

## HOW TO USE AZVOICES.GOV

### SIGN UP/LOG IN

If this is your first time on azvoices.gov, click the Sign Up button in upper right. You can sign up using Facebook, LinkedIn, Google, or your email address. Be sure to enter your correct birthday.

After you sign up, you'll be taken to a screen to have your voter status verified. Once the Secretary of State's office confirms that you're a registered Arizona voter, you'll be able to weigh in on pending bills. You can have your voter status affirmed with either a driver's license number or Voter ID number. No one at Arizona Voices sees or retains your personal identifying information. If you aren't an Arizona voter or prefer to verify your voter status later on, you can skip this step.

If you've signed up in the past, simply log in.

### MENU

Go to the main menu. If you're on a computer, the menu bar stretches across the upper left of your screen. On a smartphone, there's a menu icon in the upper left corner (three horizontal gray stripes forming a square). When you click the icon, a drop-down menu opens.

### BILLS

#### Main Bills Page

On the menu, click Bills. There's a white card for every bill that's been introduced in the legislature. In the orange and gray status bar, you can see where each bill is in the legislative process.

You can look over the cards using the options at the top of the page - - filtering by Status, viewing by Tag (House committee), and sorting by Newest (the default setting) or Most Popular. You can also search for a bill by subject or bill # in the search field.

When you find on a bill that interests you, click on the bill title. You will be taken to that bill's individual page.

#### Individual Bill Page

Under Bill Information, you can see each version of the bill.

The next field down is Do You Support This Bill? If you've had your voter status verified, you can rate the latest version of the bill from Strongly Oppose to Strongly Agree. Your legislators will be able to see how voters in your district (in the aggregate) rate the bill. After you rate the bill, you'll be able to see how others voted.

Scrolling down, you'll see Stakeholder Reactions. This is where legislators can post YouTube commentary on the bill, either pro or con.

At the bottom of the page, you'll see Discussion. You can read and rate user comments on a scale of one to four stars. You also can post comments of your own.

In the upper right corner of your monitor or at the top of your smartphone screen, you'll see three links:

- **Bill Status Overview:** Shows procedural details, including how individual legislators voted on each version and amendment.
- **View Report:** Shows how voters rated the bill, and their breakdown by age and gender. To see how voters in a specific legislative district rated the bill, go to Filter By Legislative District at the top of your screen.
- **Share This Bill:** Links to social media platforms.

## **IDEAS**

### **Main Ideas Page**

On the main menu, click Ideas. Each idea proposes a solution to a problem confronting Arizona. You can read through the idea names using the options at the top of the page - - viewing by Tag (House committee), and sorting by Newest (the default setting) or Most Popular. You can search for a bill by name or tag.

You can add your own idea by clicking the Add Idea button and then filling in the fields for your Idea, the Problem it addresses and your Solution.

On the Ideas page, click an Idea to be taken to its page.

### **Individual Idea Page**

For each Idea, the creator lays out the Problem and the Solution.

You can rate the idea on a scale of one to three stars.

Under the Idea, you'll see Comments. You can rate comments on a scale of one to four stars, and add a comment of your own, perhaps a suggestion to improve or expand upon the Idea.

At the bottom of the page are social media sharing icons.

## **ABOUT**

On the main menu, click About. You can watch a three-minute video in which state Senator Bob Worsley and Secretary of State Ken Bennett explain the objectives of the azvoices.gov platform.

Scroll down for More Resources, including visionary documents and helpful links for voters.