

PROP 13 ARIZONA

LIMITING PROPERTY TAXES

Vote No on Prop 112

Arizona citizens are fortunate to have the initiative process. Many states do not. When the legislature gets out of touch with constituents, we have the right to use the initiative process to change our government to meet our needs. It serves as a check to keep the legislature on our side.

We should never relinquish any of our rights or powers back to the government. That's what Prop 112 does. It reduces our rights and powers. And that's why you should vote No.

Under current law we have a maximum of 20 months to collect petition signatures for initiatives. **Prop 112 reduces signature collection time by 2 months or a full 10%.** That is a sizable reduction. It hurts the true grassroots citizens initiatives like Prop 13 Arizona, initiatives not backed by powerful union interests or the infrastructure spending lobby.

Our current property tax laws are the most complicated and complex in the nation. We are the only state with confusing primary and secondary tax designations. Yet the legislature has done nothing to improve these tax laws since their creation in 1980. It's obvious we will not see change unless we citizens create it through the initiative process.

And we certainly need change.

The Flagstaff Unified School District overcharged property owners by \$1.5 million due to an error. They apologized but aren't giving the money back to those who were taxed beyond the limit of the law.

<http://tinyurl.com/25q5r22>

Many property owners cannot figure out how the Assessor arrived at their assessed valuation. Going through the appeals process shows them how random and arbitrary the assessments are and they see the assessment process as an avenue for government abuse of power. In Apache County they are calling for an expert to hear tax appeals.

The White Mountain Independent reported comments made by Apache County taxpayers at the tax hearings including: "No one can tell me how they got that judgment," "I've attempted to get this before the Assessor's Office before, they won't return phone calls," and "**There's no way to justify the difference in valuations.**" Other comments concerned the lack of information they needed to appear in front of the equalization board.

<http://tinyurl.com/3735beg>

There are better ways to improve the signature verification process than what is proposed in Prop 112. Enforcing current laws and prosecuting those who submit fraudulent signatures would be a good place to start.

Vote No on Prop 112 and protect the power of Arizona's citizens initiatives

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