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The Honorable Jim Weiers
Speaker of the House
Arizona House of Representatives
1700 West Washington
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Re: House Bill 2403: election law revisions

Dear Speaker Weiers:

Today I vetoed House Bill 2403, which would have made a number of changes to the state's election laws, including extending the time frames for special elections to fill congressional vacancies.

Arizona already has one of the longest time frames for special elections to fill congressional vacancies. Of all the Western States, only Nevada (where the period can extend up to 180 days) has a longer period. This bill would have extended Arizona's time period to between 170 and 184 days. Such a period is too long for Arizonans to go without congressional representation. Other states have been able to conduct congressional vacancy elections in a shorter time period, and Arizona should be able to do so as well.

For these and other reasons, I have vetoed House Bill 2403.

Yours very truly,

Janet Napolitano
Governor

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cc: The Honorable Timothy Bee
The Honorable Steven Yarbrough