



## **POSITION STATEMENT ON PROPOSITION 134**

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### **Proposition 134 – initiative; referendum; signatures; legislative districts (SCR 1015, 2023)**

If approved by voters, Proposition 134 would amend the Arizona Constitution to require signatures from a certain percentage of qualified electors in each legislative district, rather than in the state as a whole, to propose an amendment to the state constitution or to propose a statewide initiative or referendum.

#### **AZ Impact for Good Position Statement**

AZ Impact for Good AZIFG supports policies that promote and expand the nonpartisan registration, education and participation of voters in the democratic process. Among those policies is the Arizona Constitution's provision granting citizens of our state the power to initiate legislation as either a statute or constitutional amendment. Current laws governing the initiative signature-gathering and verification requirements are already rigorous, making such efforts increasingly expensive. Rather than increase Arizonans' access to direct democracy, Proposition 134 would decrease such access by making it virtually impossible for citizens' groups lacking substantial resources to avail themselves of the initiative process.

### **Supporting Statements from AZ Impact for Good Public Policy Framework**

#### **"Criteria for Implementing Advocacy and Public Policy**

AZ Impact for Good will be guided by its mission, vision and values in all public policy decision making. The AZIFG Policy Council will use the following criteria in developing AZIFG's annual public policy agenda, and in considering whether the organization should engage in policy advocacy on a particular issue:

#### **Impact**

Does the issue positively or negatively affect the interests of the nonprofit and philanthropic sector and the people and communities it serves? Does the issue complement, enhance or discourage philanthropic giving?



### **Support**

Does the position to be taken elicit broad support among AZIFG members?

### **Standing**

Would AZIFG be perceived as a legitimately concerned and appropriate stakeholder for the position to be taken? Would AZIFG members' collective experience, knowledge and voice inform the public policy discussion and foster constructive action?"

### **Supporting Statements from AZ Impact for Good 2024 Public Policy Agenda**

#### **"Guiding Principle: Advancing Nonprofits & Grantmakers' Role in Advocacy**

#### **Advocacy and Lobbying Rights**

AZIFG encourages all nonprofits and grantmakers to engage in nonpartisan advocacy and public policy to support their missions. AZIFG advocates for protection of and education about the advocacy and lobbying rights of eligible nonprofit organizations and efforts to strengthen Arizona nonprofits and grantmakers' ability to engage in the public policy arena. AZIFG will serve as a connector to encourage collaborative advocacy and coalition building among nonprofits and grantmakers. AZIFG also advocates for laws and initiatives that promote and expand nonprofits and grantmakers' role in Arizonans' civic engagement. Specifically, AZIFG supports policies that promote and expand the nonpartisan registration, education and participation of voters in the democratic process."