

# Arizona Secretary of State 2026

## THE ISSUES

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| <b>BALLOTS — VERIFICATION</b><br>Support hand-counting paper ballots?                                                                      | <b>No.</b> “ <a href="#">Hand counting</a> is inaccurate and inefficient.” “ <a href="#">Any</a> plan to initiate a full hand count...would put [election] officials in serious legal jeopardy.”                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>Yes.</b> <a href="#">Supported</a> a <a href="#">bill</a> to give counties the ability to hand-count ballots, rather than machine tabulation. “ <a href="#">No</a> law requires county recorders to do a machine count in the first place.”                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>EASE OF VOTING</b><br>Support expanding or limiting voting opportunities, such as mail voting, early voting, and more voting locations? | <b>Expand.</b> “ <a href="#">Mail-in</a> voting has been a cornerstone of secure and accessible elections.” <a href="#">Criticized</a> federal <a href="#">efforts</a> to restrict mail-in voting: “This is a federal <a href="#">takeover</a> of a constitutional duty that the states have, not the White House.” <a href="#">Supports</a> a ballot <a href="#">measure</a> adding early, in-person, and mail-in voting to the Arizona Constitution. <a href="#">Supported</a> a <a href="#">bill</a> to extend the early voting period, establish a 75-foot “voter protection zone,” and allow ballots to be collected and processed continually on election day. Says the vote center <a href="#">model</a> , where a voter can vote at any vote center in a county, is “ <a href="#">more</a> secure, more accessible.” | <b>Limit.</b> <a href="#">Introduced</a> a <a href="#">ballot measure</a> that would eliminate the Active Early Voter List, shorten the time to cast early ballots, and require a <a href="#">valid proof</a> of citizenship when voting by mail. <a href="#">Supported</a> a <a href="#">bill</a> eliminating <a href="#">vote centers</a> (where a voter can vote at any vote center in a county), requiring people to vote in assigned precincts, and capping precincts at 1,000 voters, which would require 4,000 new polling locations. <a href="#">Said</a> counties could rent private homes or Airbnb’s as polling places. <a href="#">Sued</a> to disqualify all mail-in ballots in the 2020 presidential election. |
| <b>PERSONAL DATA</b><br>Should voter registration data be shared with the federal government?                                              | <b>No.</b> <a href="#">Declined</a> to <a href="#">give</a> the Justice Department the statewide voter registration list, which contains personal data on <a href="#">every</a> voter in the state. “ <a href="#">They’re</a> going to have to put me in jail if they want this information.” “ <a href="#">I will</a> continue to protect your personal identifying information from these kinds of illegal requests.”                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>Yes.</b> When asked if he would give voter information to the federal government, <a href="#">said</a> he would comply with the law. “The <a href="#">federal government</a> ...issued your Social Security number and already knows your Social Security number.” <a href="#">Called</a> a federal court <a href="#">ruling</a> against the Trump administration’s request for Arizona’s unredacted voter rolls “one of the most bizarre and <a href="#">tortured rulings</a> I have ever read.” Called the Trump Administration effort to “cross-check the voter rolls to make sure there are only U.S. citizens on it” a “common sense thing.”                                                                         |
| <b>2020 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION</b><br>Was the 2020 presidential election legitimately decided?                                              | <b>Yes.</b> “ <a href="#">The 2020</a> election is over. The voters chose, fair & square.” “ <a href="#">Efforts</a> to relitigate the 2020 election are founded on conspiracy theories and...risk creating unnecessary chaos and undermining public confidence in our election system.” <a href="#">Called</a> for an investigation of Republicans who “may have engaged in election tampering in 2020.”                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>No.</b> <a href="#">Sued</a> to <a href="#">challenge</a> the 2020 election results, <a href="#">alleging</a> foreign interference, hacking, and widespread non-citizen voting. After a formal <a href="#">reprimand</a> by the Arizona Supreme Court for bringing a case the court said lacked evidence, <a href="#">said</a> the disciplinary process was being abused by “radical left-wing activists” who filed complaints against him. “ <a href="#">The voters</a> of this state are tired about hearing about 2020.”                                                                                                                                                                                               |

| ISSUES                                                                                                                | FONTES (D)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | KOLODIN (R)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| <b>VOTER FRAUD/VOTER SUPPRESSION</b><br>Is voter fraud or voter suppression the prime problem in elections?           | <b>Voter suppression.</b> “ <a href="#">There's</a> never been anything really wrong with election administration in America except for the fact that Donald Trump lies about it.” <a href="#">Referred</a> 25 cases of alleged voter fraud for potential prosecution. <a href="#">Said</a> in 2021 that voter suppression is “alive.” In 2019 <a href="#">called</a> claims of voter fraud “rare.”                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>Voter fraud.</b> <a href="#">Sued</a> to <a href="#">challenge</a> the 2020 presidential election over claims of widespread voter fraud. <a href="#">Ran</a> for the state legislature “on a promise of...making our elections more secure.” <a href="#">Said</a> Arizona voters will have confidence in elections only if there are “observers in our polling stations.” “ <a href="#">Voters</a> ...have serious concerns with the way that our elections are being administered.”                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>VOTER ID</b><br>Support requiring voters to show state-approved ID?                                                | <b>Yes.</b> “ <a href="#">Arizona</a> voters should continue registering and voting under the current <a href="#">rules</a> —which require documented proof of citizenship and voter ID.” “ <a href="#">I've</a> protected your vote by enforcing ID laws.”                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>Yes.</b> “ <a href="#">Voter</a> ID is non-negotiable.” <a href="#">Introduced</a> a <a href="#">ballot measure</a> to require “valid government issued <a href="#">proof of identity</a> before casting a ballot in each election,” including by mail-in voting. <a href="#">Says</a> ID requirements are “a common sense, equal protection thing.”                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>VOTER ID</b><br>Support federal law requiring voters to prove US citizenship?                                      | <b>No.</b> <a href="#">Opposes</a> the proposed federal <a href="#">SAVE America</a> Act, which would require anyone registering to vote in a federal election to provide proof of U.S. citizenship: “It would make <a href="#">identification</a> for a lot of married women impossible.” Arizona <a href="#">has had</a> “documented proof of citizenship for over 20 years.” “The Save America Vote Act [ <i>sic</i> ] <a href="#">does</a> something very different and would deny...up to 22 million people the right to vote.”                                                                                      | <b>Yes.</b> <a href="#">Supports</a> the proposed <a href="#">SAVE America</a> Act, also known as the SAVE act, as “a great step...at the federal level.” “You should have to <a href="#">prove</a> you're a citizen in order to vote.” <a href="#">Called</a> the ballot measure he sponsored, which “will constitutionalize our state's proof of citizenship requirement,” “my SAVE Arizona Act.”                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>VOTER REGISTRATION</b><br>How to handle voter registration cancellations?                                          | <a href="#">Opposed</a> a 2024 lawsuit seeking to purge 500,000 voters from Arizona rolls because the data used in the suit was “inconsistent and unreliable.” <a href="#">Said</a> a 2022 voter purge request was “illegal.” <a href="#">Opposed</a> efforts in some counties to cancel voter registrations entirely if the voter has registered as federal-only voters, without proof of citizenship. Fontes' office <a href="#">said</a> those voters should continue to be allowed to vote in federal elections.                                                                                                      | <a href="#">Introduced</a> a <a href="#">bill</a> for all county recorders to remove certain voters from the rolls if they don't provide proof of citizenship by the November 2026 election. The bill may remove about <a href="#">200,000 voters</a> from the rolls. <a href="#">Introduced</a> a <a href="#">ballot measure</a> that would require voters to request early ballots every two years. Represented plaintiffs who <a href="#">sued</a> to <a href="#">remove</a> 1.2 million voters from the registration list.                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>VOTING MACHINES — SECURITY</b><br>Sees foreign or other hacking and data security as threats to voting in Arizona? | <b>Yes.</b> “ <a href="#">Foreign</a> adversaries, particularly Iran, are actively targeting our election infrastructure and political systems. These aren't abstract threats; they are real, persistent, and growing.” <a href="#">Opposed</a> Trump administration <a href="#">cuts</a> to the federal Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security <a href="#">Agency</a> . <a href="#">Proposed</a> an independent entity “committed to safeguarding elections.” <a href="#">Supported</a> a <a href="#">bill</a> that would include funding for improvements to the cybersecurity of state and county election systems. | <b>Yes.</b> <a href="#">Says</a> vote tabulation machines are easily hacked and can be programmed to produce incorrect results. <a href="#">Sees</a> “foreign interference” as a threat to “election integrity.” <a href="#">Introduced</a> a bill to require “personnel who are experts in electronic voting systems and procedures...to field check...electronic voting systems.” <a href="#">Introduced</a> a <a href="#">ballot measure</a> to “ <a href="#">ban</a> foreign funding of our elections.” <a href="#">Introduced</a> a ballot <a href="#">measure</a> for the November 2026 ballot amending the state Constitution to <a href="#">allow counties</a> to use hand-counted tallies. |
| <b>WRONG PRECINCT</b><br>Should voters who end up in the wrong precinct be allowed to vote?                           | <b>Yes.</b> <a href="#">Issued</a> a policy allowing out-of-precinct voters to cast ballots on accessible voting devices. <a href="#">Supports</a> a bill that would allow for counting “early ballots accidentally returned to the wrong county.”                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>No.</b> <a href="#">Supports</a> precinct-based <a href="#">voting</a> , in which only voters assigned to a precinct can vote there.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

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