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ATRA Supports Proposition 132 (HCR2015)

Initiatives; supermajority vote; requirement

Proposition 132 would increase the threshold for voter approved initiatives and referendums to approve a tax to sixty percent. Arizona has a rich history of establishing important public policy through voter approved initiatives and referendums. Proposition 132 will provide an added degree of protection for Arizona taxpayers regarding future efforts to increase taxes in statewide elections.

In 1992, through the Proposition 108 initiative, Arizona citizens voted overwhelmingly to impose a 2/3 vote requirement on tax increases imposed by the Arizona State Legislature. That law has served taxpayers well over the last 30 years.

Adjusted for inflation, Arizona's per capita taxes grew 53% between 1980 and 2020. Our tax system clearly generates ample revenue for state and local governments and efforts to change our tax system at the ballot box run the risk of doing significant long-term damage. Ensuring that future tax increases garner broad public support is good policy and creates needed stability in Arizona's tax code.

Vote YES on Proposition 132!