



News from the Secretary of State and Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records

THE ARIZONA CAPITOL MUSEUM PRESENTS A DIGITAL TIMELINE OF THE ARIZONA STATE CONSTITUTION

The Arizona State Constitution was designed to be changed by Arizonans. A new digital timeline makes Arizona's constitutional history accessible online. Historic photographs add context to each amendment year. The timeline links to ballot proposals or "publicity pamphlets" which include the full text amendment, accompanying arguments, and proposed amendments not adopted.

The Arizona State Constitution has been modified by 145 amendments since 1912. While constitutional amendments can originate with the legislature (referendum) or Arizona citizens (initiative); they must ultimately be finalized by the voters. The timeline chronicles the changes made since statehood and links to the changes as reflected in the current state constitution.

Complementing the museum's "We the People of Arizona" exhibit, this new timeline makes Arizona's constitutional history accessible to those who cannot visit in person. The constitution timeline can be used on several levels - browsing for those interested in Arizona history; teaching students about primary sources for school projects; or tracing how issues re-emerge over time. Future enhancements to the online timeline will add more state history as context for the amendments and provide ideas for programs in libraries or schools.

The Capitol Museum hosts more than twenty exhibits that tell the story of Arizona's history and government from Territorial Days to the present. The museum is part of the Arizona State Library, the oldest cultural institution in Arizona dating to the organization of the Territory in 1863. It is a division of the Secretary of State.

For more information, go to: <http://www.lib.az.us/museum/> or call 602.926.3620

Summer Volunteers Needed for the Arizona Capitol Museum

The Arizona Capitol Museum needs your help.

Join our special Summer Volunteer Team and help visitors enjoy Arizona's historic Capitol.

You'll engage with Arizona's history in the building where statehood began, and you'll help us prepare for the state's Centennial year.



If interested, please complete the Volunteer Application linked below or call the Museum Volunteer Coordinator at 602-926-3731.

When completing the online application, please specify: Summer Volunteer.
<http://www.lib.az.us/museum/documents/pdf/VolunteerApp.pdf>

Voter Registration Climbs to 3.2 Million in Arizona

Just as Arizona's number of congressional districts will increase, so has the state's number registered voters. According to Secretary of State Ken Bennett, the latest voter registration figures show an increase of 63,307 since last year's general election.



"People are taking advantage of our EZ voter programs where they can register *online* instead of standing *in line*," said Secretary Bennett. "Combined with the state's early voting system where people can request a mail in ballot, the entire process is more efficient and convenient than ever before."



Protecting Victims of Domestic Violence: New Program Announced by Secretary Bennett

Domestic violence continues to be one of the most troubling problems facing society. Oftentimes, the perpetrator has a tendency to seek out the person who had the courage to press charges, to inflict more mental or physical harm.

The new program will allow, by December 2012, victims of domestic violence, sexual abuse or stalking to keep their residential addresses confidential by giving them a substitute address of the Secretary of State's office.

Positive Step for Secretary Bennett's Planned Defense of Citizenship

The decision by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals to grant a rehearing on *Gonzalez v. Arizona* before the entire membership of the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals comes as great news to many, including Secretary of State Ken Bennett who promised to defend Arizona's Proposition 200 all the way to the Supreme Court.

"Today's decision to grant the petition for a rehearing en banc by the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals is encouraging," said Secretary Bennett "Arizonans obviously believe that people should provide proof of citizenship when they register to vote and we are pleased that the court may reconsider its decision."



Last October, the 9th Circuit in San Francisco struck down Arizona's requirement that residents provide proof of citizenship when they register to vote. Proposition 200 was passed by Arizona voters in 2004 and helps make sure that only eligible people vote in elections. The Court ruled that a federal voter-registration law supersedes Arizona's requirement.

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