

# Arizona US Governor 2026

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| <b>ABORTION</b><br>Ban or legal?                                                            | <b>Ban.</b> <a href="#">Sponsored</a> federal <a href="#">legislation</a> to ban abortion nationwide. <a href="#">Voted</a> to <a href="#">introduce</a> criminal penalties for health care <a href="#">practitioners</a> who “[fail] to provide the required degree of care” for an infant who survives an attempted abortion. <a href="#">Called</a> the Supreme Court decision to overturn Roe v. Wade “a major victory for the unborn.”                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>Legal.</b> At her signing of a <a href="#">bill</a> that repealed the 1864 AZ abortion ban, <a href="#">said</a> , “we should recommit to protecting women’s bodily autonomy, their ability to make their own healthcare decisions...to control their lives.” Issued an <a href="#">executive order</a> to <a href="#">block</a> Arizona county attorneys from prosecuting abortion providers.                                                                         |
| <b>CLIMATE CHANGE</b><br>Should climate change be a top priority?                           | <b>No.</b> <a href="#">Voted</a> against a <a href="#">bill</a> with <a href="#">\$369 billion</a> in clean energy investments. <a href="#">Voted</a> to <a href="#">end</a> Biden-era clean energy tax credits. <a href="#">Voted</a> to <a href="#">repeal</a> clean energy provisions. <a href="#">Voted</a> to <a href="#">nullify</a> a Department of Labor rule allowing retirement plans to consider climate change in making investment decisions. <a href="#">Voted</a> to <a href="#">pull back</a> approved federal funding for the <a href="#">Clean Technology Fund</a> , which supports low-carbon technologies in developing countries. | <b>Yes.</b> “Will... <a href="#">build</a> a 21st-century clean energy economy.” Her Energy Promise <a href="#">Taskforce recommends</a> “deployment of cost-effective, readily-deployable utility-scale wind and solar energy projects.” <a href="#">Joined</a> Arizona to a coalition of 25 governors “committed to securing America’s net-zero future by advancing state-led, high-impact climate action.” <a href="#">Seeks</a> development of a 640-acre solar farm. |
| <b>CRIMINAL JUSTICE</b><br>How to ensure effectiveness and fairness in law enforcement?     | <a href="#">Would</a> “fully fund our public safety departments.” <a href="#">Voted</a> against the Native American Child <a href="#">Protection</a> Act. <a href="#">Voted</a> against developing de-escalation <a href="#">techniques</a> for police facing people with mental health issues. <a href="#">Voted</a> against <a href="#">ending</a> the sentencing <a href="#">disparity</a> between offenses for crack & powder cocaine. <a href="#">Introduced</a> a bill to <a href="#">establish</a> mandatory minimum sentences for certain crimes in Washington D.C.                                                                            | <a href="#">Directed</a> the Department of Public Safety to expand trooper patrol coverage with up to 14,000 hours of overtime. <a href="#">Established</a> an independent prison oversight commission. <a href="#">Allotted</a> “more than \$25M to help serve crime victims, improve safety, and reduce future impacts of violent crime.” In 2023 <a href="#">ordered</a> a review of Arizona’s death penalty protocols.                                                |
| <b>EDUCATION</b><br>Use public funding for private and/or for-profit schools?               | <b>Yes.</b> <a href="#">Introduced</a> a <a href="#">bill</a> to allow federal funding for low-income students to go to private or charter schools. <a href="#">Would</a> expand Arizona’s <a href="#">\$1 billion</a> Empowerment Scholarship Account (ESA) program, with state-funded school vouchers that can be spent on private or home schooling, <a href="#">regardless</a> of the recipient’s income.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>No.</b> <a href="#">Opposes</a> the Arizona’s <a href="#">\$1 billion</a> ESA program, with state-funded vouchers that can be spent on private or home schooling, <a href="#">regardless</a> of income. <a href="#">Seeks</a> a \$250,000 household income cap to <a href="#">stop</a> “subsidiz[ing] the rich.” <a href="#">Vetoed</a> a bill that would have opted Arizona into a federal tax credit program to fund private school scholarships.                    |
| <b>ENVIRONMENT</b><br>Loosen or tighten environmental regulation?                           | <b>Loosen.</b> <a href="#">Opposed</a> stricter air pollution restrictions for Maricopa County. <a href="#">Voted</a> to <a href="#">ease</a> environmental permit processes. <a href="#">Voted</a> to <a href="#">undo</a> controls on <a href="#">companies</a> emitting seven major hazardous pollutants. <a href="#">Voted</a> to <a href="#">end</a> a 20-year protection against mining upstream from the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness.                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>Mostly tighten.</b> <a href="#">Endorsed</a> a state bill allowing rural communities to create water management programs to reduce groundwater use & improve aquifer conditions. <a href="#">Joined</a> a lawsuit challenging the EPA’s repeal of a rule limiting toxic air pollutants. <a href="#">Asked</a> the federal government for flexibility in meeting Clean Air Act standards.                                                                               |

| ISSUES                                                                       | BIGGS (R)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | HOBBS (D)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| <b>GUN LAWS</b><br>Loosen or tighten gun laws?                               | <b>Loosen.</b> “ <a href="#">I’ve fought</a> for the Second Amendment in Congress and I’ll protect it as Governor of Arizona.” <a href="#">Sponsored</a> a bill to <a href="#">ban</a> state and local governments from requiring additional safety features in handguns. <a href="#">Sponsored</a> a bill to <a href="#">allow</a> concealed carry of guns across state lines. In 2021, <a href="#">voted</a> against <a href="#">expanding</a> background checks.                                                  | <b>Tighten.</b> “We <a href="#">need</a> common-sense gun reform now.” <a href="#">Vetoed</a> a bill allowing parents with a permit to carry concealed weapons carry them on school campus. <a href="#">Vetoed</a> a bill that would have restricted firearm tracking through government records. <a href="#">Vetoed</a> a bill <a href="#">removing</a> muffling devices on firearms from the list of prohibited weapons in the state law.   |
| <b>HEALTHCARE</b><br>Increase or decrease government support for healthcare? | <b>Mostly decrease.</b> <a href="#">Voted</a> against <a href="#">extending</a> the Affordable Care Act (ACA) subsidies by 3 years. <a href="#">Introduced</a> a bill repealing the ACA; called the ACA a “ <a href="#">complete</a> failure.” <a href="#">Voted</a> for the Big Beautiful Bill, which cut <a href="#">Medicaid funding</a> . <a href="#">Called for</a> funds in the Big Beautiful Bill to be used to expand healthcare access in Arizona’s rural areas.                                            | <b>Increase.</b> <a href="#">Expanded</a> a state <a href="#">program</a> that insures children from low to middle income families not eligible for other health insurance coverage. <a href="#">Joined</a> a multi-state public pharmacy collaborative that offers discounted prescription drug prices. <a href="#">Opposed</a> the Medicaid cuts in the Big Beautiful Bill.                                                                 |
| <b>IMMIGRATION</b><br>How to handle immigration?                             | <a href="#">Would</a> “fund and complete the border wall.” <a href="#">Supports</a> “mass deportations.” <a href="#">Wants</a> federal and local law enforcement agencies to partner on border security. In 2021 <a href="#">voted</a> against <a href="#">giving</a> certain immigrants, including <a href="#">Dreamers</a> , a pathway to permanent residency.                                                                                                                                                     | <a href="#">Created</a> Operation Desert Guardian to <a href="#">expand</a> border security. <a href="#">Struck</a> a budget deal to hire 50 state troopers for immigration enforcement. <a href="#">Vetoed</a> bills that would force local governments to cooperate with ICE.                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>LABOR</b><br>Make it easier or harder for unions to organize workers?     | <b>Harder.</b> <a href="#">Voted</a> against <a href="#">restoring</a> federal employees’ collective bargaining rights. <a href="#">Voted</a> in 2021 against <a href="#">protecting</a> employees’ organizing and collective bargaining rights.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>Easier.</b> “ <a href="#">I grew up</a> in a working-class family, and I am a proud union member.” <a href="#">Opposes</a> a ballot measure to restrict the activities of teachers’ unions and other public <a href="#">employee</a> unions, including firefighters.                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>LGBTQ RIGHTS</b><br>Limit or expand LGBTQ rights?                         | <b>Limit.</b> <a href="#">Voted</a> in 2021 against <a href="#">expanding</a> civil rights protections to include sexual orientation and gender identity. Said the bill “ <a href="#">denies</a> the biological facts that men and women are the two genders.” <a href="#">Voted</a> against <a href="#">enshrining</a> the right to same-sex and interracial marriages in federal law. <a href="#">Sponsored</a> a bill <a href="#">prohibiting</a> transgender students in women’s and girls’ sports in schools.   | <b>Expand.</b> Signed executive orders <a href="#">prohibiting</a> workplace discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity and <a href="#">mandating</a> state employee healthcare coverage for gender-affirming surgeries. <a href="#">Vetoed</a> a bill limiting which restrooms transgender students use at school. “To our LGBTQ+ community: I will always <a href="#">stand up</a> for your freedom to be who you are.” |
| <b>TAXES</b><br>How to handle state taxes?                                   | <a href="#">Would</a> eventually eliminate the state’s income tax “to compete with these other states.” In Congress, <a href="#">twice sponsored</a> a bill <a href="#">replacing</a> the federal income tax with a 23-percent sales tax. Said the bill is a “federal piece of legislation, has <a href="#">nothing</a> to do with the state.” <a href="#">Signed</a> the Taxpayer Protection Pledge to <a href="#">oppose</a> any potential tax increases. “I will <a href="#">never</a> raise taxes on Arizonans.” | <a href="#">Signed</a> a state budget this year that <a href="#">included</a> “\$1.4 billion tax cut for middle class Arizonans,” a three year moratorium on a data center tax credit, and “no taxes on tips and overtime.” <a href="#">Opposes</a> business tax breaks. In 2022 said the state <a href="#">should</a> look at “all the options” on controlling taxes, including lowering or eliminating the income tax.                      |
| <b>VOTING RULES</b><br>Make voting harder or easier?                         | <b>Harder.</b> <a href="#">Sponsored</a> a bill that would <a href="#">require</a> anyone registering to vote in a federal election to provide proof of U.S. citizenship. Wants Arizona <a href="#">to pass</a> a “Florida-style election integrity bill,” which would <a href="#">require</a> certain forms of ID as proof of U.S. citizenship when registering to vote.                                                                                                                                            | <b>Easier.</b> <a href="#">Vetoed</a> a state bill that would have set ID requirements for residents who vote by mail. That <a href="#">ID requirement</a> and other proposed election rules <a href="#">will appear</a> on the November ballot. “ <a href="#">I will</a> always stand up against election deniers and fight to protect the integrity of Arizona’s elections.”                                                                |

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