

PROPOSITION 131
[SCR 1024 - 2022]

lieutenant governor; joint ticket

ANALYSIS BY LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Proposition 131 would amend the Arizona Constitution to create the office of Lieutenant Governor within the Executive Department. Beginning with the 2026 election, at least sixty days before the general election, each nominee for Governor would name a Lieutenant Governor to run on a ticket as a joint candidate with the Governor at the general election.

Proposition 131 would amend the Arizona Constitution to provide that the Lieutenant Governor succeeds to the office of Governor in the event the Governor dies, resigns, is removed from office or is permanently unable to carry out the duties of the Governor and serves until a successor is elected. It would also require the Governor to appoint a person to serve as Lieutenant Governor in the event the Lieutenant Governor dies, resigns, is removed from office or is permanently unable to carry out the duties of the Lieutenant Governor. The appointment is subject to approval by a majority vote of each house of the Legislature.

Proposition 131 would also amend the Arizona Constitution to provide that the Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Attorney General and Superintendent of Public Instruction may succeed to the office of Governor regardless of whether they were elected to their offices. Currently, the Secretary of State, only if elected, succeeds to the office of Governor, followed in order by the Attorney General, State Treasurer and Superintendent of Public Instruction, only if elected.

In the 2022 legislative session, the Legislature passed a bill that requires the Governor to appoint the Lieutenant Governor to serve as the Governor's Chief of Staff or the Director of the Arizona Department of Administration or to fill any position for which the Governor is authorized by law to make an appointment. This bill does not go into effect unless Proposition 131 is approved by the voters.