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Understand the legislative process

• The State of Arizona has 30 legislative districts.
  ▪ There are 2 state representatives and 1 state senator from each district
    Each district has approximately 213,000 constituents
  ▪ State senators and representatives are elected every two years, subject to term limitations
  ▪ The legislative session begins the second Monday in January each year and is supposed to last 100 days (usually more; except this year due to COVID pandemic)
  ▪ There are 5,000 interest groups represented by 1,000 registered lobbyists working on 1,500 bills each session
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Get to know your legislators
• Personal visits
• Attend town hall meetings
• Write a letter
• Send an email message

Request to speak in committee testimony
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Key things to remember

• Be well prepared for your discussions
• Provide a written statement with all verbal presentations
• Make letters and email formal, specific and concise
• Do not berate or argue with your legislator when you disagree. Simply thank the member for the time spent with you and express a desire for a future discussion.