

You win some and you lose some!

Last month I shared with you a few bills that the East Valley Chamber of Commerce was following: HCR 2005, SCR 1023, SB1451 and SB1085.

I'm sorry to say that HCR 2005 and SCR 1023 did not make it but SB1451 and SB 1085 are making it through the process and will more than likely make it to the Governor's desk.

If you recall from my last article HCR 2005, SCR 1023 and SB1451 were bills asking for procedural changes to how signature gatherers for statewide ballot measures collected signatures, where they should be collecting signatures and called for signature gatherers to be registered and undergo a background check.

We won with SB1451 that will require a signature gatherer to undergo a background check. We didn't win with where signatures should be gathered. We would have liked to see a certain percentage of signatures to come from every voting district in Arizona. To us it seemed like the current process of signature gatherers hanging out in populated areas like professional sporting events to collect the required number of signatures needed was unfair to rural parts of Arizona.

Alas, you win some and you lose some! We are happy that the state of Arizona will take a step towards initiative reform with SB 1451.