



ASBA 2013 Legislative Scorecard

A common phrase heard on the campaign trail is "I support Arizona small businesses!" But just how supportive were your state Senator and Representatives during this legislative session? What matters is how lawmakers vote, not what is said during campaign rallies.

An important activity in ASBA's public policy work is tracking how lawmakers voted in support of our Legislative Agenda and bills that were a top priority. Lawmakers are kept apprised of ASBA's position and reasoning on priority bills through various communications during the legislative session and prior to floor votes being taken. Floor votes are what we track on this scorecard, and they take place when a bill makes its way through the law making process, arrives to the Committee of the Whole (COW) in both the House and Senate and is voted upon.

"All members have an equal opportunity to vote on floor votes, so this is the most objective method of tracking how members of the legislature voted on issues important to Arizona small businesses," stated ASBA CEO, Rick Murray.

ASBA had eight priority bills during the 2013 legislative session, all of which received floor votes in both chambers and were used to score legislators on this scorecard.





2013 Voting record of the members of the Arizona Senate

Senator:	LD	Party	HB 2111	HB 2147	HB 2324	HB 2336	HB 2599	SB 1168	SB 1169	SB 1233	Voting Record
Ed Ableser	26	D	Y	N	Y	Y	NV	NV	NV	Y	50%
Nancy Barto	15	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Andy Biggs	12	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
David Bradley	10	D	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	88%
Judy Burges	22	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Olivia Cajero Bedford	3	D	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	NV	NV	Y	63%
Rich Crandall	16	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Chester Crandell	6	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	NV	75%
Adam Driggs	28	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Steve Farley	9	D	Y	N	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	75%
Steve Gallardo	29	D	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	88%
Gail Griffin	14	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Katie Hobbs	24	D	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	88%
Jack Jackson Jr.	7	D	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	88%
Leah Landrum Taylor	27	D	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	88%
Linda Lopez	2	D	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	88%
John McComish	18	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Barbara McGuire	8	D	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	88%
Al Melvin	11	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Robert Meza	30	D	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	88%
Rick Murphy	21	R	NV	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	75%
Lynne Pancrazi	4	D	Y	NV	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	63%
Steve Pierce	1	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Michele Reagan	23	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	88%
Don Shooter	13	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Anna Tovar	19	D	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	88%
Kelli Ward	5	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	88%
Bob Worsley	25	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	88%
Steve Yarbrough	17	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Kimberly Yee	20	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%

D - Democrat | R - Republican | Y - Yes | N - No | NV - No Vote



2013 Voting record of the members of the Arizona House of Representatives

Representative:	LD	Party	HB 2111	HB 2147	HB 2324	HB 2336	HB 2599	SB 1168	SB 1169	SB 1233	Voting Record
John Allen	15	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Lela Alston	24	D	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	88%
Brenda Barton	6	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	88%
Sonny Borrelli	5	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Paul Boyer	20	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Kate Brophy McGee	28	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Chad Campbell	24	D	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	88%
Mark A. Cardenas	19	D	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	88%
Heather Carter	15	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	88%
Doug Coleman	16	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Lupe Chavira Contreras	19	D	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	88%
Andrea Dalessandro	2	D	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	88%
Jeff Dial	18	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Juan Carlos Escamilla	4	D	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	88%
Karen Fann	1	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Eddie Farnsworth	12	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Tom Forese	17	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Rosanna Gabaldón	2	D	Y	N	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	75%
Ruben Gallego	27	D	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	88%
Sally Ann Gonzales	3	D	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	75%
Doris Goodale	5	R	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	88%
David M. Gowan Sr.	14	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Rick Gray	21	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Albert Hale	7	D	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	88%
Lydia Hernandez	29	D	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	88%
John Kavanagh	23	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Adam Kwasman	11	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	88%
Jonathan Larkin	30	D	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	88%
Debbie Lesko	21	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
David Livingston	22	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	88%
Phil Lovas	22	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Stefanie Mach	10	D	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	88%
Debbie McCune Davis	30	D	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	75%

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2013 Voting record of the members of the Arizona House of Representatives (continued)

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Juan Mendez	26	D	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	75%
J.D. Mesnard	17	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Eric Meyer	28	D	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	88%
Catherine H. Miranda	27	D	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	88%
Darin Mitchell	13	R	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	88%
Steve Montenegro	13	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	88%
Justin Olson	25	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Ethan Orr	9	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Lisa Otondo	4	D	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	88%
Jamescita Peshlakai	7	D	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	88%
Warren Petersen	12	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Justin Pierce	25	R	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	88%
Frank Pratt	8	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Martin J. Quezada	29	D	Y	N	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	75%
Bob Robson	18	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Macario Saldate IV	3	D	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	88%
Carl Seel	20	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Andrew Sherwood	26	D	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	88%
T.J. Shope	8	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Steve Smith	11	R	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	88%
Victoria Steele	9	D	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	88%
David W. Stevens	14	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Bob Thorpe	6	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Andy Tobin	1	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Kelly Townsend	16	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Michelle Ugenti	23	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	NV	75%
Bruce Wheeler	10	D	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	88%

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2013 Priority bills in detail



HB 2111: Transaction Privilege Tax Change

Sponsor: Rep. Debbie Lesko, LD 21

Summary: This is the Transaction Privilege Tax (TPT) simplification bill that intends to significantly reform how sales taxes are collected in Arizona. The intent of the bill is to provide Arizona businesses with, and return Arizona to, a single organization that manages all tax and audit activities. The Arizona Department of Revenue would be charged with creating an online portal to provide a single location to get a TPT permit, file TPT returns and make TPT payments for all jurisdictions in the state.

Result: After much debate and compromise, HB 2111 passed out of the House with a 58-1 vote, passed out of the Senate with at 29-0 vote and was signed into law by the Governor.



HB 2147: Unemployment Benefits; Proof; Eligibility

Sponsor: Rep. Warren Petersen, LD 12

Summary: This bill is the latest effort to reform how unemployment benefits are delivered in Arizona and attempts to level the playing field where businesses have been at a disadvantage. This bill provides much needed relief to Arizona businesses by shifting the burden of proof on an applicant who resigned their employment but claims they were fired. Unemployment insurance applicants, rather than the employer, will have to demonstrate that they involuntarily left employment.

Result: HB 2147 passed out of the House with a 34-24 vote, passed out of the Senate with a 17-12 vote and was signed into law by the Governor.



HB 2324: TPT Exemption; Leases; Affiliated Companies (Municipal Tax Code; Leases)

Sponsor: Rep. Eddie Farnsworth, LD 12

Summary: This bill exempts commercial leases from TPT tax when the owner of the business and the building being leased is one in the same. Municipalities and special taxing districts are prohibited from levying a transaction privilege or use tax on gross income derived from leasing real property between affiliated companies, businesses or persons, or by a reciprocal insurer. Cities that do collect such taxes may continue to require payment until October of 2013.

Result: HB 2324 passed out of the House with a 58-0 vote, passed out of the Senate with a 29-0 vote and was signed into law by the Governor.



HB 2336: Taxation; Retail Classification; Cash Equivalents

Sponsor: Rep. Tom Forese, LD 17

Summary: This bill exempts a number of items referred to as "cash equivalents" purchased in advanced in a dollar value denomination from retail TPT tax. These cash equivalents are gift cards, vouchers, money orders and traveler's checks. No TPT is paid to buy a gift card, but TPT is paid when a gift card is used to purchase goods.

Result: HB 2336 passed out of the House with a 59-0 vote, passed out of the Senate with a 29-0 vote and was signed into law by the Governor.



HB 2599: Procurement Code; Amendments

Sponsor: Rep. Justin Pierce, LD 25

Summary: This bill amends Arizona's procurement code to more closely scrutinize state employees involved in purchasing decisions who move back and forth between government and private sector jobs. The bill also makes technical changes in how the state selects the winner of an RFP, and its overall intent is for government to operate more like the private sector.

Result: HB 2599 passed out of the House with a 59-0 vote, passed out of the Senate with a 24-0 vote and was signed into law by the Governor.



2013 Priority bills in detail (continued)

SB 1168: Internal Revenue Code Conformity

Sponsor: Steve Yarbrough, LD 17

Summary: This bill makes changes to Arizona's income tax laws to ensure that they conform to the federal IRS code in effect as of January 1, 2013.



Result: SB 1168 passed out of the Senate with a 28-0 vote, passed out of the House with a 58-0 vote and was signed into law by the Governor.

SB 1169: Prop 117, Conformity

Sponsor: Steve Yarbrough, LD 17

Summary: This bill makes various changes to the Arizona revised statutes in order to conform to Proposition 117 (property tax assessed valuation; limitation) which was passed by Arizona voters during the 2012 general election. Proposition 117 had nothing to do with the tax rate but caps at 5% the maximum increase in property value that taxable real property can grow in a certain year.



Result: SB 1169 passed out of the Senate with a 28-0 vote, passed out of the House with a 58-0 vote and was signed into law by the Governor.

SB 1233: Limited Liability Companies; Ownership Interests

Sponsor: Senator Adam Driggs, LD 28

Summary: We refer to this bill as the estate planning bill. This bill amends the Limited Liability Company Act by adding a new provision that governs members as it relates to forms of ownership. An interest in a limited liability company (LLC) may be held by two or more people as joint tenants with right of survivorship or by a married couple as community property with right of survivorship, except as prohibited or restricted in an operating agreement.



Result: SB 1233 passed out of the Senate with a 28-0 vote, passed out of the House with a 56-0 vote and was signed into law by the Governor.

Bills signed into law such as HB 2147 and 2324 are excellent examples of good public policy that make Arizona more business friendly and provide relief to existing businesses. More often than not, the passages of such bills fly under the radar and receive little media attention but collectively contribute to improving Arizona's business climate. Then there are bills such as HB 2111 that make a significant contribution that completely changes the landscape in which businesses operate. HB 2111 will provide a much needed overhaul to an over burdensome tax system, will create a better economic development climate and will benefit Arizona's businesses for decades to come. ASBA is proud to have been part of, and have taken a leadership role in, the coalition of business groups that fought to reform TPT and bring much needed relief to Arizona businesses.

About ASBA

The Arizona Small Business Association is an independent, non-partisan trade association that is privately funded by its members and corporate sponsors. In existence for 40 years, ASBA is the single trade association in Arizona exclusively focused on small businesses and one of only two of its kind in the country. ASBA is non-profit organization that is led by its Board of Directors, made up of volunteer business leaders from throughout the state, and administered by a staff of 13, led by CEO Rick Murray.



ASBA's mission is to create opportunities for small businesses to make money, save money and have a voice in public policy. To learn more about ASBA, and for membership information, please call or visit your nearest office or visit us online at asba.com.

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