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Legislative Bulletin: Issue 8 – March 9, 2026



Legislative Update:

Welcome to the ninth week of the legislative session. A total of 2,120 legislative measures have been introduced. To date, the legislature has passed 14 bills, three of which were signed by the Governor and 11 of which were vetoed.

House Rejects Two Bills Opposed by Cities and Towns

Cities and towns secured an important win last week as the Arizona House rejected two measures opposed by the League that would have altered municipal revenues and infrastructure funding tools.

The House voted 24–31 against **HB 2290: TPT; sourcing; business location; receipt (Olson)**, which proposed a major shift in how transaction privilege tax (TPT) revenue from online sales is distributed. Current Arizona law sources online transactions to the delivery location of the purchaser, ensuring communities receive tax revenue when goods are delivered to their residents. HB 2290 would have moved many of those transactions to an origin-based system, directing revenue to the location of the seller or distribution facility instead. Municipal officials raised concerns that the change would create administrative complexity for businesses, increase taxes for some residents,

particularly those living in counties or lower-tax communities, and shift revenue away from many municipalities.

The House also rejected **HB 2946: municipalities; counties; development fees (Powell)** on a 26–30 vote. The measure proposed several changes to Arizona’s development fee statutes that could limit the ability of cities and towns to collect proportionate fees needed to fund infrastructure for new growth. While amendments were offered before floor debate, municipalities remained concerned that the legislation would restrict local authority and complicate infrastructure planning.

Reconsideration motions were successfully passed on both measures, so municipal officials are encouraged to remain engaged with their legislative delegations as these issues may continue to be discussed in the coming weeks.

Photo Radar Update

Last week, the Arizona House approved **HCR 2004: photo enforcement systems; prohibition. (Martinez)** on a 37–19 vote, advancing a ballot referral related to the use of photo enforcement systems. The measure mirrors **SCR 1004**, sponsored by Senator Rogers, which is also moving through the legislature. Legislative leaders will ultimately determine which version advances to the ballot, where voters could consider the proposal in the upcoming general election.

While the League opposed the legislation as originally introduced, subsequent amendments significantly improved the proposal. The current version avoids a statewide prohibition on photo enforcement systems and instead allows local residents to determine whether these tools should continue to be used in their communities.

If approved by voters this November, cities that currently operate photo enforcement systems would have to hold an election in 2028 to determine whether the technology may continue to be used. Communities would then be required to seek voter reauthorization every ten years in order to maintain the program.

Upcoming Hearings

SB 1271: businesses; crime reporting; penalty; prohibition (Gowan)

House Committee on Judiciary

Prohibits a municipality from imposing fines or other penalties on a business or commercial entity based on the number or frequency of requests for public safety assistance or emergency services or the value of property that is damaged or stolen. Allows a municipality to impose penalties only if the requests are malicious, knowingly false or frivolous and the municipality has provided written notice identifying prior improper requests. Specifies these provisions do

not apply to false alarm ordinances adopted by municipalities to mitigate unnecessary expenditure of public safety resources.

Position: **NEUTRAL**

Hearing: March 11, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in HHR 4

SB 1448: aggravated assault; utility workers (Shope)

House Committee on Judiciary

Expands the definition of aggravated assault to include assaults committed against an employee of a public utility, a licensed telecommunications provider, or a licensed video service provider while engaged in the employee's work duties.

Position: **SUPPORT**

Hearing: March 11, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in HHR 4

Session Deadlines

Every session has deadlines pertaining to bill submissions and hearings. These are established by Senate and House rule and are subject to change. This year's schedule is as follows:

March

Friday 3/27: Last day for consideration of bills in opposite chamber

April

Friday 4/17: Last day for consideration of bills in conference committee

Tuesday 4/21: 100th Day of Session

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