

AzLA Legislative Report

July 13, 2017

Updates: The Legislature adjourned on May 10th after 122 days in session. Of the 1079 bills introduced by the legislature, 353 bills were passed, 342 were signed by the Governor and 11 were vetoed.

Various bills which passed included school vouchers, election reform and \$9.8 billion dollar approved state budget.

Notable Legislation for AzLA

HB 2369- Repeal; State Boards & Committees (Rep. Shope)

This bill repeals the advisory board of the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records, along with several other boards and commissions as well as makes numerous technical changes. This is a bill backed by the Governor's office as a means to shrink and streamline government. The Governor signed the bill on May 19.

SB 1243- Misconduct Involving Weapons; Public Places (Sen. Kavanagh)

This bill would remove the violation of misconduct involving weapons related to carrying concealed weapons into public buildings. SB1243 would allow persons carrying a firearm with a valid concealed weapons permit into public buildings (all public libraries) and events, unless the building is a "secured facility" with screening equipment and security personnel.

AzLA along with coalition members of the counties and cities were able to hold key Republican members in the Senate (Brophy McGee, Pratt and Worsely) from supporting the bill. After SB 1243 passed the Senate Government committee, the **bill never made it to the Senate floor for a full vote.**

Beyond controversial bills this session, several lawmakers have already announced their plans to move on and bid for higher office in the upcoming 2018 election. These moves have a domino effect, resulting in other lawmakers seeking to fill seats that look to be vacated. Specifically, Sen. Katie Hobbs, (D) Phoenix and current Senate Minority Leader, announced she will run for the office of Secretary of State (which leads the State Library.)

Action/Discussion Items for board meeting: None

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