BALLOT PROPOSITION #106 Fair Districts, Fair Elections

Publicity Pamphlet Fiscal Impact Summary

Proposition 106 allocates \$6,000,000 from general state revenue to the redistricting commission for use in the redistricting process that begins in 2001. Redistricting expenses are incurred once every ten years after the completion of the decennial census. If the Proposition is not approved, the current method of redistricting will continue to require funding. The sum of \$3,000,000 has already been enacted into law for the current process.

	FISCAL YEAR		
	2001	2002	2003
STATE EXPENDITURES			
State General Fund	\$6,000,000	\$-0-	\$-0-

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Description

Proposition 106 amends the Arizona Constitution to establish an independent Redistricting Commission to redraw the boundaries for Arizona's legislative and congressional districts. Currently, the Constitution provides that the Arizona Legislature draw the boundaries. The commission would redraw the boundaries based on the ten-year census. The Proposition allocates \$6,000,000 to the commission for use in the redistricting process.

Estimated Impact

Proposition 106 has a \$6,000,000 impact to the state General Fund in FY 2001.

Analysis

Proposition 106 requires the State Treasurer to make \$6,000,000 available to the Commission to establish congressional and legislative districts based on the 2000 census. The Commission is given authority to expend this amount on staff and consultants including legal representation. Redistricting software and equipment will also likely need to be purchased. The Proposition requires that any unexpended monies be returned to the General Fund.

The redistricting process is conducted once every ten years after the completion of a decennial census. The Proposition provides that commission expenses for future redistricting will be appropriated by the Legislature.

If the Proposition is not approved, the current method of redistricting will continue to require funding. The sum of \$3,000,000 has already been appropriated to the Legislature for the current process.

Local Government Impact

There is no estimated impact on local governments.

A.R.S. § 19-123 requires the Joint Legislative Budget Committee Staff to prepare fiscal impact estimates for ballot initiative measures. This estimate was prepared by Chris Earnest (602-542-5491).