

Tea Party's Extremist Bills of 2012

MAKE-ARIZONA-ITS-OWN-COUNTRY BILLS

- HB 2650 (Burgess)/SB 1481 (Burgess) — **The Birther Bill**
- HCR 2025 (Harper/Seel) — Calls on Congress to **dissolve United States' membership in the United Nations**
- HJR 2001 (Harper/Gould) — Calls for opposition to any UN force on American soil that seeks to enforce a UN treaty which has not been ratified by the United States Senate and authorizes the use of organized resistance to “thwart any international force” that attempts to do so.
- HB 2437 (Gowan) — Prohibits states from implementing federal mandates unless the federal government provides proof of constitutionality
- HCM 2002 (Barton) —Calls on the U.S. Congress for devolution of federally-owned public lands to Arizona
- HCM 2003 (Dial) — Calls on the U.S Congress to transfer all Bureau of Land Management lands to Arizona

ANTI-TRANSPARENCY/VOTER-SUPPRESSION BILLS

- HB 2441 (Gowan) —Makes “private” conversations with constituents **exempt from public records requests**
- HCR 2039 (Seel)/SB 1449 (Smith) —**Russell Pearce Sore-Loser Bill**: Adds a primary round to a recall election for each party (in order to avoid a repeat of Republican v. Republican and resulting in, for example, Jerry Lewis' defeat of Russell Pearce last year)
- HB 2710 (Tobin) — Calls for a special election for voters to choose between the district maps drawn by the Independent Redistricting Commission, committee approved by voters, or Republican Speaker Andy Tobin's own draft maps
- HCR 2052 (Tobin) — Calls for approval of **new legislative districts drawn by Tobin**, not the voter-approved Independent Redistricting Commission
- HCR 2053 (Tobin) — Calls for approval of **new Congressional districts drawn by Tobin**, not the voter-approved Independent Redistricting Commission
- HR 2005 (Tobin) — Calls for a special election in which voters would determine whether to retain the voter-approved Independent Redistricting Commission maps or the **Tobin-created maps**
- SCR 1035 (Biggs) — **Repeals the voter-approved Independent Redistricting Commission**
- HCR 2026 (Smith) — Instead of collecting petition signatures, a candidate can pay to be on the ballot.
- HCR 2044 (Stevens) — Legislative ballot initiatives would be voted on during primary elections with less voter turnout.
- HCR 2043 (Stevens) — Requires all propositions with a positive fiscal impact on the city/state/county general fund that passed since 2002 to be re-voted on at the next general election and to be repealed automatically if they don't reach the two-thirds threshold
- HCR 2005 (Crandell) — Requires voters to re-approve initiative and referendum measures that involves public funds every six fiscal years and is retroactive to 1998

MISEDUCATION BILLS

- HB 2039 (Fillmore) — Normally, qualifying for a teacher's certificate is required in order to teach; this bill would remove that requirement.
- HB 2383 (Farnsworth) — Drops university requirements that students receive certain **immunizations** in order to attend classes and/or live in dorms there
- HB 2563 (Proud)— **Bible Bill**: Allows high schools to offer an elective on the Bible and exclude every other spiritual text from the book of Mormon to the Quran

- HB 2675 (Kavanagh) — **More debt for cash-strapped students bill**: Requires a minimum \$2,000 contribution by students toward their tuition, regardless of scholarships, grants or other financial aid that is need-based; students on athletic and academic scholarships are exempt from the contribution
- HB 2719 (Seel) — **Guns Near Campus Bill**: Allows weapons to be carried immediately outside school grounds
- SB 1474 (Gould) — **Guns on Campus Bill**: Allows persons with CCW permits to bring guns onto college and university campuses
- SB 1061 (Crandall) — Allows schools to **opt out of the National School Lunch Program**, which provides some underprivileged students with their only meal of the day
- SB 1467 (Klein) — **Attacks the First Amendment**, freedom of speech and local control by prohibiting profanity of any kind, even quoting a text, while teaching in the classroom. It would require suspension for the first two violations and termination for a third.
- SB 1202 (Klein)—A strike-everything amendment that would prevent teachers from speaking **“partisan doctrine” in the classroom, even in government classes** or speaking about political parties in a historical context, for example. A violation of this law would cause the Department of Education to withhold 10 percent of a school district’s monthly apportionment of state aid.

PUBLIC UNSAFETY AND UNHEALTHY BILLS

- HB 2729 (Gowan) — Would allow a person to carry a deadly weapon into a public establishment or event, **including where alcohol is present and/or sold**. It **removes the owner/sponsor’s right** to have the person remove the weapon and place it in temporary storage. It eliminates the liability exemption of owner/sponsor for damages/injuries/deaths resulting from use of a deadly weapon in a public event or establishment.
- SB 1083 (Allen) — Gives newly-created Arizona State Guard, **a heavily-armed, untrained group of volunteers like the Minutemen**, the powers to protect the border

SELF-SERVING

- HB 2022 (Harper) — Repeals the one year moratorium on ex-legislators that prevents them from lobbying the legislature within that period
- HB 2078 (Harper) — **Increases salaries of statewide elected executive officials**
- SB 1047 (Murphy, Yarbrough) — **STO Expansion Bill**: Establishes a tax credit for excess contributions to certified school tuition organizations and allows STOs to spend more money on administrative costs. Sen. Yarbrough directs an STO.

ATTACK ON MIDDLE-CLASS FAMILIES

- HB 2133 (Olson)—**Takes money from kids’ education and gives it to millionaires** by allowing capital gains to be subtracted from income tax
- HB 2318 (Smith)/SB 1485 (Murphy)—**Prevents agencies from recognizing, bargaining with, or meeting with union members and organizations**
- HB 2040 (Fillmore)—School boards would not be allowed to meet with labor organizations or their members concerning employment contracts
- HCR 2056 (Court)—**Allows employers to lower pay by \$3** under the minimum wage for workers under 20 years of age if employment is part-time or temporary, which would make it harder for students to pay the \$2,000 minimum tuition contribution under Kavanagh’s More Debt for Cash-Strapped Students Bill (HB 2675)
- HB 2519 (Fann) — Greatly diminishes the number of people who receive **unemployment insurance** by making it significantly harder to qualify
- HB 2571 (Olson) — **Bribery Bill**: Makes hard-working, middle-class families choose between receiving a raise and being a victim of cronyism or bypassing the raise and being protected