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It is (Almost) Primary Election Day!

The 2018 Primary Election will take place on August 28. On Wednesday this week early ballots were mailed out to voters across the state and citizens should expect to receive them by this weekend. Voters who receive an early ballot have until 7:00 p.m. on August 28 to hand in their ballot at a polling or drop box location. For those mailing back their ballots, they should do so by August 22. For individuals who are not receiving an early ballot in the mail, but would still like to vote before election day, they can vote at early voting locations from now thru Friday, August 24. For additional information on the primary election, please [click here](#).



Please see below for the most updated version of the primary and general election charts:

- [2018 Federal, State & Legislative Primary Election Candidates](#)
- [2018 Ballot Initiatives](#)

For more information on the 2018 elections, please visit our [CSA Elections page](#), [Arizona Clean Elections](#), or the [Secretary of State's](#) website.

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Bills Passed in 2018 Legislative Session Take Effect Today

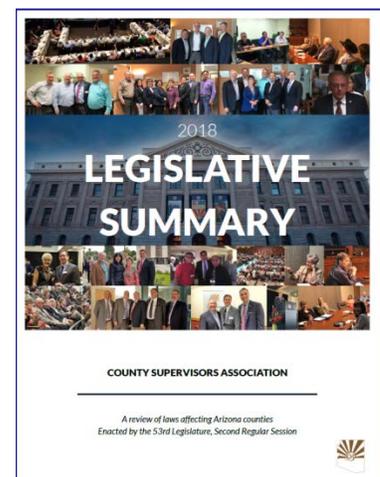
The effective date for most new laws passed during the 2018 Legislative Session is today, August 3, 2018. This marks 90 days since the legislature adjourned *sine die*. Please note, some bills do contain alternate effective dates.

To learn more about the legislation passed during the 2018 Legislative Session, click on the following link: [2018 CSA Legislative Summary](#). This publication contains brief summaries, arranged by subject, of new laws impacting county government that were enacted during the *Second Regular Session of Arizona's 53rd Legislature*.

The summary is available by [clicking here](#).

Please note that the final chaptered version of each bill is linked in the summary, so that you may review the legislative history of the proposal. The document is indexed in the back for easier reference.

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Arizona Discussions on Drought Contingency Planning

The Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) and Central Arizona Water Conservation District (CAWCD) are partnering to bring the Drought Contingency Plan (DCP) to closure in Arizona by addressing a broad range of issues through a series of meetings that respect the concerns of all stakeholders across the state.

To begin the dialogue, ADWR and CAWCD began by holding a public briefing on the Colorado River Drought Contingency Plan to address the reliability of the Colorado River System and the risks to Arizona's Colorado River supply. The discussions between ADWR and CAWCD are only the first step in a process that will expand to include participation by stakeholders. The first official steering committee meeting was held on July 28. To view the video of the meeting, please [click here](#). Mohave County Supervisor Lois Wakimoto is serving as a member of the [steering committee](#). For the schedule of upcoming meetings, please [click here](#).

For more information on Colorado River conditions go to ADWR's [Colorado River Management Shortage Preparedness webpage](#).

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JLBC Monthly Fiscal Highlights

Monthly Fiscal Highlights for June 2018 and year end totals for FY 2018 were recently released by the Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC). The highlights announced monthly General Fund revenues of \$1.24 billion, an increase of 2.9% over prior year, and annual revenue of \$10.11 billion, the highest General Fund total in Arizona history. This exceeded the previous high mark of \$9.63 billion in FY 2007, and exceeded last year by 6.4%. Sales tax - up 6.2% -, Individual Income tax - up 10.0% - and Corporate Income tax - up 1.3% - were all above FY 2017 levels. The amount exceeded the Baseline forecast by \$409.9 million, or 4.2%.



Highway User Revenue Fund (HURF) collections were \$1.46 billion for the year, up 2.8% compared to FY 2017 and 0.3% above forecast.

The state's Budget Stabilization Fund, aka "Rainy Day Fund" ended the fiscal year with a balance of \$457 million.

The new State Treasurer, Eileen Klein, held her monthly Board of Investment meeting on Tuesday (*pictured*) and continued the positive economic and fiscal news. General Fund investment earnings were \$28.0 million for FY 2018 compared to just \$19.5 million in FY 2017, with all investments earning \$132.4 million in FY 2018 compared to \$79.2 million in the prior year.

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NACo Releases 2018-2019 American County Platforms

Late last month, the National Association of Counties (NACo) releases their 2018-2019 [American County Platforms and Resolutions](#). The American County Platform is NACo's permanent policy document but when necessary, it is amended at the annual meeting. Divided into substantive policy areas covered by ten policy steering committees, the platform reflects the philosophy and broad objectives of NACo's membership.

For more information, please [click here](#).

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NACo High Performance Leadership Academy

The National Association of Counties ([NACo](#)) [High Performance Leadership Academy](#) is an online 12-week program that will empower frontline county government professionals with the tools to develop talent and promote employee retention. The program is designed for county professionals, specifically entry to mid-level county staff.

Participants will have the opportunity to use an online, interactive learning platform to engage in live events, video sessions and breakout group discussions.

5 reasons for enrollment in the Professional Development Academy

1. Drive employee retention (90%)
2. Generate higher performance outcomes (90%)
3. Increase employee engagement (90%)
4. Establish greater sense of value, connection and appreciation (90%)
5. Develop an pipeline of talent based that drives attraction of top talent for future recruitment (90%)

5 key points to remember

1. New opportunity (90%)
Do not miss out on this unique opportunity to gain valuable professional development, earn CPE credits, and receive a certificate of completion.
2. Membership based model (90%)
This academy is designed to accommodate a large volume of participants from global enterprises.
3. CPE credits (90%)
Qualifies for all existing education credits.
4. Handling more (90%)
New sessions starting September 17th - limited availability.
5. Affordable (90%)
NACo Member Discount: 50% per member. NACo provides a member discount to make this academy more accessible to all.

The 12-week program typically costs \$1,995 per enrollee; NACo secured a discounted rate for members at \$1,495 per enrollee. For the first participant from each member county (*all Arizona counties are members*), NACo will provide a one-time stipend of \$1,000 to subsidize the discounted rate, with a \$495 matching contribution by the participant's county employer. Counties may enroll additional participants at the discounted rate of \$1,495 each.

The curriculum was developed by the [Professional Development Academy](#) in a partnership with Fortune 1000 executives, public sector leaders, world-renowned academics and thought leaders, including General Colin Powell and Dr. Marshall Goldsmith.

For more information regarding registration fees, time commitment and additional details, please [click here](#).

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NACo Webinar: Addressing Health, Hunger, and Poverty

On August 22, 2018 , from 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm (EST) the National Association of Counties (NACo) is hosting a webinar titled [Addressing Health, Hunger, and Poverty: County Approaches to SNAP](#). The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) serves as a domestic hunger safety net and is the nation's largest program for reducing hunger. By partnering with counties, multiple state agencies and community organizations, this federal program provides food assistance and education to many low-income individuals and families. In the ten SNAP county-administered states, counties often contribute substantial local funds to administrative and supplemental costs of the program. The webinar will explore how counties are using SNAP to address poverty and increase access to nutritious healthy foods in their communities. This webinar will feature an overview of the SNAP program, and will highlight county examples of work being done on SNAP through county agencies and local county partnerships.

For more information and to register for this webinar, please [click here](#).

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