

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am sitting here today reflecting on the recent Primary election, taking a deep breath and looking forward to the General election in November. I have a thought for you. It might seem extreme to some. It might even make some people who are reading this mad. My thought is, what if everyone voted no on every initiative that is on your ballot.

Why would I be thinking such a thing, you ask! It's simple! The Voter Protection Act! Do you know what it is? Do you know what it does?

In 1998 Arizona voters passed the Voter Protection Act. The Act was and is an amendment to the Arizona Constitution that prevents the Legislature or Governor from changing laws enacted by voters as ballot initiatives. It prohibits the Governor from vetoing an initiative or referendum measure passed by the voters, and only allows legislators to amend ballot measures via a three-fourths vote in the State House and Senate, and only with amendments that further the purpose of the measure.

Once the voters approve an initiative it is extremely difficult, maybe even impossible to undo. Educate yourself, know what you are voting for. Beware of unintended consequences buried in the verbiage of an initiative.

Trust your State Legislature and the Arizona Corporation Commission to legislate for you. After all, you voted them in. If you don't like the job they are doing you can vote them out!