (**Oppose**)
- **SB1521**: heritage fund; audit; hearing (**Support**)

The 1st bar graph (purple) illustrates the percentage of favorable votes from all 60 members in the House of Representatives. In this graphic, the numbers breakdown as follows:

- 47 members (78%) voted in-line with the Commission with 100% favorability
- 10 members (16%) voted in-line with the Commission with 80% favorability
- On Average, all 60 members voted in-line with the Commission 95% of the time (Pie Chart 1)

The 2nd bar graph (green) illustrates the percentage of favorable votes from all 30 members in the Senate. In this graphic, the numbers breakdown as follows:

- 2 members voted in-line with the Commission with 100% favorability
- 17 members (56%) voted in-line with the Commission with 85% favorability
- On Average, all 30 members voted in-line with the Commission 77% of the time (Pie Chart 2)

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Table 1. 2012 House Legislative Scorecard based on Commission position

Member	Party/ District	HB2322 Support	HB2457 Support	HB2639 Support	SB1300 Support	SB1521 Support	No. of Favorable Votes	Favorable Percentage	Total NV or Absent
Eddie Ableser	D - 17	1	NV	NV	NV	NV	1	100%	4
Lela Alston	D - 15	1	0	1	1	1	4	80%	0
Ben Arredondo	D - 17	1	0	1	1	1	4	80%	0
Cecil P. Ash	R - 18	1	1	1	1	1	5	100%	0
Brenda Barton	R - 5	1	1	1	1	1	5	100%	0
Kate Brophy McGee	R - 11	1	1	1	1	1	5	100%	0
Chad Campbell	D - 14	1	1	1	1	1	5	100%	0
Heather Carter	R - 7	NV	1	1	1	1	4	80%	1
Tom Chabin	D - 2	1	1	1	1	0	4	80%	0
Steve Court	R - 18	1	1	1	1	1	5	100%	0
Chester Crandell	R - 5	1	1	1	1	1	5	100%	0
Jeff Dial	R - 20	1	1	1	1	NV	4	100%	1
Karen Fann	R - 1	1	1	1	1	1	5	100%	0
Steve Farley	D - 28	1	1	1	1	0	4	80%	0
Eddie Farnsworth	R - 22	1	1	1	1	1	5	100%	0
John Fillmore	R - 23	1	1	1	1	1	5	100%	0
Tom Forese	R - 21	1	1	1	1	1	5	100%	0
Ruben Gallego	D - 16	1	1	1	1	1	5	100%	0
Sally Ann Gonzales	D - 27	NV	0	1	1	0	2	50%	1
Doris Goodale	R - 3	1	1	1	1	NV	4	80%	1
David Gowan	R - 30	1	1	1	1	1	5	100%	0
Rick Gray	R - 9	1	1	1	1	1	5	100%	0
Albert Hale	D - 2	NV	NV	1	1	1	3	100%	2
Jack W. Harper	R - 4	1	1	1	1	0	4	80%	0
Matt Heinz	D - 29	1	1	1	NV	NV	3	100%	2
Katie Hobbs	D - 15	1	1	1	1	1	5	100%	0
Russ Jones	R - 24	1	1	1	1	1	5	100%	0
Peggy Judd	R - 25	1	1	1	1	1	5	100%	0
John Kavanagh	R - 8	1	1	1	1	1	5	100%	0
Debbie Lesko	R - 9	1	1	1	1	1	5	100%	0
Phil Lovas	R - 4	1	1	1	1	1	5	100%	0
Debbie McCune Davis	D - 14	1	1	1	1	1	5	100%	0
Nancy McLain	R - 3	1	1	1	1	1	5	100%	0
Javan J.D. Mesnard	R - 21	NV	1	1	1	1	4	100%	1

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Table 1. 2012 House Legislative Scorecard based on Commission position (Continued)

Member	Party/ District	HB2322 Support	HB2457 Support	HB2639 Support	SB1300 Support	SB1521 Support	No. of Favorable Votes	Favorable Percentage	Total NV or Absent
Eric Meyer	D - 11	1	1	NV	1	1	4	100%	1
Catherine H. Miranda	D - 16	1	1	1	1	0	4	80%	0
Steve B. Montenegro	R - 12	1	1	1	1	1	5	100%	0
Justin Olson	R - 19	1	1	1	1	1	5	100%	0
Lynne Pancrazi	D - 24	1	1	1	1	1	5	100%	0
Daniel Patterson	I - 29	NV	1	1	1	0	3	75%	1
Justin Pierce	R - ap	1	1	1	1	1	5	100%	0
Frank Prattt	R - 23	1	1	1	1	1	5	100%	0
Terri Proud	R - 26	1	1	1	1	1	5	100%	0
Martin J. Quezada	D - 13	1	1	NV	1	0	3	75%	1
Amanda A. Reeve	R - 6	1	1	1	1	1	5	100%	0
Bob Robson	R - 20	1	1	1	1	1	5	100%	0
Macario Saldate IV	D - 27	1	1	1	1	0	4	80%	0
Carl Seel	R - 6	1	1	1	1	1	5	100%	0
David Burnell Smith	R - 7	1	1	1	1	1	5	100%	0
David W. Stevens	R - 25	1	1	1	1	1	5	100%	0
Anna Tovar	D - 13	1	1	1	1	0	4	80%	0
Michelle Ugenti	R - 8	1	1	1	1	1	5	100%	0
Steve Urie	R - 22	1	1	1	1	1	5	100%	0
Ted Vogt	R - 30	1	1	1	1	1	5	100%	0
Jim Weiers	R - 10	1	1	1	1	1	5	100%	0
Jerry Weiers	R - 12	1	1	1	1	1	5	100%	0
Bruce Wheeler	D - 28	1	1	1	1	NV	4	100%	1
Vic Williams	R - 26	1	1	1	1	1	5	100%	0
Kimberly Yee	R - 10	1	1	1	1	NV	4	100%	1
Andy Tobin	R - 1	1	1	1	1	1	5	100%	0
Totals/Avgs.		55	55	57	58	45	4	95%	18

1=Voted in favor of Commission's Position 0=Voted in Opposition to Commission's Position NV=Did not cast a vote or was absent

47 Voted with Commission 100%
 10 Voted with Commission 80%
 95% of House

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Table 2. 2012 Senate Legislative Scorecard based on Commission position

Member	Party/ District	HB2322 Support	HB2457 Support	HB2639 Support	SB1300 Support	SB1305 Support	SB1453 Oppose	SB1521 Support	No. of Favorable Votes	Favorable Percentage	Total NV or Absent	
Paula Aboud	D-28	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	100%	0	
Sylvia Allen	R-5	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	5	71%	0	
Frank Antenori	R-30	NV	NV	NV	1	1	0	1	3	75%	3	
Nancy Barto	R-7	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	6	85%	0	
Andy Biggs	R-22	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	4	57%	0	
Judy Burges	R-4	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	3	43%	0	
Olivia Cajero Bedford	D-27	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	6	85%	0	
Rich Crandall	R-19	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	6	85%	0	
Adam Driggs	R-11	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	6	85%	0	
Steve Gallardo	D-13	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	6	85%	1	
Ron Gould	R-3	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	29%	0	
Linda Gray	R-10	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	6	85%	0	
Gail Griffin	R-25	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	5	71%	0	
Jack Jackson Jr.	D-2	NV	NV	1	1	1	1	1	5	100%	2	
Lori Klein	R-6	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	4	57%	0	
Leah Landrum Taylor	D-16	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	6	85%	0	
Jerry Lewis	R-18	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	6	85%	0	
Linda Lopez	D-29	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	6	85%	0	
David Lujan	D-15	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	6	85%	0	
John McComish	R-20	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	6	85%	0	
Al Melvin	R-26	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	6	85%	0	
Robert Meza	D-14	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	6	85%	0	
Rick Murphy	R-9	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	5	71%	0	
John Nelson	R-12	0	1	1	1	NV	0	1	4	66%	1	
Steve Pierce	R-1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	6	85%	0	
Michele Reagan	R-8	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	6	85%	0	
David Schapira	D-17	1	0	1	1	NV	1	1	5	83%	1	
Don Shooter	R-24	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	6	85%	0	
Steve Smith	R-23	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	3	43%	0	
Steve Yarbrough	R-21	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	6	85%	0	
Totals/Avgs.		22	21	24	24	27	9	30	4	77%	8	
		1=Voted in favor of Commission's Position			0=Voted in Opposition to Commission's Position			NV=Did not cast a vote or was absent				

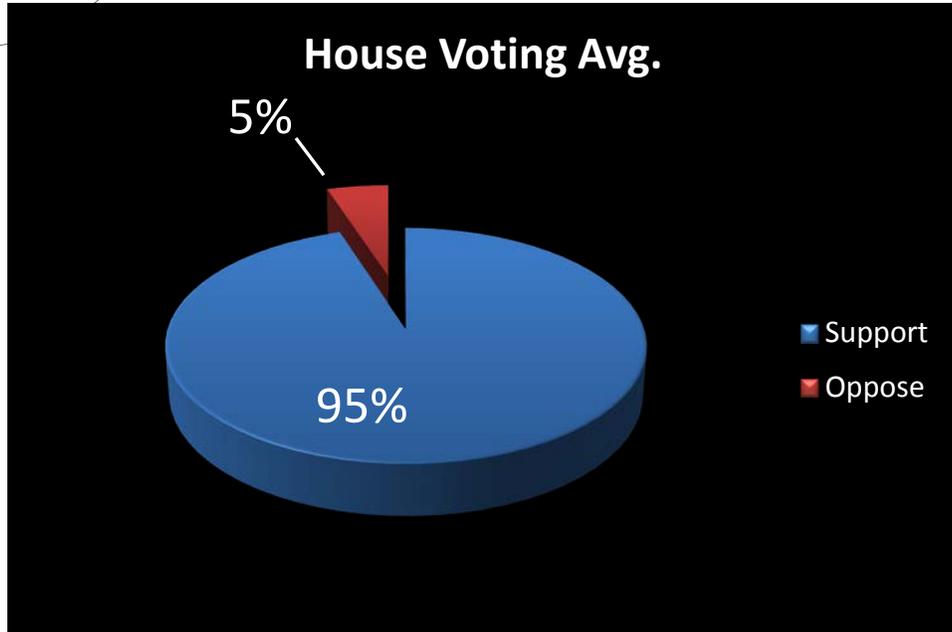
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 17 Voted with Commission 85%
 60% of Senate

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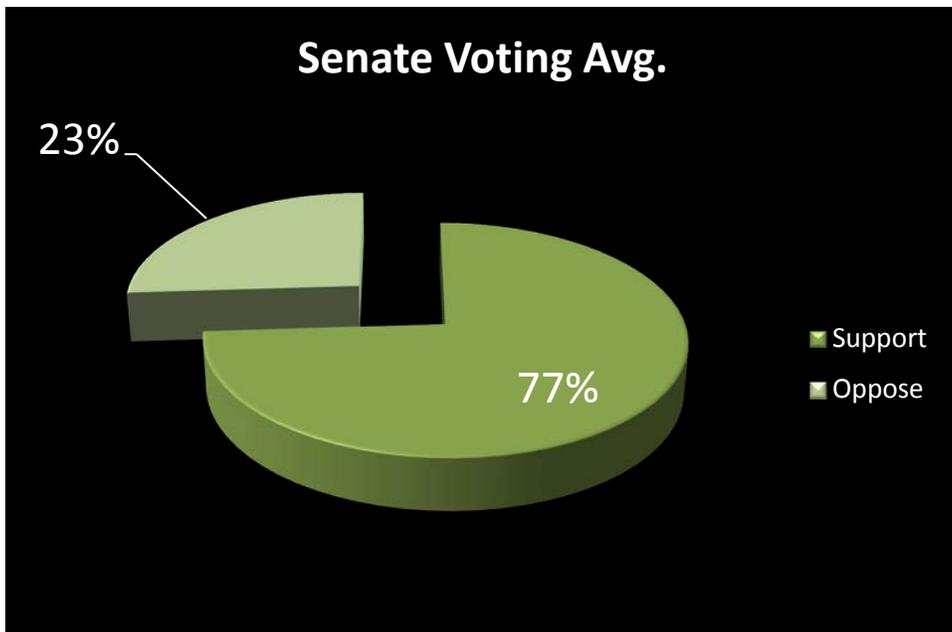
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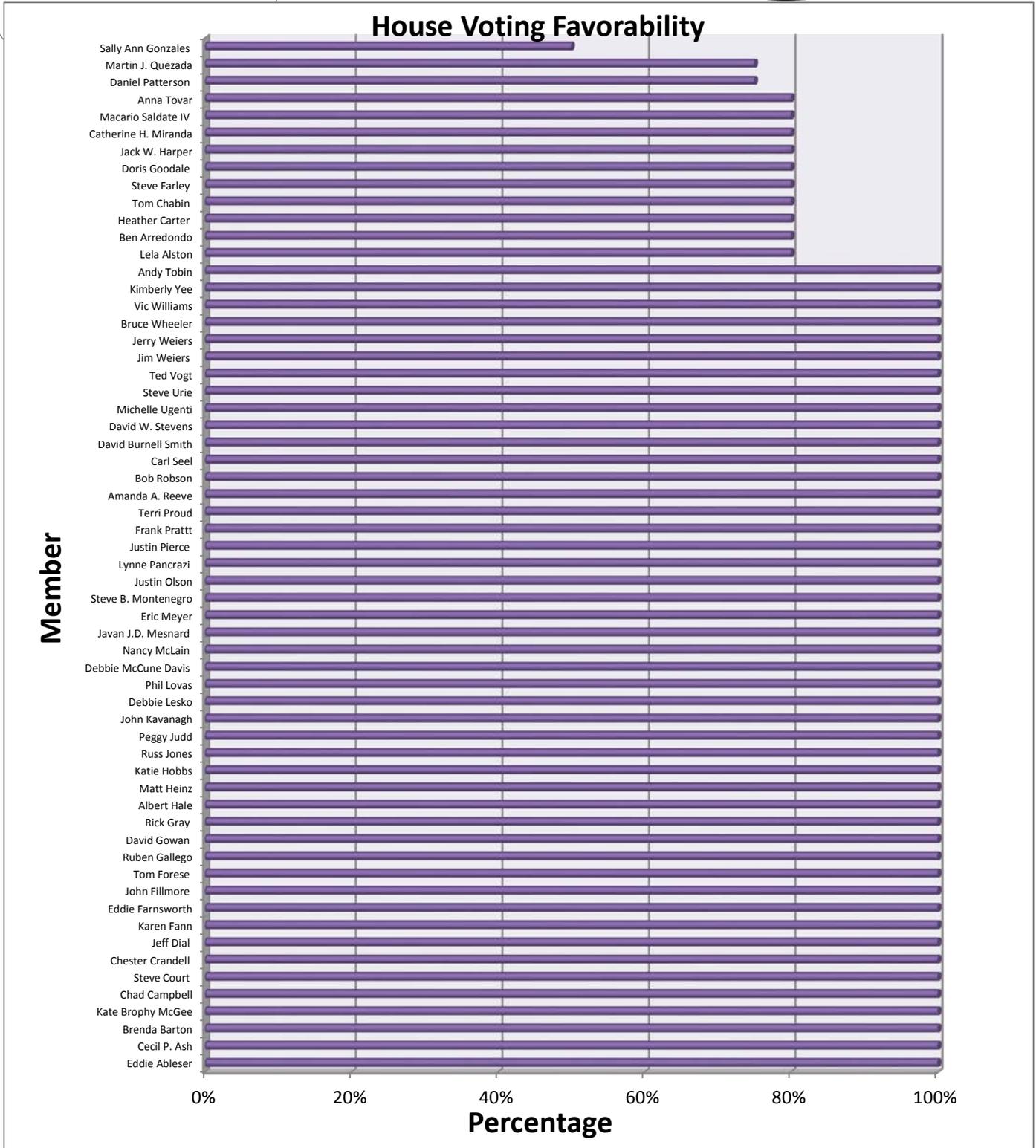
Pie Chart 1: Voting Average of all House Members based on Commission Position



Pie Chart 2: Voting Average of all Senate Members based on Commission Position

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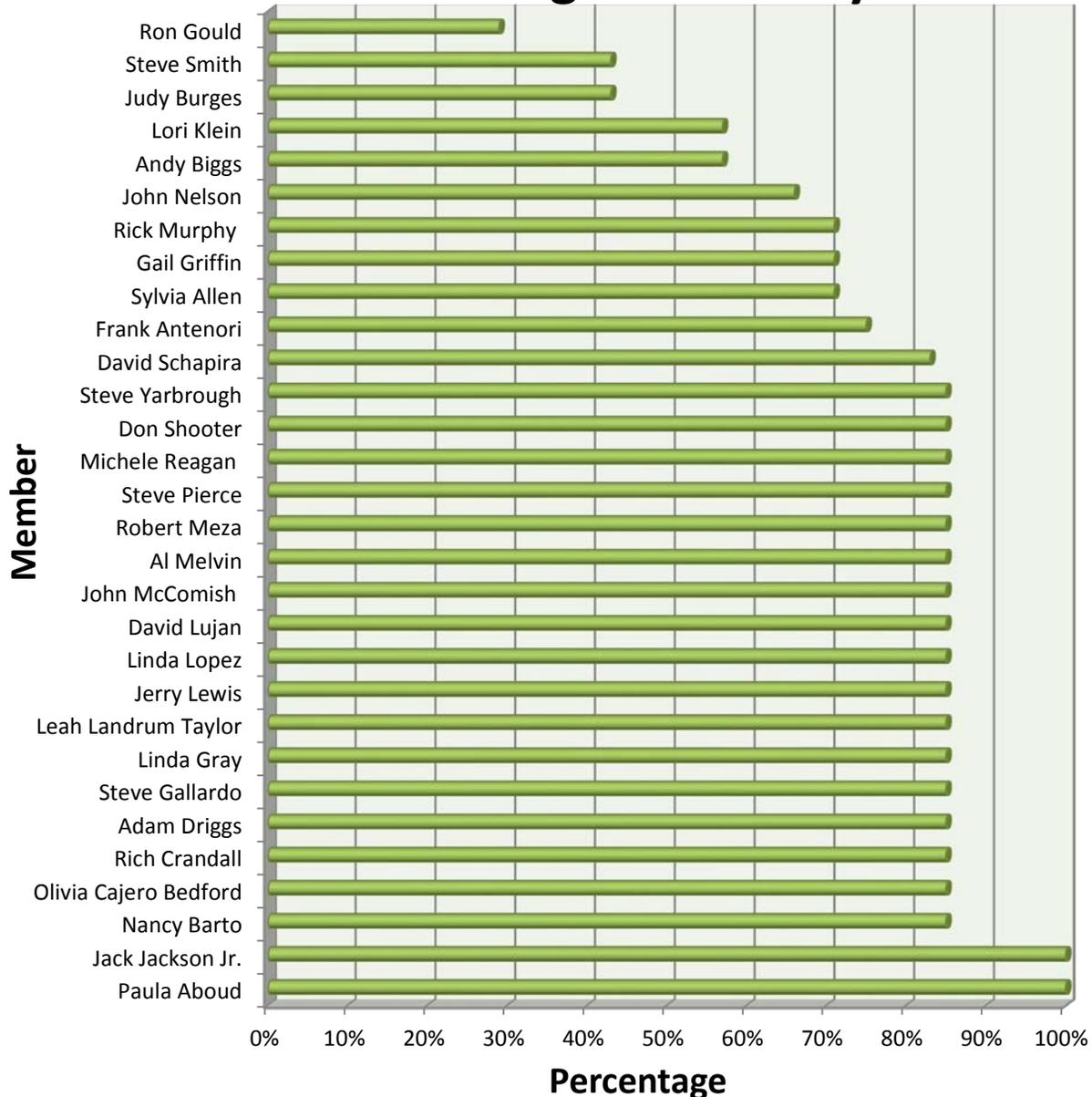
Bar Graph 1: Percentage of favorable votes from all 60 members in the House of Representatives

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Senate Voting Favorability



Bar Graph 2: Percentage of favorable votes from all 30 members in the Senate.



“QUOTABLE QUOTES”

JANUARY

“This battle between Frank and Jesse is going to be epic.” -- Anonymous Republican on the brewing GOP primary in the special election to replace Giffords.

“At some point, fool me 100 times, shame on me.” -- IRC Republican Scott Freeman on what he said was his belief that he would be a contributing factor to redistricting.

FEBRUARY

“I told her that isn’t going to happen until we get the budget and that our constitutional obligation is to pass a balanced budget first, and that’s our job.” -- S Pierce on Brewer’s demand that her state personnel reform plan be approved by the Legislature before the budget.

“If they want to pass out any bill that will bust unions, this is the year to do it.” -- Gallardo this morning on the package of anti-union bills being pushed by Republicans and the Goldwater Institute.

“I wrote a grocery list at my desk the other day at work. Are you going to sue me?” -- Judge Mark Brain responding to the Goldwater Institute’s claims that government workers can’t do personal work while on the clock.

“Tell me, how did that movie end?” -- Gubernatorial spokesman Matthew Benson on whether lawmakers should continue to fight Brewer on the budget, as they did in 2009.

“I don’t want to go to jail. I want to go back to retirement.” -- Bladine, commenting on a warning from OSPB that state employees can be held personally liable for agency overspending.

MARCH

“Probably one of her best political maneuvers was to pass up an appointment with Charles Schumer.” -- An anonymous lobbyist’s view of Brewer’s decision not to testify about S1070 before a congressional committee

“Just as the Legislature cannot pass a law to destroy a constitutional office, it also may not veil its actions to accomplish the same feat.” -- Corp Comm Chief Legal Counsel Janice Alward in a legal opinion on why H2789 is unconstitutional, even after being heavily amended.

“Trust me, the federal government is trying to find a way to screw with that.” -- Schweikert on “climate” being the only of Arizona’s five Cs that the federal government hasn’t yet mismanaged.

“We’d spend taxpayer money. You bet I would! In a minute.” -- Tobin, referring to a lawsuit challenging the IRC’s legislative map.

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"In politics, Machiavelli said you could be loved or feared, and if you have the choice, be feared. And the Club for Growth has done a good job of making itself feared." -- GOP consultant Tim Mooney.

"If I cut a check every time someone sent me a letter, Arizona would have no money in the bank." -- Ducey, responding to a letter from the IRC telling him he needs to pay the commission's legal bills, even if the Legislature fails to authorize a supplemental appropriation.

"We leave that up to the loyal opposition." -- Secretary of state spokesman Matt Roberts on how his office determines whether candidates are qualified to be on the ballot.

"Nothing in this life is definite." -- Aboud, in response to the rumor that she will soon resign from the Senate to run for Congress.

"I don't remember contraception being among the governor's Four Cornerstones of Reform." -- Brewer spokesman Matthew Benson on the priority the governor is placing on Lesko's legislation.

APRIL

"We also assumed this assignment with a keen deference to constituents' right to make an ill-advised, or even deplorable, choice of the men and women those constituents want to represent them in legislative or executive offices." -- House ethics committee investigators explaining the context surrounding their investigation of Rep. Daniel Patterson.

"Congressman Gosar didn't move two blocks into 70 percent of his old district. He's moving 100 miles away from where he lives into 30 percent of his old district." -- Tobin on Gosar's decision to run in CD4, not CD1.

"This information is not some trump card in a card game." -- Attorney Tom Ryan on the allegations against Horne not being made until more than a year after the election.

"We have no plans to go dark." -- Babeu campaign manager Chris DeRose on the TV ads the campaign launched today.

"When your treasurer sends you a note that says it's all taken care of, you take it at face value." -- Antenori campaign manager Brett Mecum on the uncertainty surrounding why the campaign's first finance report has not been filed with the FEC.

"I'll be giving [him] the evil eye." -- Gallardo, on appearing with Pearce at a US Senate hearing on S1070 next month.

"They must be drinking sake and getting ready to fly planes!"-- Republican railbird on the reported desire among Senate Republicans to include reimbursement to Pearce for recall expenses as part of a bipartisan budget deal.

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