

2014 CSA Legislative Issues & Proposals for Consideration

2014 CSA Proposed Principle Policy Directions

Budget. Protect and enhance county fiscal situations by continuing opposition to state cost/programmatic shifts and diversion of revenues and advocating for restoration where feasible. Examples include:

- Statutorily re-establish counties' share of the State Lottery Revenues.
- Fully eliminate county payments for housing and treatment of Sexually Violent Persons at ASH.
- Fully fund the HURF and consider revenue enhancement options for transportation purposes.

Local Authorities. Protect and advance administrative and fiscal authorities necessary to manage county operations to meet local needs and oppose efforts to restrict or diminish board authority and local control.

Legislative Submissions Received to Date:

1. **Special District Fees** (Yavapai County): expand fee authority to include both capacity and use fees for domestic water and domestic wastewater improvement districts. (Part of CSA Legislative Package for 2013)
2. **Fire Districts Elections** (Yavapai County): conform fire district reorganization statute to other special district election statutes. (Part of CSA Legislative Package for 2013)
3. **Court Ordered Evaluations; Federal Payments** (Yavapai County): adjust state statute to reflect the state's ability to seek federal payment for Court Ordered Evaluation, shifting the county from payer of first resort to payer of last resort.
4. **PEVL and Mail Ballot Elections** (Yavapai County): permit a county to switch to a mailed in ballot election if 50 percent or more of their registered voters are on the county's Permanent Early Voter List (PEVL).
5. **Armed Forces; Adoption relief** (Cochise County): eliminate the requirement that the child be physically present at the time the petition is filed if the petitioner or spouse is a member of the military serving abroad so long as they lived in Arizona for at least six months before being stationed abroad.
6. **Primitive Roads** (Cochise County): permit counties to designate substandard roads as "Primitive Road" if they were opened prior to June 13, 1990. **Refer to the County Engineers for consideration and possible administrative options.**
7. **Fireworks** (Coconino County): permit counties to regulate the sale and use of fireworks in unincorporated areas of the county when Stage 1 fire restrictions are put in place by a federal or state agency.
8. **Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax** (Coconino County): raise the state motor vehicle fuel tax for transportation.
9. **Administrator; Indigent Legal Services** (Coconino County): codify the county's practices of collaborating with courts to appoint an administrator to oversee the contracting and costs of indigent legal services.
10. **Group Home Disbursement Rate** (Coconino County): restore the amount paid to the state for residents of group homes from 88 percent to 70 percent.
11. **The Arizona State Lake Improvement Fund** (Mohave County): require the state parks to distribute fifty percent of the Arizona State Lake Improvement Fund to local governments to fund projects on waters where gasoline powered boats are permitted.
12. **County Attorney; Civil Actions** (La Paz): permit the Board of Supervisors to hire outside counsel to represent the Board and county administrative offices (?) in civil legal matters.
13. **County Seals** (Gila County): Amend state statute to protect the integrity of county seals and preventing unauthorized use.
14. **Flexibility Language** (Navajo County): Extend the budgetary "Flexibility Language" to use any source of county revenue, to meet a county fiscal obligation for FY 2015.
15. **County abatements; property liens** (Mohave County): Preserve nuisance abatement liens and dangerous property abatement liens from extinguishing on foreclosure of property taxes by investors.