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2026 AZ Legislative Scorecard: 33%

✓ Constitutional ✗ Unconstitutional — Did not Vote **Vote**

1. Israeli Flag Rule: Amends an existing law that prevents a homeowners' association (HOA) from prohibiting the outdoor display of the "American flag or a uniformed services flag" to include the Israeli flag.



Constitutional: **No** · Cast: **No** · SB1808 · Passed 33–22 · 06/11/2026

2. Prohibiting Sex Mutilation of Children: Would have prohibited physicians or other health professionals from providing a "gender transition procedure" to any person under 18 years old.



Constitutional: **Yes** · Cast: **No** · SB1095 · Passed 31–25 · 06/09/2026

3. Child Care Grant Program: Creates the Child Care Grant Program for Arizona childcare facilities or providers.



Constitutional: **No** · Cast: **Yes** · HB2239 · Passed 38–14 · 03/09/2026

4. Withdrawal From the United Nations: Urges the President and Congress to withdraw the United States from the United Nations.



Constitutional: **Yes** · Cast: **No** · HM2001 · Passed 31–23 · 02/26/2026

5. "Affordable Housing" Tax Credits: Establishes the Rural Development and Housing Tax Credit.



Estimated Cost per household: **-\$0.70/year.**

Constitutional: **No** · Cast: **Yes** · HB2804 · Passed 35–22 · 02/23/2026

6. Article V Convention: Term Limits: Applies to Congress to "call a convention" under Article V of the U.S. Constitution for the purpose of proposing an amendment to set term limits on members of the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate.



Constitutional: **No** · Cast: **No** · HCR2043 · Passed 33–24 · 02/04/2026

Why do these votes matter?

1. Israeli Flag Rule

SB1808 amends an existing law that prevents a homeowners' association (HOA) from prohibiting the outdoor display of the "American flag or a uniformed services flag" to include the Israeli flag.

This bill compels property owners in planned communities or condominiums to accept the public display of a foreign flag. Flags are long-standing symbols of "true faith and allegiance," and no person in America should be permitted to display the Israeli flag or "any other national or international flag *equal*, above, or in a position of superior prominence or honor to, or *in place of*, the flag of the United States *at any place* within the United States" (U.S. Flag Code, Section 7(c)). The American flag is the property of "We the People," who not only have a right to concentrate our national affections, but, in the words of George Washington, "must always exalt the just pride of Patriotism." America's sovereignty as "one Nation" remains under threat from foreign influence, whose treachery seeks to usurp our "Flag" and subvert the "Republic for which it stands." Like the Declaration of Independence, the American flag predates the U.S. Constitution. Representing the heart and soul of our country, "Old Glory" needs to be treated with dignity and respect, not public injury. Pursuant to federal law, as well as the First and 10th Amendments to the U.S. Constitution, Arizona can and must put an end the desecration of America's most revered symbol.

2. Prohibiting Sex Mutilation of Children

SB1095 would have prohibited physicians or other health professionals from providing a "gender transition procedure" to any person under 18 years old.

No person has a right to harm a child, using the pretext of LGBTQ+ ideology. Chemical and surgical sex mutilation is a grotesque practice that not only violates the "unalienable" right to life and limb, but absurdly attempts to erase natural biological functions with fictional "gender identity" constructs. According to the U.S. Constitution's Bill of Rights and 14th Amendment, every State has a duty to defend the basic humanity of its citizens—each of whom is born distinctly male or female, and, as the Declaration of Independence affirms, created equally in the image of God.

3. Child Care Grant Program

HB2239 creates the Child Care Grant Program for Arizona childcare facilities or providers.

Childcare is not the role of government. It is a function that belongs to the family, not the state. Taxation in the name of "childcare" is neither just nor charitable. This bill uses unjust forms of taxation (e.g., income taxes) to supposedly reduce the cost of childcare for "eligible" Arizona families, many of whom have little or no tax liability, at the expense of others—resulting in more debt, dependency, and poverty. The Bill of Rights and the 14th Amendment were written to "promote the general Welfare" of all Americans, not "cradle-to-grave" or "nanny-state" policies that coerce reckless and discriminatory government spending.

4. Withdrawal From the United Nations

HM2001 urges the President and Congress to withdraw the United States from the United Nations.

The United States should fully withdraw from the entire United Nations system, including its funds and programs, specialized agencies, and other related bodies and organizations. The UN poses one of the greatest threats to U.S. national sovereignty and the God-given rights of the American people. Since 1945, the UN Charter, which is completely antithetical to the U.S. Constitution, has established an international framework for expanding global governance, with the ultimate goal of building a one-world state. Americans must reject the "zeitgeist" of globalism and call on Congress and the President to pursue a sound, just, and traditional foreign policy of non-interventionism, based on U.S. interests and the original intent of the Founding Fathers. It's time to *Get US Out!* of the UN.

5. "Affordable Housing" Tax Credits

HB2804 establishes the Rural Development and Housing Tax Credit.

Arizona, let alone the federal government, has no business subsidizing "low-income" housing in rural areas. (In fact, Section 8 in Article I of the U.S. Constitution prohibits Section 8 of the 1937 Housing Act.) The reality is that government has no money of its own to hand out, and taxation disguised as "social welfare" is robbery. There exists no right to "affordable housing" apart from a person earning it themselves or having received it privately and voluntarily from someone else. Our Constitution was intended to "promote the general Welfare" of all Americans, regardless of economic status, by providing "equal protection of the laws" for each person's "unalienable Rights" to "Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." This affords everyone the opportunity and dignity to provide for themselves and their family as expected—whether through their own, individual efforts or the charitable acts of others.

6. Article V Convention: Term Limits

HCR2043 applies to Congress to "call a convention" under Article V of the U.S. Constitution for the purpose of proposing an amendment to set term limits on members of the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate.

Term limits conflict with the right of the American people to choose their representatives. Moreover, efforts to call an Article V convention must be resisted. A constitutional convention (Con-Con) would have the ability to make major changes to the U.S. Constitution, or even completely rewrite it. Instead of risking the danger of a "runaway convention," which could act as a "Trojan horse" to destroy many of the Constitution's limitations on government power, state legislators should uphold their oath of office. In other words, the problem is not the Constitution, but lawmakers' failure to follow it. Article VI requires that all state legislators "shall be bound by Oath or Affirmation, to support this Constitution." Article V, however, was designed to correct potential errors or defects in the Constitution, not to "misconstrue or abuse its powers." State legislators should use Article VI to enforce the Constitution, rather than use Article V to alter or abolish it.