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Then There Were Three...

Although multiple ballot initiative proposals were submitted to the Secretary of State's office, only three submitted signatures by the July 7 deadline to gain a spot on the ballot this November.

Voters will be asked to decide on the following three issues:

<u>Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act</u>

The initiative seeks to regulate marijuana by:

- Establishing a 15% tax on retail marijuana sales, for public health and education;
- Allowing adults twenty-one years of age and older to possess, privately consume and grow limited amounts of marijuana;
- o Creating a system in which licensed businesses can produce and sell marijuana;
- Establishing a state Department of Marijuana Licenses and Control to regulate the cultivation, manufacturing, testing, transportation and sale of marijuana; and
- o Providing local governments with the authority to regulate and limit marijuana businesses.
- The Fair Wages and Healthy Families Act
 - The initiative seeks incrementally to increase the state minimum wage, first to \$10 in 2017 and then to \$12 by 2020. It also seeks to require paid sick time for employees of both large and small employers (time varies based on size of employer).
- Hospital Executive Compensation Act

The initiative seeks to limit the total annual compensation paid to executives, administrators and managers of hospitals, hospital groups and affiliated medical entities, (both for profit and not for profit) to the amount of annual compensation paid to the President of the United States (currently \$450,000).

The deadline for argument submissions is July 13, 2016. To submit an argument, please click here.

Early voting for the general election begins on October 12, Election Day is November 8.

For additional information on the initiatives that will be on the ballot in November, please click here.

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Breaking Down Prop 123 Dollars

Proposition 123 was passed on May 17, 2016, providing schools, students and teachers with financial assistance starting this year. Last week, approximately \$224 million was distributed for the end of Fiscal Year 2016, including \$172 million from the state land trust and \$52 million in new dollars from the general fund. Without Prop 123, schools



would have received about \$47 million in both Fiscal Years 2016 and 2017 from the state land trust.

The passage of the initiative means schools will receive another \$172 million from the land trust for a total of \$219.4 million in Fiscal Year 2016 and \$219.8 million in Fiscal Year 2017. Prop 123 also adds \$58 million from the general fund for Fiscal Year 2017.

Source: <u>azgovernor.gov</u> Top

WWII Memorial Paver Program Re-opened for Limited Time

For a limited time, Secretary of State Michele Reagan has relaunched the WWII Memorial paver program where individuals or businesses may purchase a commemorative brick to honor the courage and sacrifice of those who fought for freedom around the globe during WWII. From now until September 2, (the 71st Anniversary of the end of WWII) people can purchase a paver to be installed this later this fall.

Created in 2013, the WWII Memorial in Phoenix includes a steel structure inscribed with the names of nearly 2,000 Arizonans who died during the war flanked by historic gun barrels from the USS Arizona and USS Missouri, symbolically representing the beginning and end of the war. Commemorative pavers are positioned along the walkways throughout the memorial.

To design and purchase a paver, please visit: www.azsos.gov/paver.

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Each year after the legislative session ends, CSA staff travels the state to meet with county supervisors and professional staff.

The current schedule is as follows:

2016 CSA OUTREACH SCHEDULE <i>To date*</i>		
Date	County	Time
July 12	Cochise County	1:30 p.m.
July 18	Graham & Greenlee Counties	10:30 a.m.
July 20	Santa Cruz County	9:30 a.m.
August 1	Apache County	8:30 a.m.
August 2	Gila County	10:00 a.m.
August 9	Navajo County	9:00 a.m.
August 16	Coconino County	11:30 a.m.
September 19	Maricopa County	10:00 a.m.
*Scheduling additional counties in the coming weeks.		

This Week in Arizona History...

- On July 5, 1912, signature gatherers collected enough signatures to place women's suffrage on the November 1912 ballot. The measure eventually passed, making Arizona the ninth state in the U.S. to allow women the right to vote.
- In 1929, an election was held by Cochise County residents to move the county seat to Bisbee from Tombstone. Tombstone fought hard politically to block the move; however, on July



 $\mathbf{8},\ \mathbf{1930},\ \mathbf{the}\ \mathbf{Arizona}\ \mathbf{Supreme}\ \mathbf{Court}\ \mathbf{upheld}\ \mathbf{the}\ \mathbf{right}\ \mathbf{of}\ \mathbf{Cochise}\ \mathbf{County}\ \mathbf{voters}\ \mathbf{to}\ \mathbf{move}\ \mathbf{the}\ \mathbf{county}\ \mathbf{seat}\ \mathbf{to}\ \mathbf{Bisbee}.$

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Upcoming NACo Webinars

The National Association of Counties (NACo) is hosting a series of upcoming webinars:

Removing Barriers to Solar Energy: An Overview of the SolSmart Program

July 14 – 2-3:15 p.m.

As part of the U.S. Department of Energy's SunShot Initiative, this webinar discusses the SolSmart program, application process and benefits of county program participation. SolSmart aims to reduce barriers to solar energy developments. There will be a Q&A session after the presentation.

SLLC Supreme Court Review for state and Local Government

July 19 – 1-2:15 p.m.

This webinar discusses state and local impacts of recent Supreme Court decisions. Featured speakers include Erin Murphy from Bancroft, Quin Sorenson from Sidley Austin, and Brent Kendall from the Wall Street Journal.

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