

BALLOT PROPOSITION #105
Majority Rules – Let the People Decide

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Description

Proposition 105 would amend the Arizona Constitution to prohibit an initiative measure from establishing or increasing a tax or fee, or creating any mandatory spending obligation, unless the measure is approved by a majority of qualified registered voters.

Estimated Impact

The fiscal impact cannot be determined in advance. Ballot propositions are currently approved by a majority of votes cast on a measure. By increasing the current vote threshold for an initiative that increases a tax or fee or creates a mandatory spending obligation, Proposition 105 may reduce the number of such initiatives that are approved in the future.

Analysis

Proposition 105 would not affect existing law. If this proposition had been law prior to 1998, it would have prevented the passage of the initiatives shown in *Table 1*. These initiatives either raised a tax or fee or imposed a mandatory spending obligation, and while they were approved with a majority of votes cast, none were approved by a majority of registered voters.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Proposition #</u>	<u>Subject</u>
2000	200	Tobacco settlement money; health insurance
	204	AHCCCS; funding; health; nutrition and prevention programs
2002	202	Tribal-state gaming compacts
2006	201	Smoke-free Arizona
	203	Early childhood development; \$0.80 increase of tobacco tax

No initiative, with or without a fiscal impact, received votes from a majority of registered voters between 1998 and 2006.

Local Government Impact

None

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