

English mirror of the Spanish guide.

Arizona 2026 Voter Guide

General election: Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2026 · In-person early voting: through Friday, Oct. 30

I'm a Latina from California. My rule is simple: every fact has a source, so you can check it and decide for yourselves. Bracketed numbers [S#] match the source list at the end. When I give an opinion, I say so.

This is **one statewide guide**: dates, ID, mail voting, every statewide race and the 8 statewide propositions. For Congress, the Legislature and local races, see your sample ballot at **Arizona.Vote** or your county.

Source note: the main source is the Arizona Secretary of State's official *2026 General Election Guide* (Spanish [S1], English [S2]). The SOS candidate-listing site blocked automated downloads, so candidates come from Maricopa County's official sample ballot [S4].

1. Key dates

What	Date	Source
Voter registration deadline	Mon. Oct. 5, 2026, 11:59 p.m. (passed)	[S2] [S3]
Early voting begins; mail ballots sent	Wed. Oct. 7, 2026	[S2] [S3]
Last day to request a mail ballot or join the AEVL	Fri. Oct. 23, 2026	[S2]
Recommended mail-back window	7–10 days before Election Day (Oct. 24–27)	[S2]
Last day of in-person early voting	Fri. Oct. 30, until 7 p.m.	[S2]
Emergency voting	Oct. 30 (7 p.m.) – Mon. Nov. 2 (5 p.m.); ask your county	[S2]
Election Day	Tue. Nov. 3, 2026, 6 a.m.–7 p.m.	[S2]
Mail ballot must arrive at your county	by 7 p.m. Nov. 3	[S2]

2. ID to vote in person

Per the state's official guide [S2]: - **List 1 (photo)**: one ID with photo, name and address: valid Arizona driver's license, Arizona non-operating ID, tribal ID, or valid federal/state/local government ID. - **List 2 (non-photo)**: two documents with name and address, e.g., a utility bill (electric, gas,

water, phone, cell, cable) dated within 90 days; bank statement within 90 days; Arizona vehicle registration; Arizona vehicle insurance card; property tax statement; county voter registration card; or mail marked "Official Election Material." May be shown on a phone. - **List 3 (combination):** one from List 1 plus one from List 2 (e.g., a passport without address plus a utility bill). - **Without sufficient ID you can't be turned away:** you vote a conditional provisional ballot. Ask your county how and when to show ID so it counts. - **Proposition 144** (section 6) would change ID rules **starting in 2028**, not this election [S2].

3. Voting by mail

- Any registered voter can get a mail ballot: join the **Active Early Voting List (AEVL)** or make a one-time request at [Arizona.Vote](https://arizona.vote) or with your County Recorder, **by Oct. 23** [S2].
- Use the right envelope, **sign the affidavit envelope**, and add your phone number so the county can reach you about signature issues [S2].
- It must **arrive** by 7 p.m. Nov. 3. Too late to mail? Drop it at your County Recorder's office, an official drop box or any voting location in your county [S2].
- Track it at **trackmyballot.azsos.gov** or [Arizona.Vote](https://arizona.vote) [S2].

In Spanish: Maricopa, Pima, Santa Cruz and Yuma counties must provide Spanish-language election materials under the Voting Rights Act [S2].

4. Statewide races on your ballot

As printed on Maricopa County's official sample ballot [S4] (DEM, REP, GRN = Green, NOL = No Labels; PND as printed). **No U.S. Senate race in Arizona in 2026.**

Office	Candidates
Governor & lieutenant governor (one ticket)	Katie Hobbs (DEM) & John Giles (PND) · Andy Biggs (REP) & Sine Kerr (REP) · Risa Lombardo (GRN) & Lisa Castillo (GRN) · Teri Ann Hourihan (NOL) & Angela Harrolle Mohan (PND)
Secretary of state	Adrian Fontes (DEM) · Alexander Kolodin (REP) · Duwayne Collier (GRN)
Attorney general	Kris Mayes (DEM) · Warren Petersen (REP)
State treasurer	Nick Mansour (DEM) · Elijah Norton (REP)
Superintendent of public instruction	Teresa Leyba Ruiz (DEM) · Kimberly Yee (REP)
Mine inspector	Brian Matlock (DEM) · Walter "Les" Presmyk (REP)
Corporation Commission (pick 2)	Jonathon Hill (DEM) · Clara Pratte (DEM) · Ralph Heap (REP) · Kevin Thompson (REP) · Mike Cease (GRN)
Supreme Court retention (all voters)	John R. Lopez IV — Judicial Performance Review commission: "meets" standards [S2]

5. Governor: their own words and the record

Katie Hobbs (DEM, incumbent) - Official record: on April 18, 2025, vetoed **SB 1164**, the "Arizona ICE Act," which would have set requirements for state and local cooperation with federal immigration authorities, including detainer requests and temporary housing of detainees [S5][S6]. - **FY2027 budget proposal** [S7]: higher standard deduction (\$15,000→\$15,750 single; \$30,000→\$31,500 joint), deductions for tips and overtime, an extra \$6,000 deduction for 65+, a Housing Acceleration Fund, utility-bill assistance, **a \$250,000 household-income cap for universal ESA eligibility** (says it saves \$89.3M), a ban on luxury ESA purchases, and \$590.3M for K-12. - **Per her campaign** [S8]: deployed the Arizona National Guard to the border, created a Border Coordination Office, and delivered \$100M+ in border-security funding to local police.

Andy Biggs (REP, congressman) - Official record: voted **yes** on **H.R. 1** ("One Big Beautiful Bill Act"), passed 218–214 on July 3, 2025 [S9], and **yes** on the **Laken Riley Act** (H.R. 29), passed 264–159 on Jan. 7, 2025 [S10]. - **Per his campaign** [S11]: eliminate the state income tax (now a flat **2.5%** [S12]) and work with local governments to reduce property taxes; lower home-building costs; restore a border strike force against drug and human trafficking; encourage 287(g) participation; "protect" ESAs; sign the election bills Hobbs vetoed.

Also on the ballot: Risa Lombardo (GRN) and Teri Ann Hourihan (NOL) [S4]. Read both in their own words and decide.

6. The 8 statewide propositions

From the official descriptive titles [S2]; summary of a "yes" vote. A "no" vote keeps current law. The pamphlet prints every argument filed for and against; read them in full.

Prop	Type	Official descriptive title (summarized)
141	Constitutional	Bans taxes/fees based on vehicle miles traveled and laws monitoring or limiting miles traveled without consent (exceptions for interstate commercial and government vehicles).
142	Constitutional	Adds detail to the ban on state preferential treatment or discrimination by race, ethnicity or other classes; bars required statements supporting race-based DEI, public money for public-education positions promoting race-based preferences, and race-based discipline. Exceptions apply.
144	Constitutional	Requires government-issued ID to vote in every election, including by mail; option to tabulate your ballot at your voting location on Election Day; bans foreign contributions/spending in Arizona elections; new judicial-review standard that "may make it harder to challenge election laws"; Legislature must fund it. Applies from Jan. 1, 2028 (Legislative Council).
316	Statute	Retroactively bars local governments from adopting or raising a grocery tax July 1, 2025–June 30, 2027; afterward only with voter approval and a 2% cap.
317	Statute	Declares drug cartels terrorist organizations and directs the Arizona Department of Homeland Security to address them; clarifies it doesn't support asylum claims.
318	Statute	Public and private schools and athletic associations must designate teams by biological sex recorded at birth; bars authorizing use of private spaces (e.g., restrooms) not designated for a person's sex; lets athletes sue.

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319	Statute	Bans traffic photo enforcement unless under contract by Dec. 31, 2026; local governments need voter approval to continue, renewed every 10 years.
320	Statute	Districts with 7,500+ students, or in a county of 500,000+ people, must spend at least 60% of operational spending on direct instruction; non-compliant districts lose 25% a year of Classroom Site Fund money, with limited waivers.

Prop 105 (1998): if approved, 316–320 can be changed only by a three-fourths vote of each house and only to further their purpose [S2].

7. Cost of living: Arizona vs. California

My opinion, as a Latina from California: protect what you have. Here are the numbers:

Item	Arizona	California	Source
Residential electricity, July 2026	15.38¢/kWh (15.34¢ July 2025)	33.61¢/kWh	[S13]
Median owner-occupied home value (2020–24)	\$394,500	\$734,700	[S14]
Median gross rent (2020–24)	\$1,543	\$2,036	[S14]
Median household income (2020–24)	\$79,964	\$99,122	[S14]
Uninsured, under 65	12.5%	6.9%	[S14]
Population change, Apr. 2020–Jul. 2025	+6.5%	–0.5%	[S14]
State income tax	flat 2.5%	1%–12.3%; 9.3% from \$72,724 (single)	[S12] [S15]

Phoenix-area CPI rose **2.5%** from Aug. 2025 to Aug. 2026 (187.112 → 191.724) [S16]. **I found no official weekly gasoline average for Arizona** (EIA publishes weekly averages for only some states), so I give none.

8. Border: CBP data

CBP encounters in Arizona by month (official by-state file, FY2023–FY2026) [S17]: Dec. 2023 (highest month in the file) 91,331 · Jul. 2024 17,456 · Feb. 2025 1,946 · Aug. 2026 2,024. FY2024: 563,980; FY2025: 65,747; FY2026 through August: 21,504. The drop began in mid-2024 and continued in 2025; the file counts encounters and doesn't explain causes.

9. Schools

- **ESAs:** 108,688 students enrolled for 2026–27 as of Oct. 19, 2026; ADE notes the figure is still in flux (about 7,000 eligible renewals incomplete) [S18].

- Hobbs proposes a \$250,000 income cap for universal eligibility [S7]; Biggs pledges to "protect" ESAs [S11].
- **Prop 320** is in section 6. **Superintendent:** Teresa Leyba Ruiz (DEM) vs Kimberly Yee (REP) [S4].

Check the facts and decide for yourselves. This guide does not tell you how to vote.

Sources

Same list as the Spanish guide: [S1] Spanish pamphlet <https://storageccec.blob.core.usgovcloudapi.net/public/docs/1534-2026AZPublicityPamphletSpanish.pdf> · [S2] English pamphlet <https://storageccec.blob.core.usgovcloudapi.net/public/docs/1533-2026AZPublicityPamphlet-English.pdf> · [S3] <https://azsos.gov/elections/election-information/2026-election-info> · [S4] <https://www.scottsdaleaz.gov/docs/default-source/scottsdaleaz/elections/2026sampleballot.pdf> · [S5] <https://azgovernor.gov/office-arizona-governor/news/2025/04/governor-katie-hobbs-legislative-action-update-5> · [S6] https://www.azleg.gov/legtext/57leg/1R/summary/S.1164MABS_ASVETOED.DOCX.htm · [S7] <https://azgovernor.gov/office-arizona-governor/news/2026/01/governor-katie-hobbs-releases-fy2027-executive-budget-proposal> · [S8] <https://katiehobbs.org/meet-katie/> · [S9] <https://clerk.house.gov/Votes/2025190> · [S10] <https://clerk.house.gov/Votes/20256> · [S11] <https://biggsforarizona.com/issues/> · [S12] <https://azdor.gov/forms/individual-income-tax-highlights> · [S13] https://www.eia.gov/electricity/monthly/epm_table_grapher.php?t=epmt_5_06_a · [S14] <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/AZ,CA/HSG495224> · [S15] <https://www.ftb.ca.gov/forms/2025/2025-540-tax-rate-schedules.pdf> · [S16] <https://data.bls.gov/timeseries/CUURS48ASA0> · [S17] <https://www.cbp.gov/sites/default/files/2026-09/nationwide-encounters-fy23-fy26-aug-state.csv> · [S18] <https://www.azed.gov/esa>