



GREATER PHOENIX CHAMBER

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

**Proposition 306- Citizens Clean Elections Act**

Proposition 306 would prohibit candidates who finance their political campaigns with public funding from the Citizens Clean Elections Commission (CCEC) from transferring any part of those public funds to a political party or private tax-exempt organization that attempts to influence elections and subjects the commission's rulemaking procedures to regulatory oversight, which the CCEC was previously exempt from.

As the law currently stands, a candidate wishing to be certified as an Arizona Clean Elections candidate is required to file an application for certification with the Secretary of State. A participating candidate is required to conduct all financial activity through a single campaign account of the candidate's campaign committee. The candidate, or his or her designee, is required to pay monies from their account directly to a person who provides goods or services to the campaign. The candidate must identify the full name and street address of the person and the nature of the goods and services being offered in candidate's campaign finance report.

Specifically, the proposition:

- Classifies indirect or direct payments made from a participating candidate's campaign account as unlawful contributions if the payment is made to:
  - A private organization that is 501(a) tax-exempt and eligible to engage in activities to influence the outcome of a candidate election.
  - A political party.
- Removes language exempting the CCEC from GRRC rulemaking oversight.