



MEMORANDUM

Date: March 17, 2015

To: The Honorable Chair and Members
Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "CHH", is written over the printed name "C.H. Huckelberry".

Re: **Presidential Preference Election Reimbursement**

Attached is an article from the *Arizona Association of Counties Bulletin*. The article indicates the Arizona Legislature failed to provide sufficient funding to appropriate the \$1.25 per active registered voter to the counties to conduct the 2016 Presidential Preference Election (PPE). This is another major error by the State Legislature in adopting the State budget. Hopefully, they can correct the situation.

As I have previously pointed out, our taxpayers must pay \$1.1 million to conduct the 2016 PPE.

CHH/anc

Attachment

c: Michael Racy, Racy Associates, Inc.



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Sine Die in Sight with Budget Done



The budget is done and despite enormous pressure from counties and county leaders, there are significant hits to Arizona's counties as part of the FY16 state budget.

As it stands right now there are approximately \$46 million dollars in budget hits to Arizona's counties. While budget flexibility language was included for counties for cost shifts related to the Department of Juvenile Corrections and the Department of

Revenue the same is not true for the 1% cap. In addition, not only was the Presidential Preference Election funding for counties reduced from 100% of costs to only \$1.25 per active registered voter, **not enough money was appropriated to the Secretary of State's office to even cover the \$1.25 rate.**

Some potential good news is that the haste with which the budget was passed has resulted in the need for some "trailer" bills to fix some mistakes. AACo will continue to work to reduce county costs shifts in these trailer bills.

Now that the budget is done, the Speaker and the President have their sights set on *sine die* and right now that target date is April 2nd. In working towards that goal

the Legislature moved many of the remaining 600 bills through the process this week. Next week marks the last week to hear bills in committee, meaning lengthy committee agendas and the appearance of strike-everything amendments.

Meanwhile, 2015 County Government Platform bills continued their progress. The remaining seven bills in the Platform are moving through their second chamber and closer to the Governor's desk.