



Ballot Argument in Support of Proposition 132

Proposition 132 puts in place important taxpayer protections. Under current law, a ballot proposition whether it be an initiative or referral, requires only a simple majority of the votes to raise taxes or create an entirely new tax.

This means that just over 50% of voters could raise YOUR taxes. This could potentially affect you if your home has increased in value since you purchased it, if your income is deemed to be “too high” or your business “too successful.” It could occur if you choose to engage in lawful activities that are deemed to be “bad” or “undesirable.”

The State Senators and Representatives who we elect to represent us at the Arizona State Capitol do not even hold this much power. In fact, for the legislature to increase taxes, both the House of Representatives and the State Senate must approve the tax by a two-thirds vote; that’s about 67% of all legislators!

Proposition 132 would reduce the risk of voters raising your taxes by requiring that ballot propositions that raise taxes be passed by at least 60% of voters, rather than just one vote over 50%. This may not sound like a big difference, but many tax raising propositions in recent elections have passed by barely meeting the simple majority threshold, at times singling out certain groups of taxpayers for higher taxation than others.

Measures that truly meet with broad approval from Arizona voters will meet and even exceed the 60% threshold that will be applied under Proposition 132. With this protection in place, Arizonans can rest easy that taxes will only go up if and when they enjoy truly broad support and fund government programs and activities valued by a strong majority of voters.

Vote YES to protect taxpayers!