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GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

May 2, 2013

The Honorable Andy Biggs
President of the Senate
Arizona State Senate
1700 W. Washington
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

RE: Senate Bill 1371 (municipal elections; ballot; disclosure)

Dear President Biggs,

Today, I vetoed Senate Bill 1371. This bill requires additional information to be placed on the ballot for municipal election measures involving a bond, sales tax or property tax.

While I share the sponsor's goal for transparency and disclosure of costs if a ballot measure is approved, the purpose of the ballot is to mark a vote for the candidate or measure. It is more appropriate to provide this information in the publicity pamphlet, which is mailed to each household of a registered voter and available at the polls. Additionally, this bill likely will result in the imposition of additional costs on the counties by adding to the length of the ballot.

There is an existing method to fully inform the voters of the impact of various ballot measures. I support the information contemplated in this legislation being included in the publicity pamphlet, but I disagree with mandating its placement on the ballot.

The concerns outlined herein are among the primary reasons I have vetoed Senate Bill 1371.

Sincerely,

Janice K. Brewer
Governor

cc: The Honorable Andy Tobin
The Honorable Gail Griffin

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