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Each year Arizona legislators launch a new round of attacks on citizens' initiatives. The 2007 session was no exception to the rule. Although none of the dangerous bills became law, we expect that they will be reintroduced in the 2008 session.

How do these measures impact animals?

Arizona's public initiative process is the best tool we have for protecting animals and their habitat. Arizona's animal protection community has a long history of successful grassroots citizen's initiatives, including the ban on trapping and poisons on public lands, cockfighting, and most recently, Prop 204, which outlawed the cruel confinement of pigs and calves in industrialized livestock operations.

In 1998, not only did voters ban cockfighting but they passed Prop 105, a Constitutional amendment which forbids the Legislature from repealing initiatives passed by voters. Unfortunately that doesn't stop the annual attack on voting rights. In fact several bills introduced would circumvent Prop 105 to allow lawmakers to revoke or amend the very initiatives it protects.

Bills Targeting Citizens' Initiative Process

[HB 2338](#) initiative and referendum; disclosure (Adams; Anderson, Crandall) would have required that paid circulators be paid at a flat hourly rate rather than per signature. Although Prop 204 volunteers collected around 80% of signatures required for the ballot, paid circulators obtained the remaining number to provide a buffer. This bill would not only increase signature costs, but flat fees minimize the incentive for paid petitioners to gather large numbers of signatures, especially under a deadline.

Status: Dead. Passed House, killed in Senate Committee

[HB 2441](#) initiative measures; legislative council review (Adams) required initiatives to be submitted to Legislative Council for review and public hearings. Arizona law requires a state agency to prepare an impartial analysis of each ballot measure, which is then included in the voter publicity pamphlet. In 2006, some Legislative Council Committee members attempted to alter Prop 204 ballot wording based upon their agenda. Fortunately the amendments were killed and the impartial language remained on the ballot.

Status: Dead. Held in House Rules Committee

[HCR 2026](#) initiative review; single subject (Adams) took HB 2441 even further by striking the current separate amendment rule for constitutional amendments. The purpose of the single subject requirement is to prevent logrolling, where multiple issues are combined into one measure. If passed HCR 2026 would have been referred to the 2008 ballot.

Status: Dead. Held in House Rules Committee

[HCR 2002](#) S/E: initiative review; legislative council (Adams; Driggs) was another measure that included HB 2441 language, and would have changed the deadline for filing initiative petitions from four months to seven months before the election. Pushing back the deadline may not impact

wealthy campaigns with paid signature gatherers but will devastate grassroots efforts. It's important to note that this concept has already been rejected when voters defeated Prop 104 by a landslide. So why are legislators reviving this? If passed HCR 2002 would have been referred to the 2008 ballot.

Status: Dead. Held in House Rules Committee

HCR 2012 Proposition 105 voter protection; (Adams; Crandall) would have referred to the ballot a measure authorizing the Legislature to repeal, amend, or supersede an initiative four years after voter approval. This could enable the Legislature to overturn Prop 204, the Humane Farm Law, in four years – before the law even takes effect. And since the bill as written is retroactive, lawmakers could also repeal the citizens' initiative that banned cockfighting.

Status: Dead. Held in House Rules Committee

HCR 2014 initiative and referendum; signature distribution (Adams, Mason: Anderson, et al) stipulated that initiative petition signatures constitute specific percentages from three counties. This measure would make it even more difficult for grassroots groups to collect signatures for ballot measures. If passed this bill would have been referred to the 2008 ballot.

Status: Dead. Held in House Rules Committee

Legislative Scorecard

The 2007 Legislative Session largely centered on measures that targeted voting rights. One bill, if passed by voters, had the potential to nullify the Humane Farms Act. Although voting records are provided on key bills there are no actual points or grades assigned.

A checkmark indicates a pro-animal vote, while an "x" represents an anti-animal vote.

Bill voting records represent one public aspect of the legislative process. However, many factors that affect measures are not subject to public scrutiny. The efforts of lawmakers, lobbyists, and others to influence legislation largely take place within the "hidden" political process. That is why additional actions by lawmakers were also taken into consideration, such as sponsoring bills or influencing the passage or defeat of animal related measures. Only key bills are included in the scorecard; those in which ADLA actively opposed or supported.

Other bills that impact animals are those that affect wildlife habitat. For legislative information on conservation measures, including voting records visit www.arizona.sierraclub.org/.

Star Lawmakers

ADLA wishes to acknowledge those special legislators for their efforts to protect animals and the public initiative process:

Senators Aboud, Meg Burton-Cahill, Chevront, J. Garcia, Landrum Taylor, O'Halleran, Pesquiera, Rios, and Waring.

Representatives Ableser, Alvarez, Bradley, Brown, Cajero Bedford, Chad Campbell, Farley, Gallardo, M. Garcia, Hershberger, Kirkpatrick, Lopes, Lopez, Lujan, McGuire, Meza, Miranda, Prezelski, Saradnik, Schapira, Sinema, Thrasher, Tom, and Ulmer.

Special thanks go to the following lawmakers for their extraordinary efforts: Senator About who was a primary sponsor of SB 1471, which would have increased penalties for leaving the scene of accidents that injure an animal; and SB 1453, which would have banned all animal fighting. Also thanks to Senator Waring who sponsored SB 1229, another animal fighting bill and Senator O'Halleran, who introduced SB 1548, which would have added provisions to the animal cruelty statute. Thanks to Representative Hershberger, who was the only Republican who voted against anti-initiative bill, HB 2338.

And finally, Representatives Ableser and Sinema who were primary sponsors of HB 2536, which would have banned battery cages for hens; and HB 2537, which would have restricted animal testing when alternatives are available. Both of these lawmakers expended additional efforts on behalf of animals and voting rights.

Although none of the animal protection measures passed, we appreciate the efforts of those who introduced and supported humane legislation.

Unfriendly Lawmakers

The following legislators supported measures that would negatively impact animals and/or voting rights:

Senators Arzberger, Bee, Blendu, Burns, Flake, C. Gray, L. Gray, Harper, Huppenthal, and Verschoor.

Representatives Adams, Barnes, Biggs, Boone, Burges, Clark, Crandall, Crump, Driggs, Groe, Kavanagh, Mason, McComish, McClain, Murphy, Nelson, Nichols, Paton, Pearce, Robson, Stump, Tobin, J. Weiers, J.P. Weiers, and Yarbrough.

Both Representatives Crandall and Driggs cosponsored several anti-initiative bills. However, Rep. Kirk Adams stands out as the primary sponsor of every bill targeting voting rights, including the one that could have overturned the Humane Farm Animal Act.

ADLA Needs Your Help

ADLA appreciates the efforts of individuals and nonprofit groups to protect our voting rights. Special thanks go to Arizona Humane Society former CEO Cheryl Naumann and Lobbyist Yvonne Anderson; the League for Conservation Voters, the Arizona Advocacy Network, and especially to Sierra Club Lobbyist Sandy Bahr for her tireless efforts on behalf of Arizona's animals and their habitat.

We also wish to thank the many volunteers that contacted their lawmakers throughout the 2007 session. All of the bills we fought share a common goal: to make it more difficult for citizens to get initiatives on the ballot. Although these measures were defeated, we anticipate that they will be reintroduced in 2008. Again, ADLA and other groups will be asking for your help to stop attacks on citizens' initiatives. If you have not already signed up for ADLA Legislative Alerts, please email legislative@adlaz.org.

Direct democracy has always been a target for legislators, but we must continue to protect our voting rights. We cannot allow politicians to silence our collective voice.

Arizona House of Representatives Scorecard 2007

Representative Name	District	Party	HB 2441	HCR 2002	HCR 2012	HCR 2014	HCR 2026	HB 2338	OTHER	COMMENTS
Ed Ableser	17	D						✓	☺	PS numerous animal protection bills including battery cage ban
Kirk Adams	19	R	x	x	x	x	x	x	☹	PS numerous anti-initiative bills
Manuel V. Alvarez	25	D						✓	☺	CS law enforcement animal bill
Mark Anderson	18	R						x	☹☺	CS anti-initiative bills; CS battery cage bill & law enforcement animal bill
Ray Barnes	7	R	x	x	x	x	x	x		
Nancy K. Barto	7	R						x		
Andy Biggs	22	R						x	☹	CS anti-initiative bill
Tom Boone	4	R	x	x	x	x	x	x		
David Bradley	28	D						✓	☺	PS law enforcement animal bill; CS battery cage bill & animal testing bill
Jack A. Brown	5	D						✓		
Judy M. Burges	4	R						x	☹	CS anti-initiative bill
Jennifer J. Burns	25	R						x	☹☺	CS injured animal bill & law enforcement animal bill; CS anti-initiative bill
Olivia Cajero Bedford	27	D						✓	☺	CS law enforcement animal bill
Chad Campbell	14	D						✓	☺	PS pet emergency bill
Cloves C. Campbell, Jr.	16	D						NV	☺	CS law enforcement animal bill
Doug Clark	6	R						x		
Rich Crandall	19	R	x	x	x	x	x	x	☹	CS anti-initiative bills
Sam Crump	6	R						x		
Mark DeSimone	11	D	PASS	✓	x	x	x	✓		
Adam Driggs	11	R						x	☹	CS anti-initiative bill
Steve Farley	28	D	✓	a	✓	✓	✓	✓	☺	CS battery cage bill & animal testing bill
Eddie Farnsworth	22	R						✓		
Steve M. Gallardo	13	D						✓	☺	CS battery cage bill & animal testing bill
Martha Garcia	13	D	✓	a	✓	✓	✓	✓	☺	CS law enforcement animal bill
Trish Groe	3	R						x	☹	CS anti-initiative bill
Pete Hershberger	26	R						✓		
John Kavanagh	8	R						x		
Ann Kirkpatrick	2	D						✓	☺	PS pro-initiative bill; CS animal fighting and injured animal bills; CS law enforcement animal bill
Bill Konopnicki	5	R						x	☹☺	PS & CS anti-initiative bills; CS law enforcement animal bill
Phil Lopes	27	D						✓	☺	CS battery cage bill & animal testing bill
Linda Lopez	29	D						✓	☺	PS battery cage bill, animal testing bill & law enforcement animal bill
David Lujan	15	D						✓	☺	PS battery cage bill; animal testing bill, pet emergency bill & law enforcement animal bill
Lucy Mason	1	R						x	☹	PS anti-initiative bills

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Marian McClure	30	R							x	☺	CS animal cruelty bill; CS law enforcement animal bill
John McComish	20	R							x	☹	CS anti-initiative bill
Barbara McGuire	23	D							✓		
Nancy McLain	3	R							x	☹	CS anti-initiative bill
Robert Meza	14	D							✓	☺	CS battery cage bill, animal fighting bill; animal testing bill, & injured animal bills
Ben R. Miranda	16	D							✓	☺	CS law enforcement animal bill
Rick Murphy	9	R							x		
John B. Nelson	12	R							x		
Warde V. Nichols	21	R	x	x	x	x	x		x		
Lynne Pancrazi	24	D							✓	☺☹	CS law enforcement animal bill; CS anti-initiative bill
Jonathan Paton	30	R							x		
Russell K. Pearce	18	R							x		
Tom Prezelski	29	D							✓	☺	PS animal testing bill & law enforcement animal bill; CS battery cage bill & injured animal bill
Michele Reagan	8	R							x	☹☺	PS anti-initiative bill; CS animal cruelty bill
Pete Rios	23	D							✓	☺☹	CS law enforcement animal bill; CS anti-initiative bill
Bob Robson	20	R							x	☹	CS anti-initiative bill
Lena S. Saradnik	26	D	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	☺	PS pro-initiative bill; CS law enforcement animal bill
David Schapira	17	D							✓	☺	CS pro-initiative bill, battery cage bill & law enforcement animal bill
Kyrsten Sinema	15	D							✓	☺	PS numerous animal protection bills including battery cage ban
Bob Stump	9	R							x		
Jackie Thrasher	10	D							✓	☺	CS law enforcement animal bill
Andrew M. Tobin	1	R							x		
Albert Tom	2	D							✓	☺	CS battery cage bill
Theresa Ulmer	24	D							✓	☺	CS animal testing bill
Jim Weiers	10	R	x	x	x	x	x		x		
Jerry Weiers	12	R							x		
Steven B. Yarbrough	21	R							x		

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Arizona Senate Scorecard 2007

Senator Name	District	Party	SCR 1015	SCR 1016	SCR 1021	OTHER	COMMENTS
Paula Aboud	28	D				☺	PS animal fighting bill & injured animal bill
Amanda Aguirre	24	D					
Carolyn S. Allen	8	R				☹	PS anti-initiative bill
Marsha Arzberger	25	D				☹	CS dog track simulcast bill
Timothy S. Bee	30	R				☹	PS anti-initiative and dog track simulcast bills
Robert Blendu	12	R				☹	CS anti-initiative and dog track simulcast bills
Robert "Bob" Burns	9	R				☹	PS anti-initiative bill
Meg Burton Cahill	17	D				☺	CS battery cage bill & animal testing bill
Ken Chevront	15	D	✓		✓		
Jake Flake	5	R				☹	PS anti-initiative bill
Jorge Luis Garcia	27	D				☺	CS injured animal bill; CS dog track simulcast bill
Pamela Gorman	6	R					
Ron Gould	3	R	✓		✗		
Chuck Gray	19	R	✗	✗	✗	☹	PS anti-initiative bill
Linda Gray	10	R		✗		☹	PS & CS anti-initiative bills
Albert Hale	2	D	NV		NV		
Jack W. Harper	4	R		✗		☹	PS anti-initiative bills
John Huppenthal	20	R		✗		☹	PS & CS anti-initiative bills
Karen Johnson	18	R	✗		✗	☹☺	PS anti-initiative bills; CS battery cage bill & injured animal bill
Leah Landrum Taylor	16	D		✓			
Barbara Leff	11	R				☹	CS anti-initiative bill
Debbie McCune Davis	14	D					
Richard Miranda	13	D	NV		✓		
Tom O'Halleran	1	R				☺	PS animal cruelty bill
Charlene Pesquiera	26	D				☺	PS injured animal bill
Rebecca Rios	23	D		✓			
Victor Soltero	29	D		✓		☹☺	PS dog track simulcast bill; CS animal fighting bill
Jay Tibshraeny	21	R					
Thayer Verschoor	22	R				☹	CS anti-initiative bill
Jim Waring	7	R	✓			☺	PS animal fighting bill

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