

LD19 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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2026 WINS

*Preserving the American Dream
Promoting Public Safety
Protecting Individual Liberties*

Those were the Republican policy priorities for 2026.

Every year, House Majority Leadership and members work with stakeholders and constituents to develop and issue a *Majority Plan* for the ensuing legislative session, setting the vision and providing a benchmark against which members can use to introduce and advance bills.

At the end of each session, Leadership then issues a *Majority Report*, detailing the Caucus's successes and highlighting the bills that advanced the Majority Plan.

The Majority Report is currently in the final drafting stages and is not yet ready for distribution. However, a final copy will be ready soon.

Until then, the members of Legislative District 19 give you this exclusive insider look at some of the Majority policy wins for the 2026 session.

NEW LAWS TAKE EFFECT

Over 2,000 bills were introduced in the Arizona State Legislature this session. Of those, 415 bills made it to the Governor. She signed 264 and vetoed 151. Now that the legislative session is over, the question is: when do those new laws take effect? The answer: Emergency measures that pass with 2/3 vote in both chambers go into effect immediately upon the Governor's signature, while regular bills that get signed go into effect 90 days after the day the Legislature adjourns. This year, the Legislature adjourned *sine die* on June 13, 2026, making the general effective date: **September 12, 2026**. Here are some of the *Majority Plan* bills that will take effect on September 12:

PRESERVING THE AMERICAN DREAM

- **FY26 BUDGET** – Delivered nearly \$1.43 billion in tax relief to Arizonans through full conformity with the federal One Big Beautiful Bill, including a 25% increase in the Child Tax Credit and a new dependent care deduction. **Effective next fiscal year.**
- **FY26 BUDGET** – Invested \$6 million in Arizona's Colorado River Litigation Fund, bringing the state's war chest to \$9 million. **Effective with FY27 budget.**
- **FY26 BUDGET** – Expanded and made permanent among the most generous disabled veterans' property tax relief in the nation. **Effective with FY27 budget.**
- **HB2756** – Establishes reporting requirements and ratepayer protections related to data centers, ensuring growth pays for growth. **Effective Sept. 12.**
- **HB2947** – Requires greater transparency in city and county development fees, reducing the cost of homes for the next generation of buyers. **Effective Sept. 12.**

PROMOTING PUBLIC SAFETY

- **HB2370** – Allows schools to upgrade and enhance their weapons detection systems without waiting for prior governing board approval. **Effective Sept. 12.**
- **HB2665** – Increases the penalties and reduces the threshold for fentanyl trafficking; increases penalties for sexual extortion of children ("Cade's Law"). **Effective Sept. 12.**
- **HB2762** – All food products made with lab grown or cell cultivated meat must be clearly labeled as "lab grown" or "cell cultivated." **Effective Sept. 12.**
- **HB2992** – Established a Child Sexual Abuse and Assault Awareness and Prevention Pilot Program in Arizona schools. **Effective with FY27 Budget.**
- **HB2995** – Passed the "Alec and Lydia Act" to prioritize the safety of domestic violence victims and children in family court. **Effective Sept. 12.**
- **HB4001** – Sets stricter guidelines and penalties for advertising smokeless tobacco and alternative nicotine products to minors. **Effective Sept. 12.**

PROTECTING INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS & LIBERTIES

- **HB2022** – Modernized Arizona's primary election calendar and strengthened mail-in ballot curing and observer access. **Emergency: effective now.**
- **SB1479** – To prevent deed fraud, requires valid photo ID when recording documents in-person at the county recorder's office. **Effective Sept. 12.**
- **SB1206** – Bans insurance adjustors and contractors from soliciting storm-damaged homeowners while an emergency is still active. **Effective Sept. 12.**